

Catoctin Board Meeting  
November 17, 2020  
9:00 am

Approved  
12/15/20

Attending via conference call: Supervisors Falkenstein, Holter, Grossnickle, Arnold, Brennan, DM Remsburg, ADM Leatherman, DC Cammauf, MDA Hutchinson, Extension K. Nichols, Prospective Associate- J. Orłowski.

Minutes approved by Motion: Grossnickle/ Holter- All in agreement.

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

Joint urban checking, money market, Ag complex, SAM accounts approved by Motion: Grossnickle/Arnold- All in agreement.

Expenses for the month approved by Motion: Holter/ Arnold  
Checks #8603 thru #8617, 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 submitted to DNR along with an Invoice for \$127,251 dollars and a request for advance funding. The Broad Run Project has been completed except for an As-built that needs to be completed. SCD's contractual Engineer needs to sign off on it. No new Projects are in design at this time.
2. Remsburg gave the Manure Injection Equipment update, the Injector has been sold and down payment received by Allegheny Ag. R. Strite is asking for a \$2500 commission for advertising and lining up trucking for the sale. There was a Motion approved by each Board Member electronically. Strite is to advertise the frac tank in Tractor House for \$12,500 dollars. Remsburg is to contact Keith Wiles to see if he has any interest in it.
3. Remsburg gave the Cover Crop update. The second planting date extension is to December 1<sup>st</sup> with stipulations: 1. Only wheat, rye, triticale, and speltz are eligible. 2. Base pay rate \$40 dollars an acre.  
3. Must wait until after May 1<sup>st</sup> for kill down. So far 9600 acres submitted to MACS Office with \$223,000 dollars fall payment request
4. Remsburg gave the Park & Ride update. Working on getting option contract signed by Board Chairmen then proceed further.
5. Remsburg reported to the Board an Open Meeting person needs to be selected today. Holter volunteered to take training after December 21<sup>st</sup>. Remsburg is going to send the link out to all Board Members.

6. Remsburg reported Catoctin District needs an RC&D Representative after some discussion the question was asked if an Associate to the Board can be the Representative. Remsburg is going to contact Josh Smith for his opinion.
7. Remsburg reported Express Signs has contacted him saying the Award Winner sign is ready. Remsburg is going to set a date and time with Sowers and the Lewis Family to meet on their Farm if the date and time works with other Board Members so they can attend also.

#### CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg presented the MASCD Envirothon dues to the Board, each District pays half, after some discussion there was a Motion: Grossnickle/Arnold to go with the amount Frederick Board agrees with. All in agreement. The State Envirothon will be held at Mt. St. Mary's College.
2. Remsburg presented an MDA Buffer Pilot Program to the Board. MDA Staffer Emily Doney assisted in development It is a program to possibly help with WIP goals. Payment rate varies on the different options and applications. Applications accepted beginning January 2021.
3. Remsburg sent out and went over the quarterly MASCD Meeting Report with the Board.
4. Remsburg presented the agenda for the upcoming SSCC Meeting. It is to be held by teleconference on November 19<sup>th</sup> for anyone interested.
5. Remsburg introduced John Orłowski, who is interested in becoming an Associate Supervisor to the Board. There was a Motion: Grossnickle/Holter to accept John as an Associate. All in agreement.

Communications: No Report

Cammauf: distribute written report-See copy attached. Cammauf presented his NRCS Report. Federal Programs should be starting in December and ending in July. Soil Health Assessments are being done on all applications for Programs. No changes on COVID policy or protocols.

Committee Report: Info/Ed- No Report

Awards: No Report

Legislative: No Report

Ag. Complex: Grossnickle mentioned he spoke with Mr. Horman about interest of Ag. Complex ground if it would come up for sale.

Conservation Plans: Accepted by Motion: No plans to accept.

Cooperating agencies: Extension- K. Nichols - will be going to totally teleworking. Scheduled in person meetings are being cancelled. See Report attached.

MDA Heather Hutchinson- No changes -COVID 19 as for Staff  
MDA will be hiring 2 technicians and a Planner at some point for Frederick Office.  
2 New Trucks arrived at the Frederick Office to replace older models.

**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: Tuesday- December 15, 2020 @ 9:00am**

Motion to Adjourn: Grossnickle/Arnold. Minutes taken by Steve Leatherman

