

Frederick Board Meeting
February 25, 2020

In attendance: Supervisors- B. Rakestraw, R. Ediger, R. Myers, S. Hipkins, R. Troxell, Associates- B. Black, B. Ripley, P. Spurrier, District Manager- D. Remsburg, Assistant District Manager- S. Leatherman, Staff- A. Zimmerman, G. Garst, Extension- K. Nichols, MDA- H. Hutchinson

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

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

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

Expenses for the month approved by Motion: Hipkins/ Myers -All in agreement.
Checks # 3358 thru 3393 and M2817, Joint Urban Checks #1849 thru 1850, Ag. Complex Checks # None, SAM Checks - #197. All in agreement.

Old Business:

1. Remsburg gave the Ecotone update, payment was received in the amount of \$175,726 dollars including \$2,596 dollars for administration fees. The monthly report has been submitted to DNR along with a request for funding in the amount of \$123,008 dollars. Photos of work completed were passed around.
2. Remsburg gave the Manure Injection Equipment update, Allegheny Ag, submitted an invoice in the amount of \$18,000 dollars for parts and labor on the Injection Equipment. Remsburg also reported someone is interested in the Frac Tank. There is an invoice yet to come in that will be around \$40,000 dollars.
3. Remsburg reported on the Winter Soil Health Program. There were about 130 in attendance. A total of \$1200 dollars was received from Sponsors, the final cost is \$3407.21 split between the Districts and Farm Bureau. There was discussion of doing other programs.
4. Remsburg sent out his Report on the Winter MASCD Meeting with the Agenda. A few items he discussed was the MDA Budget, NRCS- MOU with the Districts and the addition of the Forest Harvest Permits.
5. Remsburg reported he met with the County on the Forest Harvest Permit. They want the form to be part of the application that we sign off on to get the permit.
6. Remsburg reported on the County Legislative day, he thought the attendance was down. There was pretty good representation from political delegation.
7. Remsburg reported the SSCC approved Hipkins for another 5-year term as a Supervisor representing Farm Bureau.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg reported on the Cover Crop TAC Meeting he and J. Watt attended. Items discussed were 1. late Termination of Cover Crop past the April 15th deadline, each District can make that call. 2. Greater than 8- way mixes 3. Broadcast cultipack after soybeans. 4. Oats aerial seeded into corn- August 1st instead of August 15th. 5. Smaller Cover Crop banners and a new Nutrient Management Certification Form.
2. Remsburg presented the Farm Safety Camp Sponsorship Application to the Board. There was a Motion: Ediger/Hipkins to donate the same as last year. (\$100) All in agreement.
3. Remsburg presented the RC&D Annual dues to the Board. There was a Motion: Ediger/Hipkins to pay the \$200 dollars dues.
4. Remsburg reported Sowers volunteered to be the Western Maryland SSCC Representative. There was a Motion: Hipkins/Myers to support Sowers. All in agreement.
5. Remsburg presented a request from the Maryland FFA Foundation for a contribution, there was a Motion: Hipkins/Myers to sponsor at the \$500-dollar amount. All in agreement.
6. Spurrier presented a picture for the Coloring Contest this year.

Communications: Remsburg presented two thankyou notes, one from NACD for payment of dues and the other one from the University of Maryland for the Breakfast on the Farm Project.

Cammauf: - No report. - G. Garst presented the Conservation Plans in his absence.

Committee Report: Info/Ed:

1. Myers presented the County Envirothon Budget \$3,110,00 plus the insurance for two days at Cunningham Falls State Park. There was a Motion: Hipkin/Ediger to approve the Budget with addition of the insurance. All in agreement.
2. Myers asked if anyone could stay after the Meeting to go over the Scholarship Application, he would appreciate it.

Awards: Troxell reported the Banquet date has been set for November 12th. Both Boards Awards Committees need to get together to decide on what Awards they want to give.

Legislative:

1. Ediger presented his Legislative Report.

Ag. Complex: Nothing to report.

Conservation plans: Approved by Motion: Myers/Ediger -All in agreement.

Cooperating agencies: Extension K. Nichols - see attached sheet. Additional upcoming events

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: Tuesday- March 31st, 2020

Motion: to Adjourn: Hipkins/Myers

Minutes recorded by: Steve Leatherman

