

Catoctin Board Meeting
June 16, 2020
9:00 am

Attending via conference call: Supervisors Holter, Arnold, Grossnickle, Salisbury, Sowers, Associates- J. Falkenstein, DM Remsburg, ADM Leatherman, DC Cammauf.

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 / Holter- All in agreement.

Expenses for the month approved by Motion: Grossnickle/ Holter- All in agreement.
Checks #8512 thru #8525, Joint Urban Checks-4801 and 1856, Ag. Complex Checks - None,
SAM Checks#- None.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg gave the Ecotone update, payment was received from DNR for invoices totaling \$140,000 dollars for Israel Creek Construction and Broad Run Design. The Monthly Report has been submitted to DNR and an Invoice has been submitted to DNR requesting \$106,000 dollars to start construction on the Broad Run Project. Ecotone is possibly looking at Hemp Farm as a project.
2. Remsburg gave the Manure Injection update: Allegheny Ag. has not had time to make the repairs yet. Richard gave Remsburg the contact information for Denali Water to see if they may still be interested.
3. Remsburg gave the Cover Crop update: there was 158 Spring Certifications which amounted to 1.23 million dollars in Spring payments. Fall and Spring payments together amounted to over 2 million dollars. Three Cooperators had to pay money back. Remsburg provided some of the details for the FY21 Cover Crop program. Applications will be mailed out, they need to be mailed to their respective District, post marked by July 17th. The flyer will be posted on the MDA website.
4. Remsburg gave the COVID 19 Staffing update. MDA is basically the same as May Board Meeting, FSA is phasing one person a week back to the Office until all are back. NRCS is going to start phasing people back.
5. Remsburg reported John Falkenstein has applied to fill the Farm Bureau Supervisor vacancy to the Board. There was a Motion: Grossnickle/Arnold to approve Falkenstein for the position. All in agreement.

6. Remsburg gave the Park and Ride update and appraisal offer in the amount of \$72,900 dollars for 5 plus acres with a total acreage appraisal of \$266,000 dollars was received. Remsburg reported in 2005 the acreage was appraised at \$800,000 dollars. After some discussion there was a Motion: Grossnickle/ Arnold to contact Rand Weinberg with Miles & Stockbridge to advise contingent on Frederick Boards agreement. All in agreement.
7. Remsburg presented revisions he made to the Leadership Assessment tool. No by laws were found, District Personnel Handbook follows closely with the County guide lines. There was a Motion: Grossnickle/ Holter to approve the revisions made to the Leadership Assessment Tool as presented. All in agreement.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg presented the Urban Checking update. We will request Frederick County Bank to close out current Joint Urban Account and open a new one. They will monitor all Accounts for \$35.00 dollars a month with no set up fee. The Districts Quick books file needs to be sent for them to compare checks to make sure they match. There was a Motion: Grossnickle/Sowers to close out the Joint Urban Account and start a new one and go with a \$35.00-dollar monthly fee to have all checks monitored. All in agreement.
2. Remsburg reported the MASCD Summer Meeting has been cancelled and the 2021 Summer Meeting is scheduled to be at Cambridge Hyatt.
3. Remsburg presented an Ag. Exemption request for Jamie Remsburg after some discussion there was a Motion: Sowers /Grossnickle to grant the request. All in agreement.
4. Remsburg asked the Board what they proposed to do about Cooperator Awards. After discussion there was a Motion: Grossnickle/Sowers to present one award (Cooperator of the Year) . Staff is to come up with five names then the Board will decide from that list. All in agreement.

Communications: No Report

Cammauf: distribute written report-See copy attached. - Remsburg presented Cammaufs report.

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: None present

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: Tuesday-July 21, 2020

Motion to Adjourn: Grossnickle/ Sowers

Minutes taken by Steve Leatherman