

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

June 19, 2018
District Office

Supervisors convened and departed the office at 6:00 pm to travel to Valley Of Hope Farms for a tour of an organic grass based dairy operation. Mr. Ron Longacre was present to answer questions and gave an overview of running this type of operation.

Supervisors returned to SCD office and the meeting was called to order at 8:35 pm by Chairman George Bishoff. Other supervisors in attendance were Smokey Stanton, Katharine Dubansky and Kris Enlow. Also in attendance were Cameron Crawford, Carrie Colebank, Chad Bucklew, and Shaun Sanders.

A motion to approve the May 22, 2018 minutes was made by Katharine, seconded by Smokey.

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

Balance – May 1, 2018	\$ 4,956.09
Receipts – May 1, 2018 – May 31, 2018	0.00
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	\$ 4,956.09
Expenditures – May 1, 2018 – May 31, 2018.....	524.87
Balance – May 31, 2018	<hr/>
	\$ 4,431.22

Chad presented the field office activities report for the period of 5/22/18 through 6/19/2018 and gave an update on NRCS programs. Chad mentioned that there were several contracts that are nearly ready for approval, although none is formally approved at present. He is expecting another round of general EQIP funding to be released for pre-approvals soon. Chad also mentioned that this is Megan Mauk's last week in Garrett. She begins the Soil Conservation Technician job in Harrisonburg, VA, next week. Chad presented an update on Allen Wilhelm, and informed the board that Mr. Wilhelm had been mailed a letter on June 4th that included the document to be signed to request practice reimbursement payment.

The board reviewed scholarship applications and a motion was made by Kris, seconded by Smokey to select Francesca Gullion as the recipient.

Shaun reported on the WIP 3 meeting he attended at Williamsport MD on June 13, 2018. Agriculture exceeded goals in 6 BMP categories but was behind in others. Shaun pointed out that a BMP verification process was started in 2017 and is required on an annual basis for BMP credits to be accepted by EPA.

Shaun inquired who was planning to attend the retirement luncheon for Louise Lawrence. George said he and Joyce were planning to attend and Smokey was unsure at this time.

Shaun asked the board if they were ready to make a decision about moving the Brinker account or leaving it with Cornerstone Financial Partners (Dan Norris). Shaun reported he emailed a request to Brain Boal on May 23, 2018 with a reminder on June 8, 2018, for a review or update on the 2006 letter from Turnbull Hoover & Kahl. As of today, Brain has not responded. Also Shaun reported he emailed Craig Nielsen with the same request and provide him a copy of the letter. Craig responded by phone. He said "the statue was clear and must be followed" and he "understands its purpose." He also said he was not an expert in this particular area and we might want to check with someone who is more knowledge with banking and financial law, there are people who specialize in this. He said he would follow up with an email. (No email received from him as of 6/19/2018). It was decide to postpone this item and revisit it at the July meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.