



Joint Board Meeting
Thursday, May 25, 2023- 9:30 AM
SCD Office, Frederick, MD

In attendance:

Supervisors: B. Sowers, S. Hipkins, J. Falkenstein, A. Holter, J. Orłowski (by phone), D. Flickinger, R. Myers, R. Black.

Associates: W. Shafer, B. Brennan.

SCD Staff: H. Hutchinson, District Manager. K. McAfee, Soil Conservation Coordinator.

Old Business:

1. NM Planning
 - a. H. Hutchinson reported that there are still no updates from MDA in regards to nutrient management plans moving forward.
 - b. B. Sowers would like to offer Frederick County Govt. to host a nutrient manager plan writing position and the SCD fund the position 50% and the county fund the additional 50% for a maximum period of 5 years.
 - c. H. Hutchinson is to inquire with the county about NM position.
2. CD's
 - a. H. Hutchinson reported that scheduling conflicts have prevented both treasurers from meeting to procure a joint CD. She will continue to try to schedule an appointment.
 - b. A. Holter motioned for Heather Hutchinson to inquire with multiple banks regarding CD rates, second by R. Myers. All in agreement.
 - c. J. Falkenstein motioned for A. Holter and R. Myers to make the decision on the joint CD, second by D. Flickinger. All in agreement.
3. Board Merger
 - a. H. Hutchinson reported that she sent the signed completed petitions from both districts to the SSCC, Alisha Mulkey, and the Attorney at MDA.
 - b. Referendum must be held now within 60 days.
 - c. There will be a 14 days' notice announcement in the Frederick News Post and the Delmarva Farmer.
 - d. Public Meeting to be held on July 6, 2023 at the Extension Office on Montevue Lane in Frederick from 7-9pm. H. Hutchinson requests both chairmen to present at the meeting.
 - e. Voting will take place in the SCD office on July 10-14 from 8am-6pm.
 - f. 50 votes need to be cast; majority wins. Mail in ballots will be available on our website as well as SSCC and they must be post marked from July 10-14.

Current Business:

1. Soil Health Tour
 - a. H. Hutchinson reported that she has not heard about the schedule for the farm tour yet.
2. Invitation to Secretary Atticks
 - a. H. Hutchinson reported that she would like to wait until the fall to invite Secretary Atticks and make sure he is included on the Soil Smart Tour.
3. Leopold Award

- a. H. Hutchinson reported that Dave Burrier is looking for support as Farm Bureau has nominated him for the Leopold award.
 - b. J. Falkenstein motioned to write a letter in support of Dave Burrier for the Leopold award, second by R. Black. All in agreement.
4. Research Plots at Ag Center
 - a. M. Townsend reports that the liability is concerning UMD and he has not gotten approval for research.
5. Office Space
 - a. H. Hutchinson provided a handout of the proposed office space from NRCS. She notes that space has significantly decreased.

Awards: B. Sowers invited Steven Leatherman to the conference room and presented Steve with a certificate and gift from both boards in honor of his upcoming retirement.

Adjournment: A. Holter moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30am, seconded by D. Flickinger. All in agreement.

Minutes recorded by Kendra McAfee