

Catoctin Board Meeting
February 19, 2020
9:00 am

In attendance: Supervisors Holter, Salisbury, Sowers, Grossnickle, Associates J. Falkenstein, District Manager D. Remsburg, ADM Leatherman, Staff - Garst.

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

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

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

Expenses for the month approved by Motion: Grossnickle/Sowers - All in agreement.
Checks #8435 thru #8453, M6104, Joint Urban Checks- #1848 thru 1849 Ag. Complex Checks - None, SAM Check # 197- All in agreement.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg gave the Ecotone update, payment was received in the amount of \$175,726 dollars including \$2,596 dollars for administration fees. The Monthly report has been submitted to DNR along with a request for funding in the amount of \$123,008 dollars.
2. Remsburg gave the Manure Injection Equipment update. Allegheny Ag. has submitted an invoice in the amount of \$18,000 dollars for parts and labor on the Injection Equipment. Remsburg also reported someone is interested in the Frac Tank.
3. Remsburg and Garst reported on the Winter Soil Health Program, there were about 130 attendees and \$1200 dollars received from Sponsors. Each District has to pay \$1135 dollars. There was discussion of doing other Programs such as Cover Plot Planting.
4. Remsburg sent out his Report on the Winter MASCD Meeting, a few items were discussed: the MDA Budget, NRCS MOU with the Districts and the addition to the Forest Harvest Permit.
5. Remsburg gave the update on the Office space across the hall. MDA did a walk through with the Architect and design work is being done.
6. Remsburg reported on the County Legislative Day. He thought the attendance was down, there was good representation from Political delegation. Sowers asked about the possibility of moving the Meeting Place to a more central location.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg welcomed Adam Holter to the Board.
2. Remsburg reported on the Cover Crop TAC Meeting he and Watt attended yesterday. A few highlights 488,000 acres Fall certified, Sign up for the 2021 Cover Crop year is June 22nd through July 17th.
3. Remsburg presented the \$70.00-dollar Farm Bureau dues to the Board. There was a Motion: Sowers/Grossnickle to pay the dues. All in agreement.
4. Remsburg presented Western Maryland RC&D dues to the Board. There was a Motion: Grossnickle/Sowers to pay the \$200-dollar dues. All in agreement.
5. Remsburg reported Western Area Region will be needing a Representative to sit on the SSCC Board coming in June. Sowers asked if he could be the Representative. There was a Motion: Grossnickle/Holter to nominate Sowers as the representative. All in agreement.
6. Remsburg brought up the need for a Vice Chairman since R. McBride's resignation. Salisbury asked to table until the March Board Meeting with Arnold being absent.
7. Remsburg presented a request from the Maryland FFA Foundation for a contribution. There was a Motion: Sowers/Grossnickle to donate \$500 dollars. All in agreement.
8. Remsburg asked the Board about waving the fees for Sophie and Madigan playground Project. Two little girls who died in a house fire. All other agencies are waiving their fees. There was a Motion: Grossnickle/Sowers to waive the fee. All in agreement.
9. Remsburg asked the Board about donating to Farm Safety Camp. There was a Motion: Grossnickle/Sowers to pay the same amount (\$100 dollars) as last year. All in agreement.
10. Garst reported John Vargo will be leaving on February 28th.

Communications: Remsburg read two Thankyou notes, one from NASCD for payment of dues and the other from The University of Maryland for the Breakfast on the Farm Program.

Cammauf- Cammauf had no report. Garst set in his absence.

Committee Report: Info/Ed: No Report

Awards- No Report

Legislative: No Report

Ag. Complex: No Report

Conservation plans: Approved by Motion: No plans to approve.

Cooperating agencies: Extension None present but Extension provided a written Report with upcoming events- see attached.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: Tuesday- March 17, 2020

Motion to Adjourn: Grossnickle/ Arnold.

Minutes taken by Steve Leatherman

