

Approved 9/22

## Frederick Board Meeting

August 25, 2020

In attendance: Supervisors- B. Rakestraw, R. Ediger, R. Myers, S. Hipkins, R. Troxell, Associate B. Ripley, P. Spurrier, District Manager- D. Remsburg, Assist. District Manager- S. Leatherman, NRCS -B. Cammauf, State-G.Garst.

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

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

Joint urban checking, money market, Ag complex, SAM, endowment accounts approved by Motion: Hipkins/ Myers. Remsburg is to check on transferring some of the funds from the Joint Accounts to the CDARS Account. All in agreement.

Expenses for the month approved by Motion: Myers/ Hipkins -All in agreement.

Checks # 3516- 3532, Joint Urban Checks #1861A thru #1861A and #1862 Ag. Complex Checks # None, SAM Checks - None. All in agreement.

### Old Business:

1. Remsburg gave the Ecotone update, a check was received in the amount of \$106,000 dollars for construction on the Broad Run Project. The Monthly Report was submitted to DNR along with a request for \$212,000 dollars for August construction.
2. Remsburg gave the Manure Injection Equipment update, he said Falkenstein got information for advertising on Tractor House. Remsburg is contacting Atlantic Tractor about advertising it and suggest a price of \$75,000 dollars for the Injector. The Frac Tank is still at Keith Wiles Farm.
3. Remsburg gave the Cover Crop update there was 174 Cooperators signed up, one came after the July 17th postmark date. A total of 48,400 acres signed up for 2.6 million dollars.
4. Remsburg gave the Park & Ride update: he received a call from SHA wondering where SCD is at coming to a decision. He reported Sowers has talked with Senator Hough and he has signed a contract with Bud McPherson to do a comparable at \$275 dollars an hour up to \$1000 dollars. Remsburg needs to contact the Grants people to see what is required.

### CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg asked the Board if they wanted to continue Sponsorship to the Farm and Harvest. There was a Motion: Hipkins/Troxell to support in the amount of \$1000 dollars, same as last year. All in agreement.

2. Remsburg reported on the quarterly MASCD Board Meeting. A few highlights were budget cuts, new trucks and changes needed for full Staff to come back into the Office.
3. Remsburg presented the Remington Calendar order to the Board after some discussion There was a Motion: Hipkins/Myers to order 350 calendars. All in agreement.
4. Remsburg presented the year-end financial report. Jim George is scheduled to come in next week.
5. Remsburg reported MDA- MAC's funding for FY21, there will probably be a cut due to State revenue. Cammauf estimates \$700,000 dollars will be needed based on designs and EQIP.
6. G. Garst reported ARS is doing Cover Crop research and is looking for participants in Western Maryland who would leave strips in Cover Crop Fields for 1 to 3 years, they are looking for 3 participants. ARS can not offer financial Assistance. Garst asked the Board if they would. After some discussion there was a Motion: Myers/Hipkins to approve sponsorship with the amount and number of participants at a later date.
7. Remsburg reported the SSCC appointed John Falkenstein to the Catoctin Board. They are asking for one Board Member from each Board to under go training to represent their Board at open Board Meetings. Think about it until September Board Meeting
8. Hipkins reported to the Board about the large fill taking place on the Steve Stuart Farm.

Communications: No Report.

Cammauf: Cammauf presented his Report.

Committee Report: Info/Ed: No Report.

Awards: All Board Members agree to cancel this year's Cooperators Banquet due to the Virus and reschedule for the same time next year.

Remsburg talked to the Staff about coming up with names for Award Winners. A decision should be made at the September Board Meeting. Garvin Tankersley was one name suggested.

Legislative: Ediger reported two Frederick County Council men are considering putting in a bill to change the waterbody buffer from 100 feet to 175 feet in subdivision.

Ag. Complex: No Report.

Conservation plans: Accepted by Motion: Myers/ Hipkins. All in agreement.

Cammauf is going to check on accepting plans- Verses approving plans.

Cooperating agencies: Extension- None present - See Extension attached Report.

**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: *Tuesday- September 22 @ 9:00 am***

Motion: to Adjourn: Myers/ Hipkins

Minutes recorded by: Steve Leatherman

