

## Frederick Board Meeting March 31, 2020

In attendance: Supervisors- B. Rakestraw, R. Ediger, R. Myers , Associates- B. Ripley, P. Spurrier, District Manager- D. Remsburg, Assistant District Manager- S. Leatherman.

Minutes and approved by Motion: Ediger/ Myers - All in agreement.

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

Joint urban checking, money market, Ag complex, SAM , endowment accounts approved by Motion: Myers/Ediger. All in agreement.

Expenses for the month approved by Motion: Ediger/ Myers -All in agreement.  
Checks # 3394 thru 3424, Joint Urban Checks #1851 thru 1852, Ag. Complex Checks # None,  
SAM Checks - None. All in agreement.

### Old Business:

1. Remsburg gave the Ecotone update, payment was received in the amount of \$123,008 including \$1817 dollars for administrative fees. The monthly report has been submitted to DNR along with a request for funding in the amount of \$ 74,683.71 dollars for additional work to be done, that amount included \$1,103.70 dollars for administrative cost.
2. Remsburg gave the Manure Injection Equipment update, still waiting for final payments from Sustainable Chesapeake totaling over \$40,000 dollars. There is no new information on the sale of the Injector. Remsburg called the two prospects but has not heard anything. Remsburg is considering advertising it in Tractor House. Ediger suggested contacting Wolfe Auctions. Remsburg will check into it.
3. Remsburg reported the SSCC needs two nominations for Area 1 to be submitted for consideration to replace Smokey Stanton. Two people expressed interest. Ed Wurmb from Washington County SCD and Ben Sowers from Catoclin District -Frederick County SCD. A biography is needed from each one.

### CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg reported on how Office operations are continuing with the virus. NRCS and MDA people are mainly working from home or coming to the Office one or two at a time to get new work. The District Office has split up so all are not in the Office at the same time. Dave and Steve do inspections on their days out of the Office. Wanda will be taking filing home and Denny will work from home on Fridays.
2. There was a Motion: Ediger/Myers giving Remsburg temporary authority to sign checks over \$250 dollars on a monthly basis. All in agreement.

3. Remsburg gave the County Envirothon update: The County Envirothon has been canceled since schools are closed until April 24<sup>th</sup>. The NCF is meeting on Wednesday to discuss if the National Contest will be held, so far 21 States and Canadian Provinces said they will not attend and B. Burch reported they are meeting today to discuss if the State competition will go on (probably not).
4. Remsburg presented a proposal to update the district website at a cost of \$1500 dollars. The cost would be split in half between the two Districts. There was a Motion: Ediger/ Myers to approve the redesign of the website. All in agreement.
5. Remsburg reported on Spurriers behalf, A grant was received from Rural Maryland Council in the amount of \$1000 dollars for the Poster Contest. The Contest will be postponed until next year because of the virus and schools being closed. The Coloring Contest could still go since it could be held at a later date. Spurrier is asking for \$350 dollars for the Coloring Contest. There was a Motion: Myers/Ediger to approve \$350 dollars for the Coloring Contest. All in agreement.
6. Remsburg mailed a draft copy of the Annual Report to the Board Members and went over it at the teleconference.
7. Remsburg and Rakestraw reported on the highlights of the March MASCD Meeting.
8. Remsburg presented an Ag. Exemption Request for Stuart Garst to spread left over dirt from a Stream Restoration Project onto 2 sacrifice lots turning them into rotational grazing. There was a Motion: Myers/Ediger to approve the move of left-over dirt onto the sacrifice lots. All in agreement.

Communications: Nothing to Report.

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Committee Report: Info/Ed:

1. Myers Thanked all organizations who donated to the County Envirothon.
2. Myers Thanked all who stayed after the last Board Meeting to discuss the Scholarship Application, they purposed giving the Award Winner- \$1000 dollars a \$500 dollar increase and possibly giving \$500 dollars to a second-place winner, if funds allow.

Awards: No Report

Legislative: Ediger gave his Report.

Ag. Complex: No to report.

Conservation plans: No plans to approve.

Cooperating agencies: Maryland Cooperative Extension Service is closed to the public. Contact by phone or email.

**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: *Tuesday- April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020***

Motion: to Adjourn: Myers

Minutes recorded by: Steve Leatherman

