

Frederick Board Meeting September 22, 2020

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

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

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

Joint urban checking, money market, Ag complex, SAM, endowment accounts approved by Motion: Myers/ Troxell.

There was a Motion: Myers /Troxell to transfer \$50,000 dollars from SAM Account to Money Market Account. All in agreement.

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

Checks # 3534 thru 3556, Joint Urban Checks #2000 thru 2003, Ag. Complex Checks # None, SAM Checks - None. All in agreement.

Old Business:

1. Remsburg gave the Ecotone update, he reported the Broad Run Stream Restoration Project should be completed in about 3 weeks. He submitted the Monthly Report to DNR and an invoice requesting \$212,085.16 for September work and an invoice requesting advance funding in the amount of \$135,000 dollars for final payment.
2. Remsburg reported Richard Strite has advertised the Injector in Tractor House for \$79,900 dollars. Maintenance still needs to be done. Remsburg is holding off on contacting Atlantic Tractor about advertising until new parts are installed.
3. Remsburg gave the Cover Crop update. Early aerial Seeding was extended from September 10th thru the 15th for those who had contracted but could not yet seed because of helicopter back up. Some other Cover Crop has been planted.
4. Remsburg gave the Park and Ride update: State Highway asked if our counter offer is accepted. The counter offer is \$187,600 dollars. Remsburg contacted Senator Houghs Office about paying back the grant, Houghs Office said someone from General Services Department would be in touch, they did return the call but nothing has been heard at this time. There was a Motion: Myers/Hipkins to accept \$187,500 dollars provided a common entrance can be used and SWM is covered on the Ag. Complex site. All in agreement. Remsburg has contacted the State Engineer about the two requests. Remsburg reported he has not heard back from Bud McPherson on the comparison.
5. Remsburg went over Jim George's review of the Year-end Financial Report. He is going to send a copy to each Supervisor. There was a Motion: Hipkins/Troxell to accept the Report as presented. All in agreement.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg reported R. Ediger's term expires in November. K. Nichols suggest some names of small Farmers who might be possible candidates. She is going to make contact. Remsburg asked Board Members to see if they can come up with any names.
2. Hipkins reported on the Special MASCD Board Meeting held on September 10th to discuss candidates, they are hiring 3 Positions. Duties will be split into 3 categories, Executive Director, Administrative Assistant and Lobbyist. Marquerite Guare will continue as Administrative Assistant. An offer was made to Executive Director Position (Jennifer Nelson) and Contractual Relationship will be with the Lobbyist. Lindsey Thompson will be staying on an extra Month until November.
3. Remsburg gave the MDA updated guidelines for COVID 19, employees can meet with Cooperators at a distance, paperwork can be dropped for signature, Cover Crop field checks can be made and no pre-construction meetings are being held at this time. There are 31 new trucks sitting at MDA hope to be in the field by the end of the Month. Frederick District gets two of them.
4. Remsburg reported on the SSCC Meeting one of the highlights was an Open Meeting Training. Each Board needs to select a participant. Remsburg gave a Link for Supervisors to log onto, this will be discussed further at the October Meeting.
5. Remsburg reported Barry Feaga will be leaving MDA and going to NRCS, he will still remain in this Office.
Grace Garst has been appointed Acting State Agronomist. She will be taking that position for 4 months along with the Planner Position she is in now.

Communications: No Report.

Cammauf: distribute written Report (copy attached).
Remsburg presented Cammauf's Report in his absence.

Committee Report: Info/Ed: No Report.

Awards: Remsburg presented the names of possible Award Winners after some discussion Remsburg is going to e-mail the possible Award Winner information and a decision will be made at the October Board Meeting. Beside recognition in a newspaper, Hipkins suggested doing a Media Blast.

Legislative: No Report.

Ag. Complex: No Report.

Conservation plans: Accepted by Motion: Rakestraw/ Hipkins - All in agreement.

Cooperating agencies: Extension- K.Nichols : See Attached Report.
Kelly also reported the position she is in is going to be a clustered position for Frederick, Montgomery and Howard Counties. She will be working out of Montgomery County. She is trying to get Frederick Office back filled.

**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: Tuesday- October 27th backup date is
Wednesday 28th @ 9:00am**

Motion: to Adjourn: Myers/ Hipkins

Minutes recorded by: Steve Leatherman

