

Frederick Board Meeting February 25, 2019

In attendance: Supervisors- B. Rakestraw, R. Myers, R. Troxell, Associate E. Troxell, P. Spurrier, R. Ediger
District Manager- D. Remsburg, Assistant District Manager- S. Leatherman, NRCS B. Cammauf, WAC H. Hutchinson,
Extension K. Nichols.

Minutes approved by motion: Myers/Troxell - All in agreement.

Treasurer's report approved by Motion: Troxell/Myers- All in agreement.

Joint urban checking, money market, CDARS, Ag complex, Sam accounts approved by Motion: Myers/Troxell
-All in agreement.

Expenses for the month approved by Motion: Myers/Troxell -All in agreement. Checks #3004 thru 3026, Joint Urban
Checks - none, Ag. Complex Checks # None, SAM Checks # 184 and 185. All in agreement.

Old Business:

1. 1. Remsburg gave the Ecotone update. He reported 2 projects are in the design stages the Kovalsky Project (Israel Creek) replacing the Thompson Project and the Stevens project (Broad Run). We received invoices from Ecotone for work done on Kolvasky (\$96,571.20) and Stevens (\$25,970.00). District invoices sent to MDE for design amount plus administrative fees and required documents.
2. Remsburg gave the Manure Injection Equipment update - 2 invoices have been sent in but are still waiting on payment. Remsburg mentioned he asked Richard Strite if he is interested in purchasing the injector at the end of the grant, he said not. D. Dotterer is inquiring with someone on the Eastern Shore about potential interest.
3. Remsburg and Rakestraw reported on the Winter MASCD Meeting.
 - A. BMP verification shows 75% of practices met standards. Remaining 25% is a combination of Does not exist, Does not meet standards, No animals present. We can bring some back into compliance by repairing damaged practices.
 - B. Bay quality received a C grade at this point but on track to meet goals by 2025.
 - C. They want to change the noxious weed penalty from criminal offense to civil offense.
 - D. There was talk of possibly using Cover Crop grain for breweries; nothing is planned at this time.
 - E. Met with Legislators at the luncheon on Thursday to discuss items of interest.
4. Remsburg reported the new Equipment Committee met, they tossed around some ideas but no decisions were made. Remsburg is going to make contact with other Districts to get more information.
5. Remsburg gave the update on the 75th Anniversary; he presented 2 logos for the Board to choose from. Information was sent around for the Board to decide on handouts. The question was asked as to getting a key note speaker, no decisions were made at this time.
6. Remsburg reported on Ag. Week at the Mall. The Districts had a display set up in the middle of the mall.
7. Remsburg reported liability Insurance still needs to be checked out to cover Supervisors. He is checking with the State.
8. Spurrier reported on the Science Fair being held on March 30th. Judges are needed- Remsburg is to take a check and certificates.
9. Remsburg reported on Legislative Day at New Midway that was held on February 9th.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg introduced Alyssa Leach an RC&D Planner to the Board.
2. Remsburg reported Insurance is in place for County Envirothon Practice which will be held on March 26th and competition will be held on April 30th. Extension M. Morris is working on the 5th issue.

3. Myers reported he is going to get sworn in after the Board Meeting for his next term, R. Ediger is going to finish out G. Harshmans term and B. Rakestraws term expires in July, it is County appointed. Rensburg reported he sent the information to Bobby Black as possibly being an Associate on the Frederick Board.
4. Rensburg and Rakestraw reported on the highlights of the NACD Meeting in Texas.
5. Rakestarw asked about moving S. Hipkins from Chairman of the Ag. Complex Committee to Chairman of the Legislative Committee since nothing is happening with the Ag. Complex at this time, the Board thought it would be a good idea.
6. Rensburg handed out the Monthly Planner /Technician Activity Report and his District Managers Report.

Communications:

1. Rensburg reported the District received a request from Farm Safety Camp for a donation; it is to be held from July 26th through the 28th. At Round Meadow Campground. There was a Motion: Myers/Troxell to donate 100 dollars. All in agreement.
2. Rensburg reported the Board received a Thankyou note from the University of Maryland Soil Judging Team for the donation toward their trip to National Competition.

Cammauf: distribute written NRCS Report (copy for file)-

1. Cammauf reported EQIP sign up ended on February 15th the only sign up for this year. Cammauf also mentioned Frederick County has 16 million in projects to do and the whole State is receiving \$10 million.

Committee Report: Info/Ed

1. Myers asked Rensburg to advertise the Scholarship Application.

Awards : Nothing to report.

Ag. Complex: No Report

Conservation plans: Troxell/ Myers- All in agreement.

Cooperating agencies: Extension- K. Nichols

1. Agronomy Day - February 27th at Urbana Fire hall
2. Beginning Farmer Class- Thursday Evening March 19th 6:30 pm - 8:30pm
3. Herbicide Resistant weed Workshop- Wednesday- March 6th 8am - 1pm
4. Dicamba Training - Monday March 11th - 10am - 12pm
5. Breakfast on the Farm- June 22nd at Derr Farm in Middletown

WAC Hutchinson gave the update report for the MDA Planner and Technician Positions - the Planner Position is still undecided and the Technician Position will be re-advertised.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: -*Monday- March 25, 2019 @9:00am*

Motion: to Adjourn: Myers

Minutes recorded by: Steve Leatherman