

Approved
12/22/20

Frederick Board Meeting November 24, 2020

In attendance: Supervisors- B. Rakestraw, R. Ediger, R. Myers, S. Hipkins, R. Troxell,
Associate P. Spurrier, B. Ripley, District Manager- D. Remsburg, Assist. District Manager- S. Leatherman,
NRCS-B. Cammuf, Extension K. Nichols, MDA Hutchinson.

Minutes and approved by Motion: Hipkins/Myers - All in agreement.
Joint Board Meeting Minutes approved by Motion: Ediger/Myers. All in agreement.

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

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

Expenses for the month approved by Motion: Myers/Hipkins -All in agreement.
Checks # 3583 thru 3608, Joint Urban Checks#2004 thru 2006, Ag. Complex Checks # None, SAM
Checks -none. All in agreement.

Old Business:

1. Remsburg gave the Ecotone update, the Monthly Report was submitted to DNR along with a request for advance funding in the amount of \$176,736 dollars. Construction has been completed and DNR is waiting for the As-built which will need to be signed off by SCD's Contractual Engineer and NRCS Regional Engineer. No new projects are in design at this time.
2. Remsburg gave the Manure Injection update, the Manure Injector has been sold and a down payment has been received by Allegheny Ag. R. Strite is asking for a \$2500 commission for advertisement and lining up trucking for the sale. There was a Motion approved electronically by each Board Member to pay the \$2500-dollar commission. R. Strite is to advertise the frac tank in Tractor House for \$12,500 dollars. Remsburg is to contact Keith Wiles to see if he is interested in the Frac Tank.
3. Remsburg gave the Cover Crop update: A second extension planting date has come from MACS is December 1st with reporting by December 7th. There are conditions 1. Only wheat, triticale, rye and speltz are eligible 2. Incorporate planting methods, 3. 40-dollar base payment 4. must wait until after May 1st for kill down. So far 13,800 acres has been submitted to MACS. Seventy-one Cooperators have completed planting with a total of \$256,000 dollars of fall payment request.
4. Remsburg gave the Park and Ride update, Rakestraw has signed the option contract, a signature is still needed from Sowers then proceed from there.
5. Remsburg reported the 3 applications to fill the Supervisor Position (R. Ediger) has been sent to SSCC. There was a Motion: Myers/Troxell to recommend Diane Flickenger. All in agreement. Remsburg is to write a letter of recommendation to SSCC and also invite the other applicants Ben Saylor and Jim McKeever to be Associates to the Board.
6. Remsburg is going to try to schedule the Cooperator Award Presentation the week of December 7th. Presentation to be at the Farms.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg presented an MDA Buffer Pilot Program to the Board. MDA Staffers Emily Doney assisted with development. It is a Program to possibly help with WIP goals. Payment rate varies on different options for pasture or cropland applications.
2. Remsburg presented the MASCD Envirothon dues to the Board. After some discussion there was a Motion: Myers/Troxell to maintain silver level \$500.00 dollars from each District. All in agreement.
3. Remsburg presented the Farm Bureau dues to the Board there was a Motion: Ediger/Myers to pay the \$70.00-dollar dues. All in agreement. The State Farm Bureau Meeting will be a virtual Meeting to be held on December 7th. D. Remsburg and S. Roop plan to attend.
4. Remsburg reported on the highlights of the SSCC Meeting held on November 19th, it was scanned and emailed to Board Members at an earlier date.

Communications: Nothing to Report.

Cammauf: distribute written Report (copy attached).

Cammauf presented his Report. Federal Programs should be starting in December and ending in July. Soil Health assessments being done on all Conservation Plans being updated or new. No changes in protocols for Covid 19.

Committee Report: Info/Ed: No Report.

Awards: Mentioned in Old Business

Legislative: Ediger presented his Report on the Conowingo Dam.

Ag. Complex: No Report.

Conservation plans: No plans to accept.

Cooperating agencies: Extension-

Extension: K. Nichols reported they will be going back to total teleworking. Scheduled in person meetings being cancelled. See attached Report.

MDA: H. Hutchinson- No changes for Staff as for Covid. Frederick Office is to get 2 Technicians and 1 Planner and a Verifier at some point. The 2 new trucks have arrived.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: Tuesday- December 22nd @ 9:00am

Motion: to Adjourn: Ediger/Myers

Minutes recorded by: Steve Leatherman

