

**Frederick Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 25, 2023- 09:00 AM**  
**Soil Conservation District Office**

**In attendance:** Supervisors: D. Flickinger, R. Myers, S. Hipkins, R. Black, B. Burch (by phone joining at 11:11am). Associate: Brian Sweeney. District Manager H. Hutchinson, Soil Conservation Coordinator K. McAfee. Guest: W. Shafer.

Meeting called to order by S. Hipkins at 9:11AM.

**Minutes approved as presented by motion:** D. Flickinger, second by R. Myers. All in agreement.

**Closed minutes approved as presented by motion:** R. Myers, second by D. Flickinger. All in agreement.

**Treasurer's Report approved as presented by motion:** D. Flickinger, second by R. Black. All in agreement.

**Financial Report Statements approved as presented by motion:** R. Black, second by R. Myers. All in agreement.

**Expenses for the month approved as presented by motion:** R. Black, second by D. Flickinger. All in agreement.

**Old Business:**

1. H. Hutchinson reported on the SSCC meeting that was held on 10/19/2023 in Annapolis. The SSCC board spent an hour in closed session before the regular meeting.
  - a. The Frederick County SCD Board Members were appointed as follows:
    - i. Extension- Wes Shafer
    - ii. Farm Bureau- John Falkenstein
    - iii. At Large- Bobby Black
    - iv. At Large- Diane Flickinger
  - b. Jason Kepler gave another update for proposed MACS funding changes.
    - i. Person is defined as an individual, partnership, corporation, or trust.
    - ii. Proposed changing caps from \$75k/per practice to \$150k for non ag waste storage and lifting the farm cap.
    - iii. Ag waste practices remain capped at \$200k/per practice and raising the farm cap to \$450k.
2. H. Hutchinson reported that she spoke with Barry Burch to see if Sabillasville Environmental School would be interested in the Training Trunk. Barb Doney, from SES, would like a trunk.

**Current Business:**

1. H. Hutchinson reported that the new board members for the Frederick County SCD were appointed. The current boards continue to exist until the new article of incorporation are received. Oaths of office can be done at a later date.
  - a. D. Flickinger questions what will happen to CD's? H. Hutchinson reports they will all transfer.
2. H. Hutchinson reports that the Annual Cooperators Banquet will be held on November 16<sup>th</sup> at New Midway Volunteer Fire Company. H. Hutchinson to invite Missy Donnelly
  - a. Welcome Message and Introduction of Guests: D. Flickinger
  - b. Blessing of Meal: R. Myers
  - c. H. Hutchinson will introduce new board members for Frederick County SCD
3. NACD dues were brought forth. The dues are \$700 which MDA gives funds to cover.
  - a. D. Flickinger motioned, R. Myers second, to pay \$700 for NACD Dues. All in agreement.
4. H. Hutchinson notes that the workers compensation policy has come due and to renew is \$403.00.
  - a. R. Black motioned, second by D. Flickinger, to pay the workers compensation renewal for \$403.00. All in agreement.

5. H. Hutchinson reported that the County would like a recommendation for who to appoint to the Frederick County SCD Board. H. Hutchinson handed out ballots for all board members to complete anonymously. Majority vote will be the boards recommendation.
6. H. Hutchinson reported on the Partnership meeting she attended virtually. The meeting was between FSA, District Managers, MDA, and NRCS.
  - a. MDA is looking for NRCS to fund offsite manure storage.
  - b. CSP payments will increase from \$1500 to \$4000.
  - c. H. Hutchinson hoped for guidance on government shutdowns, but nothing was discussed.
7. H. Hutchinson reported that she received request for Envirothon dues.
  - a. R. Myers motioned, second by R. Black, to pay \$1000 towards Envirothon dues. All in agreement.
8. H. Hutchinson reported that the MASCD Board Meeting was held on October 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - a. There will be a separate mailing for dues to help cover the National Envirothon to be held in 2027 in MD.
  - b. November 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the first legislative meeting with Mike Mason. They are looking for someone to sponsor a bill for small ponds (LR1010). This changes the language to all for districts to charge for small ponds.
  - c. The Summer Meeting will be held from July 8-10, 2024. Room rates will be \$189/night.
  - d. NRCS Cooperative grant is at a standstill.
9. H. Hutchinson reported that the Catoctin SCD requested she sent an email to MASCD regarding the proposed changes to MACS manure storage. Frederick SCD board requests to follow up on beginning email.
  - a. R. Myers motioned, second by R. Black, to have H. Hutchinson resend an email to MASCD reiterating the issues with the proposed MACS changes and request a response. All in agreement.
10. H. Hutchinson reported that NRCS is requesting an updated unfunded agreement.
  - a. R. Myers motioned, second by D. Flickinger, to have H. Hutchinson sign the unfunded agreement. All in agreement.

\*D. Flickinger takes over meeting at 10:45am as S. Hipkins needed to leave.

11. H. Hutchinson handed out the financial reports from Jim George to board members. R. Black motioned, seconded by R. Myers, to table the financial review until the November meeting. All in agreement.
12. H. Hutchinson reported that S. Hipkins asked for monthly reports on the Pat Rami age exemption project.
  - a. D. Stonesifer went to site and have stopped working due to trees laying across silt fence.
13. B. Burch noted that he would like to be considered for an Associate Supervisor position on the new board. R. Myers would also like to be considered.

#### **Committee Reports:**

1. **Awards:** No Report.
2. **Legislative:** No Report.
3. **Info/Education:** B. Burch reported that Envirothon will start to solicit for the 2027 events. National Envirothon dues will be \$1500/district for 4 years to cover the cost of hosting the event.
4. **Ag. Complex:** No Report.
5. **RC&D:** No Report.

**Communications:** No Report.

**Cooperating Agencies (MDA, Extension, Frederick County Economic Development):** No Report.

**Urban Report:** Handout provided by David Stonesifer.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 9 AM at the Soil Conservation District Office.

**Adjournment:** R. Black motioned, seconded by R. Myers, to adjourn the regular meeting at 11:24am and that the board meet in special closed session to comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter as authorized by General Provisions Article Section 3-305(b)(13). The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes recorded by Kendra McAfee

APPROVED