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**Catoctin Board Meeting
September 15, 2020
9:00 am**

Attending via conference call: Supervisors Holter, Arnold, Grossnickle, Falkenstein, Sowers, DM Remsburg, ADM Leatherman, DC Cammauf, MDA Hutchinson.

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

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

Joint urban checking, money market, Ag complex, SAM accounts approved by Motion: Arnold/ Grossnickle- All in agreement. There was a Motion: Grossnickle/Arnold to transfer 50,000 dollars from SAM Account to Money Market. All in agreement. This is contingent on Frederick Board Agreement.

Expenses for the month approved by Motion: Grossnickle/ Falkenstein- All in agreement. Checks #8558 thru #8578, Joint Urban Checks-2000 and 2001, Ag. Complex Checks - None, SAM Checks#- None. All in agreement.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg gave the Ecotone update he reported the Broad Run Stream Restoration Project should be done in about 3 weeks. Remsburg submitted the Monthly Report to DNR and an invoice in the amount of \$212,085.16 with a request for advanced funding.
2. Remsburg gave the Manure Injector Equipment update, he made a visit to Allegheny Ag. Richard Strite said he has advertised the Injector on Tractor House for \$79,900 dollars. The maintenance still needs to be done. Sowers reported his prospect has dropped out.
3. Remsburg gave the Park and Ride update, he has contacted Senator Hough's Office and they responded to our request for assistance for having to pay back the \$300,000 dollars. Remsburg said someone from General Services Department would be in touch as to whether as to any part of the grant will need to be paid back or the full amount. Remsburg got a reply from SHA asking if our counter offer was accepted and would we be good with that total. The counter offer was \$187,600 dollars for 5 acres. Remsburg is to ask whether the driveway can be a common entrance. There was a Motion: Grossnickle/ Arnold to accept the \$187,600-dollar payment if the driveway can be a common driveway and if Storm Water Management can be met for SCD Building. All in agreement. This is contingent on Frederick Board Agreement.
4. Remsburg presented names of Cooperators as possible Award Winners, after some discussion the Board decided to give just the Cooperator of the Year Award this year. There was a Motion: Grossnickle/Falkenstein to present the Cooperator of the Year Award to Mike and Brandy Lewis (Whispering Acres Farm). All in agreement.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg gave the MASCD update, A special MASCD Board Meeting was held September 10th to discuss candidates. They are hiring 3 positions, duties will be split into 3 categories. Executive Director Administrative Assistant and a lobbyist. Marguerite Guare will continue as Administrative Assistant. An offer was made for Executive Director Position and a Contractual Relationship will be the Lobbyist. Linsay Thompson will be staying on an extra Month until November 1st.
2. Remsburg emailed Jim Georges review of the year end Financial Report and went over with them at the Board Meeting. There was a Motion: Grossnickle/Arnold to accept the review. All in agreement.
3. Hutchinson gave the MDA updated COVID guidelines. Employees can meet with cooperators at a distance, paper work can be dropped off for signature, Cover Crop Field checks can be made and no pre- constructions are being made held at this time. There are 31 new trucks sitting at MDA. Hope to have them in the field by the end of the month. Frederick District gets 2 of them.
4. Remsburg reported Barry Feaga will be leaving MDA and going to NRCS. He will remain in this office.
5. Remsburg reported on the August SSCC Meeting one of the highlights was an Open Meeting Training coming up and each Board needs a participant. Remsburg would like someone to accept at the October Meeting. The September SSCC Meeting will be held on the 17th for anyone who can make it.

Communications: No Report

Cammauf: distribute written report-See copy attached. – Remsburg presented Cammauf's report in his absence.

Committee Report: Info/Ed- No Report

Awards: No Report

Legislative: No Report

Ag. Complex: No Report

Conservation Plans: Accepted by Motion: Grossnickle/Holter-All in agreement.

Cooperating agencies: Remsburg presented K. Nichols -Extension Service Report in her absence. See copy attached

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: Tuesday- October 20, 2020 @ 9:00am

Motion to Adjourn: Holter/ Arnold
Minutes taken by Steve Leatherman