



## WASHINGTON COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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### MINUTES

#### WASHINGTON COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

March 12, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

*WCSCD Conference Room Live and with the ZOOM Platform*

#### ATTENDEES:

Supervisors Present: Harry Strite (Chair), J. Scott Shank, III (Treasurer), Edward Wurmb (Supervisor), J.D. Rinehart (Vice Chair), and Ariel Herrod (Supervisor), via ZOOM

Associate Supervisors Present: None

Others Present: Denise "Dee" Price, Mark Kendle, Lori Flook Bishop, Brent Cammauf (USDA, NRCS), Jeff Semler (UMD Washington County Extension), Aaron Bishop (MDA), and Josh Ernst

#### CALL TO ORDER:

The March Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Harry Strite, Chair, at 10:30 a.m.

#### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Aaron Bishop was introduced as the newly hired MDA Planner.

#### REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

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

Edward Wurmb made a motion to approve the February Regular Board Meeting Minutes as submitted. J. Scott Shank, III seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### District Board of Supervisors

Harry E. Strite  
Chair

J.D. Rinehart  
Vice Chair

Boyd Michael  
Associate

J. Scott Shank, III  
Treasurer

Edward C. Wurmb, D.V.M.  
Supervisor

Kirk E. Winders  
Associate

Ariel Herrod  
Supervisor

### **TREASURER REPORT:**

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

All accounts are in order. Dee noted the Washington County Government Budget approval is set for June 3, 2025, which will potentially push back our budgeting approval processes past the beginning of the new Fiscal Year (July 1, 2025).

J.D. Rinehart made a motion to approve the February Treasurer's Report as submitted.  
J. Scott Shank, III seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dee advised she is waiting for MDA's General Fund MOU Fund Request and the Chesapeake Bay Trust Fund MOU and hopes to receive information soon.

### **MONTHLY BILL APPROVAL:**

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

J. Scott Shank, III, made a motion to approve the February Monthly Bill Approval Report as submitted. Edward Wurmb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **MACS MONTHLY COST-SHARE SUMMARY REPORT:**

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

We are seeing an increase in activity, due to Spring, mild weather, and more staff.

Edward Wurmb made a motion to approve the MACS Monthly Cost-Share Summary Report as submitted. J. Scott Shank, III seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **REPORTS FROM OTHERS:**

- Jeff Semler (UMD Extension) advised there are currently two people contracted (outsourced) to write Nutrient Management (NM) plans. One person went to another county. The signed NM certification form will be available electronically if needed and is in front of every plan written by UMD Extension. Please continue to forward any NM inquiries to Jeff Semler for processing.

### **URBAN PROGRAM REPORT:**

Sediment Control Review Report: The February Sediment Control Review Report was submitted for review and approval by Mark Kendle (Programs Technician/Office Coordinator).

Edward Wurmb made a motion to approve the February Sediment Control Review Report as submitted. J.D. Rinehart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pond Approval(s): None

Dee shared, Urban Planner, Owen Stanton conducted his first Standard Grading Plan pre-construction meeting earlier this month.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Board discussed the following old business:

Supervisor Appointment - At-Large - Update: Dee noted all required paperwork is completed and will be emailed to State Soil Conservation Committee this afternoon.

State Soil Conservation Committee Meeting (March 20, 2025) - Update: An attached email was provided for Supervisor review. The next SSCC meeting will be an in-person and hybrid option, held March 20, 2025, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Washington County University of MD Extension Office, 7303 Sharpsburg Pike, Boonsboro. The SSCC plans to move meetings around the State to different counties, to encourage in-person attendance.

**OTHER OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Board discussed the following new business:

Supervisor Pins - MASCD Summer Meeting: During the MASCD Summer Meeting, held at Rocky Gap in Allegany County, Edward Wurmb will be receiving his 5-Year Supervisor Pin, and J.D. Rinehart will receive his 15-Year Supervisor Pin.

Amazon Business Account: The District received mail advertising an Amazon Business Account. Currently, if supplies are needed, outside of items provided by Staples, Dee will order on an as needed basis using her personal Amazon Prime Account. Following discussion, the Board felt an Amazon Business Account is not necessary, and Dee could continue to order supplies as needed using her Amazon Prime Account if she found this acceptable; Dee concurred.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS:**

- Josh Smith, Executive Director of Western MD RC&D, will be leaving his position effective April 4, 2025. Josh accepted employment in Virginia, a closer commute to his home.

- Dee advised, letters were mailed March 6, 2025, to each of our local Delegates/Senators, referencing 'Letter in Support of Critical Conservation Programs' and the current budgetary position of the State of Maryland, and the possible funding cuts to programs under the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund.
- Dee received information by email from our website designer regarding a new proposed 2.5% small business services tax. Proposed HB 1554/SB 1045. Some services to be taxed include accounting, payroll, bookkeeping, IT services, data processing and web hosting, consulting services, photography, marketing, landscaping, repair services, and financial planning.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Edward Wurmb made a motion to adjourn the March Regular Board Meeting.  
J. Scott Shank, III seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Harry Strite, Chair, adjourned the March Regular Board Meeting at 11:14 a.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled in-person, Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 10:30 a.m., WCSCD Conference Room, 1260 Maryland Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740, and with the ZOOM Platform option.