

FREDERICK SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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BOARD MEETING
April 25, 2018
9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER-----	Rakestraw
Board Minutes-----	Rakestraw
<u>FINANCIAL REPORTS</u>	
Treasurer's Report-----	Troxell
Joint urban checking-----	Remsburg
Joint urban money market-----	Remsburg
Joint urban fees CDARS account-----	Remsburg
Joint ag complex-----	Remsburg
Endowment Account-----	Remsburg
SAM Account-----	Remsburg
<u>Expenses for the Month</u>	
Operating account-----	Remsburg
Joint Urban Checking-----	Remsburg
SAM Account-----	Remsburg
<u>OLD BUSINESS</u> -----Rakestraw	
Ecotone report	
Manure Injection update	
Scholarships	
MACS Capital TAC meeting - rescheduled	
Other old business	
<u>CURRENT BUSINESS</u> -----Rakestraw	
Staff changes	
MASCD summer meeting registration	
MASCD auction items	
Jim George letter of interest	
Western Area MDA regional meeting	
Breakfast on the Farm	
Other current business	
Committee Reports --	
Info/Education-----	B. Myers
Awards-----	Troxell
Legislative-----	Harshman
Ag. Complex-----	Hipkins
Communications-----	Remsburg/Cammauf
Conservation Plans, etc.-----	Cammauf
Other Business From the Floor-----	Rakestraw
<u>COOPERATING AGENCIES</u>	
NEXT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING-----Rakestraw	

ADJOURNMENT

Frederick Board Meeting April 25, 2018

In attendance: Supervisors- B.Rakestraw, G.Harshman R. Myers, S. Hipkins. R. Troxell, Associates- B. Ripley, P. Spurrier, R. Ediger, District Manager- D. Remsburg, Assistant District Manager- S. Leatherman, NRCS- B. Cammauf.

Minutes and Joint Minutes approved by motion: Harshman/Troxell - All in agreement.

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

Joint urban checking, money market, Ag complex, SAM accounts approved by Motion: Myers/Harshman- All in agreement. There was a Motion: Hipkins/Harshman to close the Joint Money Market Account and transfer to SAM Account if Catoctin Board agrees. -All in agreement.

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

Checks # 2712 thru 2736, Joint Urban Checks #1792 and 1794, Ag. Complex Checks # None, and SAM Checks # 165 and #167. All in agreement.

Old Business:

1. Remsburg gave the Ecotone update final payment has been paid on the Savage Project, the Districts received 3,451 dollars for Administrative cost which is 1.5% of the cost of the project. Trees are to be planted in the near future. Remsburg reported Thompsons Land Owner Agreement has not been signed yet, he also mentioned he and Ecotone looked at possible sites at Ron Albaugh, George Little and Ron Butler Farms.
2. Remsburg gave the Manure Injection Equipment update, Allegheny Ag. needed to order 5710 dollars for repair parts, the Districts needed to pay Atlantic Tractor a 3000 dollar deposit before parts could be ordered. Remsburg also reported the Districts received an invoice from Allegheny Ag. for 1,192 dollars for repair work done on the Injection Equipment. The injection Equipment is running when weather permits. Remsburg reported he has some new names for Injection prospects. A new Cooperator was picked up in Carroll County.
3. Remsburg reported on the County Envirothon, all but 2 schools participated. Catoctin High School won both 1st and 2nd place, Tuscarora High School came in 3rd. Ice Cream was donated by South Mountain Creamery and Pizza was provided by Rocky's Pizza.
4. Remsburg reported the Annual Report has been mailed out.
5. Remsburg reported the District has received 3 Scholarship entries this year.
6. Remsburg reported Travis is back in the Office doing BMP Verification.
7. Remsburg reported he has not heard any updates on the FC Frederick Ag. Exemption.
8. Spurrier reported Poster Entries are due on April 27th and Coloring Contest Entries are due in May. Remsburg reported all Entries need to be to Bruce Young no later than July 15th. Spurrier is asking for 300 dollars for the Coloring Contest. There was a Motion: Hipkins/Harshman to approve the request. All in agreement.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg reported Garrett County Manure Injection Field Day demonstration was cancelled due to the weather, the program was altered they showed demonstration videos and different people gave talks. There were about 120 people attending. The program was held at Grantsville Fire hall.

2. Remsburg reported on the Meeting SCD had with MDE and the County; it was referenced to the findings at the Fall Review Delegation. There was discussion on coordination of Ag. Structures and Storm Water. MDE suggested Quarterly Meetings between SCD and the County.
3. Remsburg reported the County will be installing a new INFO System to replace the Hansen Program; it is to take effect in January 2019 that is all the information available at this time. Meetings will be coming up in the near future.
4. Remsburg reported the new WIP III Program will be starting up next year there will be a Meeting on May 18th at the Williamsport Fire hall, this Meeting is mostly Urban based. There will be a Planning Meeting for Frederick County's WIP III on August 28th no time or place has been set at this time.
5. Remsburg presented a draft letter to the MAC's Office for Boards approval concerning changing their billing process to make it simpler, Remsburg mentioned Sowers suggested adding a note to make the billing process more like NRCS. There was a Motion: Hipkins/ Myers to approve the letter with Sowers Amendment - All in agreement.
6. Remsburg handed out and went over the Quarterly Financial Reports.
7. Hipkins asked about supporting the Farm Safety Camp again this year. There was a Motion: Hipkins/Myers to approve at the same amount as in the past. 100 dollars was approved in 2016.
8. Remsburg handed out the Monthly Planner/Technician Activity Report and his Monthly District Managers Report.
9. Remsburg reported the 75th Anniversary is coming up next year and asked the Board to think of some ideas.

Communications: Nothing to Report.

Cammauf: distribute written NRCS Report (copy for file)- See copy attached.

1. Cammauf reported MAC's started back up at approving Applications. They have over a million dollars back up.
2. Cammauf reported the Feds expect the Farm Bill to remain the same for at least another year.

Committee Report: Info/Ed:

1. Myers thanked all who helped with the County Envirothon
2. Myers asked anyone who can stay after the Board Meeting to help review scholarships is welcome.

Awards:

1. Remsburg reported on the MASCD Award Applications, 2 have been sent in and the third one is still being worked on.

Legislative: Nothing to Report.

Ag. Complex: No Report

Conservation plans: Harshman /Myers -all in agreement.

Cooperating agencies: None

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: *Tuesday - May 22, 2018 @ 9:00am*

Motion: to Adjourn. Harshman/ Hipkins

Minutes recorded by: Steve Leatherman



Frederick SCD Receipts and Disbursements for **April 2018**. This statement is taken from district financial records and was approved by the Board of District Supervisors on _____.

Statement Prepared by: _____

Verified with Bank Statement by: _____

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Dist./Co Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bal. Fwd	\$66,350.76	\$49,498.96	\$269,656.84	\$0.00	\$319,155.80	\$385,506.56
Receipts	\$0.55	\$13,666.86	\$1,307.04		\$14,973.90	\$14,974.45
Total	\$66,351.31	\$63,165.82	\$270,963.88	\$0.00	\$334,129.70	\$400,481.01
Expenditures						
Per Diem-Sup	\$175.00	\$525.00				
Less Apr W/H		(\$53.55)	\$ (166.61)			
Per Diem-Assoc.		\$175.00				
Travel - Supervisor	\$134.83					
Travel - Associates		\$77.47				
Travel - Employees		\$114.50				
Postage		\$19.93				
Phone, fax, internet		\$46.34				
Contract-Keller		\$360.00				
Office Supplies		\$119.94				
Water		\$33.00				
Copier		\$128.28				
Gate Print-Annual		\$805.01				
Apr FICA		\$107.10	\$ 333.22			
Grant Tech PR + Exp.			\$11,194.24			
Grant Intern PR			\$2,178.00			
Total Expenditures	\$309.83	\$2,457.97	\$ 13,538.85	\$0.00	\$15,996.82	\$16,306.65
Balance on Hand	\$66,041.48	\$60,707.85	\$257,425.03	\$0.00	\$318,132.88	\$384,174.36

Income:

District \$2.65 interest; \$418.50 NIP Payments; \$50.00 Rakestraw Environthon; \$835.89 Patronage Refund (Error)
 State \$0.55 interest;
 County \$13,666.86 FY18 4th Qtr Budget

Staff Meeting

April 4, 2018

Attendees: Stacy K., Kenny F., Brad Y., Mark F., Kendra D., Matt D., John V., Andrew Z., Grace G., Kara G., Denny R., Brent C., Jason W., Nick P., Mitch L., Holly B.,

Brent:

On Thursday an omnibus bill was passed removing the requirement for a Dunn's number in Protracts.

The Farm Bill is supposed to be signed in 2018. However, no discussions have taken place. This means if there is no Farm Bill, there may not be a "reset" of payment limitations for producers. Several producers are approaching their limitations now.

Many CREP changes are occurring. Changes are making program very difficult. Some changes are:

A feasibility worksheet for CREP must be done for each contract.

No CP-29's, even on all re-enrolls.

FSA is now doing all of their own Cultural Resource reviews, in addition to our review.

All changes apply to new and past CREP contracts.

Ramon Ortiz has scheduled a Medusa training on the 17th of April.

Ag learn classes are now being color coded according to priority.

In September, a week long Total Quality Review will take place in our office. Everything from office facilities to planning will be reviewed. Must be done before end of fiscal year.

A planners workshop is scheduled for this summer. A technician workshop may also be scheduled this year.

Denny:

County Envirothon is scheduled April 24th at Cunningham Falls.

Need a list of CREP plans for the Quarter for MASCD agreement.

BMP verification; Denny has a list of 8 producers that need corrections: Robert Burrier, David Allen, Midview, Andrew Toms(2), Joe Devilbiss, Staley Ramsburg, Eddie Mehring, Teabow.

No Cover Crops yet.

Board meetings: Catoctin – April 18th, Frederick – April 25th. Need activity reports by the 17th.

Manure Field Day, April 17th in Garrett County.

EQIP

Most everything has been obligated to this point.

Pre-approved HUA's: Arnold, Doody, Jorgenson, Grazing: Burdette, Keeney, Biser.

Next Friday, everything, RCPP's, EQIP are all due for ranking. NWQI – will have 3 – 4 funded.

Across the State there is approx. 88 applications for 9 million. There is only about 2 million to approve with. Rankings will be very competitive. Most all CNMP's are now caught up.

There are ZERO dollars extra EQIP money available this year until some States give money back.

Across the Country, 10% of contracts were reviewed by HQs' and Maryland scored 92% for correctedness.

Brent & Denny

Brent & Denny attended a meeting on Soil Health at Foxhaven Farms over a month ago. Topic discussed was Soil Health. Across the Country, Soil Health is being emphasized, but overall, it has not been successful. This meeting had a different reality to it from a different viewpoint. At the meeting, a journalist, who had no agriculture experience, spoke on his view of soil health. He made a point of saying that "soil" is the solution to our problems of carbon build up, greenhouse effects, & world hunger.

Studies have shown that in 1700 there was an estimated 100' of topsoil across the US. Today, 2017, there is approx.. 20' of topsoil remaining. 80' has eroded away. England predicts they will run out of topsoil by 2030. The US is predicted to run out of topsoil by 2070. When topsoil is gone, food supplies and civilization as we know it will disappear.

Cover crops, no-till, are all ways to improve soil health and protect topsoil. From Ohio to California, not one County grows 1% of cover crop.

Today, McDonalds, General Mills etc., are having difficulty finding food supplies due in part to climate change.

Overall, the question of how do we incentify farmers to save the food supply is being asked. The speaker believes from his viewpoint, that the soil is the one resource that can remove the carbon emmissions that are creating climate change.

Next staff meeting: April 18th

Minutes by: Kenny Favorite