

**Frederick Board Meeting
December 28, 2021**

APPROVED

In attendance: Supervisors- B. Black, D. Flickinger, R. Myers, S. Hipkins, Associates- B. Ripley, B. Sweeney, P. Spurrier, B. Burch, District Manager- H. Hutchinson, Assistant District Manager- S. Leatherman.

Minutes approved by motion: Myers/Black as presented. All in agreement.

November 3rd Joint Board Minutes approved by motion: Myers/Black. All in agreement.

December Joint Board Minutes approved by motion: Myers/Black to approve as amended, #3 Catoctin Board decided to get their own Farm Bureau membership. All in agreement.

Treasurer's report approved by motion: Flickinger/Black to accept as filed. All in agreement.

Joint Urban Checking, Money Market, Ag. Complex Accounts approved by motion: Myers/Black as presented. All in agreement.

Expenses for the month approved by motion: Flickinger/Black. All in agreement.

Checks #3904 thru #3933, Joint Urban Checks #2045 and #2046, Ag. Complex Checks – None.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Hutchinson reported there is no new information on the Ag. Complex.
2. Hutchinson reported on Small Pond Approval, she has received some feedback from MASCD. MDE will review each MOU with their attorneys as they are received. She reported she has received MOU's from Washington and Baltimore County SCD's and will be making a draft from them.
3. Hutchinson reported the NRCS memorandum of agreement has been sent in and a response was received addressing some but not all comments and questions. Hutchinson responded and is waiting on clarification of the 1619 training and for NRCS to advise on the next step in the process.
4. Hutchinson reported she is working with the sign companies to have road signs made, she may need to resort to just one company.
5. Hutchinson reported on the planning meeting for the Legislative meeting. Denny provided a list of discussion topics that she will email to Board Members.
6. Hutchinson reported she spoke to Jim George about the fuel rate adjustment, he is sending some information, she will report back at the January Board Meeting.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Hutchinson presented the Supervisor nomination to the Board, Jim McKeever, Brian Sweeney and Barry Burch applied for the position. There was a **Motion: Myers/Black to make recommendation to MASCD that Barry Burch is nominated as the new Supervisor. All in agreement.**
2. Hutchinson asked the Board what they want to do about election of officers; they want to wait until the January Board Meeting.

4. Hutchinson reported Catoclin High School FFA Land judging team won the State Competition and is asking for a donation to help with expenses for the trip to the National Competition. There was a **Motion: Flickinger/Black to approve \$2000 for the FFA to attend National Competition. All in agreement.**
5. Hutchinson presented "The Farm and Harvest" program to the Board. There was a **Motion: Flickinger/Myers to donate \$1000 towards the program. All in agreement.**
6. Hutchinson presented NACD North East Region/MASCD Meeting Survey to the Board, they suggested discussion of manure stackers used for things not intended, winter manure hauling and soil health. Their success story is the Ohler Family winning the Cooperator of the Year Award for 2021.
7. Myers brought up the idea of raising the Associates per diem. After some discussion there was a **Motion: Myers/Flickinger to raise the Associate per diem from \$25.00 to \$50.00 starting in January. All in agreement.**
8. Hutchinson presented the contract from Thurmont Grange for use of the building, part of one day each month. There was a **Motion: Black/Myers to accept the contract as amended also the Board directed to pay the four previous months which amounts to \$200 dollars. All in agreement.**

COMMUNICATIONS: No Report

CAMMAUF: No Report

COMMIITTEE REPORTS:

Info/Ed: Burch reported County Envirothon Training will be online and County competition will be held on April 26th at Cunningham Falls State Park. State Envirothon competition is to be held in Clarksville on June 22nd.

Burch will submit the County Envirothon budget at the January Board Meeting.

Awards: No Report

Legislative: Black asked for support of attendance at the County Legislative Day on February 12, 2022.

Ag. Complex: Nothing to Report.

Conservation Plans: No plans to accept.

Cooperating Agencies: Extension report is provided by K. Nichols and is in the packet.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Wednesday-January 26th @ 1:30

Adjournment: BLACK/MYERS

Minutes recorded by: Steve Leatherman.

