

MINUTES OF GARRETT SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS' MEETING

April 25, 2018
District Office

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman George Bishoff. Other supervisors in attendance were Smokey Stanton and Kris Enlow. Also in attendance were Cameron Crawford, Carrie Colebank, Chad Bucklew, Shaun Sanders and Donnelle Keech.

Donnelle Keech from the Cumberland Office of Nature Conservancy spoke to the board on The Nature Conservancy's Family Forest Stewardship Project. Donnelle left the meeting following her presentation.

A motion to approve the March 20, 2018 minutes was made by Smokey, seconded by Kris.

The following report of state funds for the month of March 2018 was presented and approved:

Balance – March 1, 2018	\$ 4,656.33
Receipts – March 1, 2018 – March 31, 2018	0.00
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	\$ 4,656.33
Expenditures – March 1, 2018 – March 31, 2018	150.07
Balance – March 31, 2018	<hr/>
	\$ 4,506.26

The detailed report of expenditures for all accounts for the period of March 20, 2018 thru April 25, 2018 and the Income Versus Expenditures report for the period of July 1, 2017 thru April 25, 2018 were distributed.

Discussion took place concerning the Brinker Account evaluations. It was decided to invite Dan Norris to the May supervisors meeting to discuss the account before making a final decision.

Shaun, Carrie, Chad and George gave a report on the Manure injection Meeting held at the Grantsville Fire hall on April 17th, 2018.

A motion to approval the final version of the notice from the District to Timber Harvest Operators about providing proof of Certification of Responsible Personnel Training for Forest Harvest Operations was made by Smokey, seconded by Kris. Carrie will get the noticed mailed to the operators from the list that we have narrowed down, as well as put on the Districts Facebook page and Website.

Chad and Shaun reported that two employees from the Allegany office would be working on a few projects in Garrett in the northern part of the county. Assignments were being coordinated by Chad and Heather and would be on a case by case basis.

Shaun reported that the PL- 560 Flood Control Dam inspections were scheduled for May 3, 2018 and encouraged supervisors to attend. Also Shaun briefed the board on a meeting he had with the town of Oakland Officials concerning the PL-560 Emergency Action Plans. A table top exercise with MDE is being planned for a later date.

Shaun presented the MDA FY19 budget request for operating and the FY19 CBTF grant request. Shaun pointed out that he would be including rent for the MDA employee that was assigned to the District office in May 2016 and also that phone expenses would be picked up by NRCS under the new phone system that was installed. A motion to approve both requests as presented was made by Kris, seconded by Smokey.

Shaun asked the board for guidance on planning the 75th anniversary dinner and how much funds they wanted to commit to the event. Shaun shared an email from Andrew Sebold with meal prices and sample menus serving two different meats. A discussion took place concerning meal costs and whether the District wanted to pay part of the meal cost and if so, how much. It was decided to solicit donations from area business to help offset expenses for the 75th celebration and see how much funds are generated before making a final decision. It was noted that Mr. Sebold was firm in his refusal to charge the District for the use of the facility and he would only charge for meals. Smokey recommended that the cost or value of the venue be counted as a donation from Mr. Sebold. Shaun and Carrie will work on getting letters out to area businesses.

Chad presented the field office activities for the period of 3/20/18 to 4/25/18 and gave an update on NRCS activities. He recently spoke with Jackie Byam, and an additional round of funding approvals is expected in the next week or so. Garrett could potentially see additional projects funded in the coming announcement. Chad also followed up on the status of the Allen Wilhelm project. The State Office is responding to Mr. Wilhelm's communications with congressional representatives. The request was routed through some other agencies before NRCS received it, which has delayed the process. Chad stated that he received a letter from Mr. Wilhelm on April 14th, and that some recent communications may have been crossing in the mail.

A motion was made by Kris, seconded by Smokey to go into executive session pursuant to statutory authority to close session general provisions Article Section 3-305(b) to discuss personnel matters, specifically: the removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular meeting adjourned 9:15 pm.