

Catoctin Board Meeting
August 20 2019
9:00 am

In attendance: Supervisors McBride, Arnold, Sowers, Grossnickle, Associates A. Esworthy, B. Brennan, District Manager D. Remsburg, ADM Leatherman, DC Cammauf, Extension Morris. Staff G. Garst.

Minutes approved by Motion: Grossnickle/ Arnold - All in agreement

Treasurer's report approved by Motion: Grossnickle/Arnold - All in agreement

Joint urban checking, money market, Ag complex, SAM accounts approved by Motion: Grossnickle/Arnold - All in agreement.

Expenses for the month approved by Motion: Grossnickle/ Arnold - All in agreement.

Checks #8302 thru #8321, Joint Urban Checks- 1830. Ag. Complex Checks - None, SAM Check-191 thru 192 - All in agreement.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg gave the Ecotone update: an invoice has been sent to MDE in the amount of \$54,472 dollars for final payment of the Israel Creek and Broad Run Stream Restoration Projects. Construction to start this fall. MOU and scope of work to be signed and returned to DNR. Total cost of project construction is \$1,149,000 dollars including administration fee to the District.
2. Remsburg gave the Manure Injection Equipment update, an invoice has been submitted for May and June Injection in the amount of \$30,826 dollars. Fifty-six acres was covered in July and so far in August. Gary Grossnickle has 100 plus acres to cover once he gets corn chopped. There was some discussion on the sale of the Injector. Remsburg is to contact other Maryland SCD's and the PA SCD Association to see if any of them are interested. Remsburg is going to contact Atlantic Tractor about the sale.
3. Remsburg gave the Supervisor Position update. McBride name is going to be submitted by itself, no other persons can be found to serve at this time.
4. Remsburg handed out and went over the information discussed at the MASCD Summer Meeting, a few highlights, Major Topics Tort Claims Act, WIP goals, CAFOS and District bylaws. Remsburg is to check on the District bylaws. The District Auction items brought \$140 dollars. Total Auction amount to \$4600 dollars total.
5. Remsburg reported the Districts Computers are in and in operation.

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. Remsburg presented the MDA MOU for approval. There was a Motion: Grossnickle/Arnold to accept the MOU as presented. All in agreement.
2. Garst presented a request for some new equipment – hand held GPS units, Remsburg is asking MDA for funding through the trust fund but has not heard back at this time. There was a Motion: Grossnickle/Sowers to support the purchase of two GPS units which the Staff decides the best for the office. All in agreement.
She asked for support for the purchase of shirts for employees with the logo to help with identification going to do Farm visits after some discussion there was a Motion: Grossnickle/Arnold to purchase 2 shirts per each employee. All in agreement.
Garst presented a proposal to the Board to help sponsor Training Programs to farmers or staff.
Remsburg going to bring the idea up at the next Farm Bureau Meeting. Garst is to come back with a plan.
3. Remsburg reported Bill Rawlings a MDA Planner started to work here last week.
4. Remsburg presented the Remington Calendar order to the Board. There was a Motion: Sowers/Grossnickle to approve the Wildlife Art Calendar.
5. Remsburg reported the past Supervisor Award will be presented to Worthy View Farm (Alton Esworthy) at the Fall Banquet.
6. Remsburg presented the MASCD dues, \$2200 dollars plus \$50 dollars for Teacher Award. There was a Motion: Sowers/ Arnold to pay the full dues. All in agreement.

Communications: McBride reported two District Banquets is coming up, Howard County on September 5th and Montgomery County on September 11th.

Cammauf: distribute written report (copy or file)- See copy attached- Cammauf reported on Farm Water Monitoring, phosphorus and nitrogen, levels have not improved on some farms that have installed some BMP's but have left stream fencing out.

Committee Report: Info/Ed: No Report

Awards- No Report

Legislative: No Report

Ag. Complex: No Report

Conservation plans: Approved by Motion: Grossnickle/ Sowers - All in agreement.

Cooperating agencies: Extension Morris- Reported on the Snap bean herbicide trial, the soybean stand count and there is some corn earworm damage.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: Wednesday – September 25th, 2019 @ 9:00 a

Motion to Adjourn: Grossnickle

Minutes taken by Steve Leatherman

