Frederick Board Meeting June 28, 2018

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

Minutes and Joint Minutes approved by motion: Hipkins/Troxell to approve as corrected to misspelled names on information Education the last name of Andrew Mandich and Lydia Printz. All in agreement.

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

Joint urban checking, money market, Ag complex, Sam accounts approved by Motion: Hipkins/ Myers- All in agreement.

Expenses for the month approved by Motion: Harshman/Hipkins -All in agreement. Checks # 2769 thru 2802, Joint Urban Checks #1796, Ag. Complex Checks # None, and SAM Checks # 171 and #172. All in agreement.

Old Business:

- 1. Remsburg gave the updated Ecotone Report, the Wayne Savage Project had a lot of damage from the May storm. Ecotone turned in an application to DNR for \$46,800 dollars just for repairs no labor, they have not heard if it was approved at this time. Remsburg was asked if Ecotone needs to check about carrying insurance. The Thompson Project is not moving forward, Ecotone is checking to see if funding can be moved to other projects. The Albaugh /Bodmer Project is in design at this time.
- 2. Remsburg gave the updated Manure Injection Report a \$12,000 dollar payment has been received another \$56,000 dollar invoice has been sent in for April Injection of 893 acres. There was 495 acres injected in May. Harshman asked if it would be beneficial to have another Manure Injection demonstration in Garrett County since the weather did not cooperate for the last two years.
- 3. Remsburg reported all Spring Cover Crop Certifications have been completed except for 1 Cooperator that cannot be reached. Staff is doing final kill down checks at this time. There was 1.2 million paid out in Frederick County. The new Cover Crop sign up started on June 21* and runs until July 17th. Forty three have signed up by June 27th. A Nutrient Management Certification Form is required for this year Cover Crop Program.
- 4. Remsburg reported the David Doody Family won the MASCD Cooperator of the Year Award. The Board will pay their expenses if they can attend. Catoctin Mountain Orchard items were purchased for the MASCD Auction. The Board Members and District Manger are checking for additional items.
- 5. Remsburg reported on Breakfast on the Farm to be held at TeaBow Farm on Saturday June 30th, the District will have a display it will be manned by Holly Boyer.
- 6. Remsburg reported the District portion of Kendra Dells Health Insurance has been paid out of Chesapeake Trust Fund.
- 7. Rakestraw reported on the Meeting he and Remsburg attended with NRCS acting Chief in Washington.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

- 1. Remsburg reported on the Highlights of the MDA Western Area Meeting held on June 4th.
- 2. Remsburg reported Kendra Keeney has been hired by MDA as a full time Employee, her position is being run through the District and the District will be reimbursed for her salary.
- 3. Remsburg reported on a Cover Crop issue that was an Office mistake and would the Board consider picking up the \$ 1,606.50 bill, he explained what happened; it was asked what can be done so it does not happen again. A Motion was made Harshman/Hipkins to make the payment. All in agreement.
- 4. Rakestraw asked about the Internship? Remsburg reported he had advertised it and got no response. Andrew Mandich cannot complete his because of a job conflict.
- 5. Remsburg reported Travis is still working on BMP verification. Remsburg said he has some verification work to be completed with it by the first of August.
- 6. Remsburg asked about ordering more ink-pens. There was a Motion: <u>Hipkins/Harshman to order 500 pens</u>. All in agreement.
- Remsburg handed out the Monthly Planner/Technician Activity Report and his District Managers Report

Communications:

Spurrier reported there was 344 Coloring Contest Entries, 3 will be going to State competition in July. There was 180 Poster Contest Entries,

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

Committee Report: Info/Ed:

- 1. Myers reported on State Envirothon competition: Carroll County came in first place; Frederick County came in sixth place. The National Envirothon will be held in Idaho from July 22nd through the 28th.
- Remsburg reported he sent an invitation to the Scholarship Award Winners to attend the July Board Meeting.

Awards: Nothing to Report

Legislative: Nothing to Report

Ag. Complex:

Remsburg reported he received an email from the State Highway Administration, they need additional acreage for truck parking and would it be possible to move the pavilion.

Conservation plans: Harshman /Troxell -All in agreement.

Cooperating agencies: None Present

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: Tuesday - July 24, 2018 @ 9:00am

Motion: to Adjourn Hipkins

Minutes recorded by: Steve Leatherman

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