WASHINGTON COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES
WASHINGTON COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
May 9, 2018
Washington County Soil Conservation District
Conference Room

ATTENDEES:

Supervisors Present: Harry Strite (Chair), J.D. Rinehart (Vice-Chair), Jere DeBaugh (Supervisor), and Janet Stiles Fulton (Supervisor)

Associate Supervisors Present: Edward C. Wurmb, D.V.M.

Others Present: Elmer Weibley, Denise Price, Lori Flook Bishop, and Brent Cammauf (USDA, NRCS)

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order by Harry Strite, Chair, at 10:34 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The April Regular Board Meeting Minutes were submitted for review and approval.

J.D. Rinehart made a motion to approve the April Regular Board Meeting Minutes as submitted. Jere DeBaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The April Treasurer's Report was submitted for review and approval.

District Board of Supervisors

Harry E. Strite, *Chair*
J.D. Rinehart, *Vice Chair*
J. Scott Shank, III, *Treasurer*
Janet Stiles Fulton, *Supervisor*
Jere F. DeBaugh, *Supervisor*
Boyd Michael, *Associate*
James Weddle, *Associate*
Edward C. Wurmb, D.V.M., *Associate*
Joseph K. Scott, *Honorary Supervisor*

All accounts in order. The Board reviewed the Monthly Bill Approval, briefly discussing payment of $91,894.50 to Conservation Services, Inc., for the Ellis Tree Project. The project included 25 acres of new planting and 11-12 acres of replanting, using vented tree shelters.

Jere DeBaugh made a motion to approve the April Treasurer's Report as submitted. Janet Stiles Fulton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MONTHLY BILL APPROVAL:

The April Monthly Bill Approval Report was submitted for review and approval.

J.D. Rinehart made a motion to approve the April Monthly Bill Approval Report as submitted. Janet Stiles Fulton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MACS REPORT:

The MACS Monthly Cost-Share Report was submitted for review and approval.

The Board discussed several applications, both approved and pending approval.

Jere DeBaugh made a motion to approve the MACS Monthly Cost-Share Report as submitted. J.D. Rinehart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT:

Brent Cammauf, (USDA, NRCS) shared the following:

- Dr. Terron Hillsman, State Conservationist, has returned from work detail at the headquarters office, Washington, DC.
- House version of the Farm Bill approved. Likely to have 1 year extension prior to full approval.
- Funding approved for 2 Manure Storage Facilities; Cletus Fry and Philip Hege.
- Grazing Program - Local workgroup approved. Modified Water System – Abubaker; Watering Systems - Dwayne Coulter and Daniel Norris; Pollinator Habitat - Heidi Bumpers.
- Pre-approval for EQIP - Contract for James Campbell. Elmer met with the County; a pre-construction meeting will be held to include WCSCD, MDE, and the County. The County will require a SWM maintenance agreement.
- Kirk Winders - Roofed Feeding and Manure Storage Structure
- Pleasant Valley Livestock - 94 Acres conversion to grazing
- Lloyd Hake - 39 Acres conversion to grazing
- Garrett Hamby - Conversion to grazing

Jere DeBaugh made a motion to approve the NRCS District Conservationist Report as reported. Janet Stiles Fulton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the following old business:

MASCD Summer Meeting, July 29-31, 2018, Hyatt Regency, Cambridge: Registration information was distributed to Supervisors for the MASCD Summer Meeting. Elmer also invited the District's newest Associate Supervisor, Edward C. Wurmb. Supervisors Jere DeBaugh and Janet Stiles Fulton have registered to attend, as well as, Elmer Weibley, Dee Price, and Lori Flook Bishop.

NACD Capacity Building Workshop - Update: Elmer attended the NACD's Northeast Region Capacity Building Pilot Project, Tarrytown, NY, April 23-25, 2018. The workshop training included conservation partners represented from states within the Northeast Region; Maine to Virginia, and focused on "Appreciative Inquiry", where attention was centered not on 'Feed Back' but 'Feed Forward'. Elmer said it was great to make contacts, and to see what other states do in their Soil Conservation Districts. A future goal is to develop a website for NACD, NRCS, and SCD's, to share projects and information with each other.

City of Hagerstown - Stormwater Advisory Committee - Update: The City of Hagerstown held its first Stormwater Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting, Tuesday, May 8, 2018. Elmer attended, representing the environmental community. The committee will meet every month until next year.

HCC, Environmental Studies Program - Update: Last year, Elmer agreed to serve on an Environmental Studies committee at Hagerstown Community College (HCC). An information sheet was distributed to Supervisors, which includes an overview of the program. The handout also includes Program Requirements and Electives information, for students to receive an A.S. Degree. The Environmental Studies Degree provides students with the opportunity to study both the scientific and policy applications of environmental issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the following new business:

Selection of Annual Conservation Awards - Discuss Process and Timing: It is time to select recipients for the Annual Conservation Awards. Once nominees are determined, the Board will schedule farm visits prior to the July Board Meeting. A luncheon with the County Commissioners and award winners will be held in September, following the WCSCD monthly Board Meeting.

WIP III, Process: The Board received a copy of a letter from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), on behalf of Governor Larry Hogan's Chesapeake Bay Cabinet, regarding

the Phase III Watershed Implementation Plans (WIP's), to restore the Chesapeake Bay. These plans, required by the Federal Clean Water Act, will chart a course for achieving each state's share of the Bay cleanup goal by 2025. Dee will attend the local WIP III meeting, Friday, May 18, 2018, Williamsport, MD.

Development of FY 2019 District Budget: Elmer and Dee have started looking at the County, State, Bay Trust, and Sediment Reports in preparation for the development of the FY 2019 District Budget. Elmer will attend the Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing, May 15, 2018. The goal is to keep the District Budget as low as possible. The Board agreed to fund the District budget, if possible, from carry over funds from the Sediment account. This is a recognition the District account was used to fund the Urban Program for several years, when the economy was poor and fees did not cover program expenses.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

Elmer will be out of the office beginning May 18, 2018, and will return June 4, 2018. On the day of his return, he will attend the MDA Western Area Meeting at the Washington County Agricultural Center.

URBAN PROGRAM REPORT:

Dee Price (Urban Program Director) reported the following:

The Sediment Control Review Report was submitted for review and approval.

J.D. Rinehart made a motion to accept the Sediment Control Review Report as submitted. Jere DeBaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Total County Fee Checks collected for April 2018 was $1,980.
Dee shared the WCSCD Urban Program has seen an increase in development; with the submittal of plans for review and increase in finals for signatures.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jere DeBaugh made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting. Janet Stiles Fulton and J.D. Rinehart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Harry Strite adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m. Next meeting to be held, Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at the Washington County Soil Conservation District - Conference Room.