

**MINUTES OF GARRETT SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS' MEETING**

May 21, 2019

District Office

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Smokey Stanton. Other supervisors present were Kris Enlow, Cameron Crawford, Katharine Dubansky, and Bill Buckle. Also in attendance were Chad Bucklew, Carrie Colebank, Shaun Sanders, Ashley Bodkins, Jessica Aronhalt and Roger Kitzmiller.

Ashley Bodkins and Jessica Aronhalt presented a proposal from the Deep Creek Watershed Foundation to provide five thousand (\$5,000) dollars to be used (with District oversight) on a water quality improvement project within the Deep Creek Watershed. Ashley and Jessica left the meeting after the presentation. Discussion followed; no action was taken.

Shaun Sanders was presented with a plaque from the District and citations from Maryland Department of Agriculture and from the Maryland Governor's Office recognizing 42 years of service to the District and to the State of Maryland. Shaun left the meeting following the presentation.

Minutes for the April 16, 2019 meeting were approved as submitted with the following amendment: Language will be added to an agreement with William Meagher (site referenced below), or to the subsequent Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (E & S Control Plan), granting district personal access to the site for observation and inspection - Katharine/Kris (motion/second), vote: unanimous.

The following report of state funds was presented and approved:

Balance – April 1, 2018	\$5,064.56
Receipts – April 1, 2018 – April 30, 2018.....	0.00
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	\$ 5,064.56
Expenditures – April 1, 2018 – April 30, 2018.....	2,887.67
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Balance – April 30, 2018.....	\$ 2,176.89

The detailed reports of expenditures for all accounts for the period of April 16, 2019 – May 21, 2019 and Income vs Expenditures for the period of July 1, 2018 through May 21, 2019 were distributed.

Genus Center Culvert Replacement: Statements referenced at a prior meeting were added to the E & S Control Plan. Bill Buckel will develop general language for the proposed agreement with William Meagher and a summary of what the District is trying to achieve; Roger will contact the attorney (that Washington County used) and get feedback on what it will take to get it in "legal" form.

Informed the Board that the MDA State Budget and the Atlantic and Coastal Bay Trust Fund Budget have been submitted to MDA.

The Board designated Roger to sign Soil and Water Quality Conservation Plan on behalf of the District – Kris/Cameron, vote: unanimous.

The Board designated Roger to review and sign Erosion and Sediment Control Plans on behalf of the District – Cameron/Katharine, vote: unanimous.

The Board authorized funding to update the District phone numbers on the no-till drill and the lime spreader – Katharine/Cameron, vote: unanimous.

Informed the Board that MDA has not started the process to hire a District Manager for Garrett.

Presented information from MDA All-Employees Meeting: New WIP III Goals will consider practices that address Green House Gases and Carbon Sequestration; New Nutrient Management Law will increase penalties for failure to submit an Annual Implementation Report and for failure to obtain a Nutrient Management Plan, when required; the state will replace several older vehicles at field offices

Envirothon Recap (Carrie): 2 Schools; 5 Teams; Northern Lights – Winners

Decision to purchase a fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollar Money Market Certificate from First United and transfer approximately fifty-five hundred (\$5,500) dollars to a new checking account at First United. Funds will come from the District no-till drill account at M&T; the M&T account will be closed – Cameron abstained; Katharine/Bill, unanimous vote.

Chad presented the field office activities report for the period of 4/16/19 thru 5/12/19. Chad reported on the progress of FY 2019 contract development. He noted that the recent closure of the Luke paper mill had affected a couple of Allegany County contract offers, but that none of the Garrett applicants had changed their plans to date. Chad mentioned that the MD NRCS leadership group had reviewed Andrew Harvey's contract payment, and an Equitable Relief request is being processed. It is undetermined how long the process will take, but the Equitable Relief payment would address the underpayment for the outlet pipe. Chad also mentioned that the Allegany Soil Conservationist vacancy has yet to be advertised, and that he is continuing to spend much of his time in the Allegany office.

MASCD Coloring Contest: Set Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places/\$15, \$10, \$5, respectively – Kris/Katharine, vote: unanimous. Winners chosen.

District Scholarship Recipient: Kyle Klotz – Katharine/Cameron, vote: unanimous.

Photograph of Board Members: Photograph taken

Next Meeting (June 18, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.): Will involve a tour of Bill Buckle's Award-Winning Woodlot – weather permitting.

A call for other business brought no response – the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p. m.