

MINUTES OF GARRETT SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS' MEETING

July 16, 2019

District Office

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Smokey Stanton. Other supervisors present were Kris Enlow, Cameron Crawford, Katharine Dubansky and Bill Buckel. Also in attendance were Chad Bucklew, Carrie Colebank and Roger Kitzmiller.

Kyle Klotz, recipient of the District Scholarship was unable to attend.

Minutes for the June 18, 2019 meeting were approved as submitted - Kris/Bill (motion/second), vote: unanimous.

The following report of state funds was presented and approved:

Balance – June 1, 2018	\$6,4477.21
Receipts – June 1, 2018 – June 30, 2018.....	<u>.00</u>
	\$ 6,447.21
Expenditures – June 1, 2018 – June 30 2018.....	<u>4,676.92</u>
Balance – June 30, 2018	\$ 1,770.29

The detailed reports of expenditures for all accounts for the period of June 18, 2019 through July 16, 2019 and Income vs Expenditures for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 were distributed. The Treasurers Report was approved as submitted – Kris/Bill, vote: unanimous.

Information presented to the Board:

- MDA has not advertised the District Manager position for the Garrett SCD.
- No applicants for the Agricultural Resource Conservation Specialist (Planner) position for Garrett County were ranked.
- Fiscal Year 2020 County Budget was approved.
- Fiscal Year CBTF Budget was approved (unanimous, without motion).
- Update on No-Till Drill Funds (\$57,000+). Funds will be transferred First United tomorrow.
- District Dinner – Possible venues, program, cooperators, etc. will be decided at the August meeting.

Chad presented the activities report for the past month. He reported that an additional EQIP program application had been pre-approved in the Forest Land fund category. Chad mentioned that there was no substantive update on the Andrew Harvey payment. Chad noted that the Soil Conservationist vacancy position had been advertised on USAJOBS.gov in the first week of the month. He also announced that Maryland NRCS has hired Ramon Ortiz as the Assistant State Conservationist for Management and Strategy, and J'Que Jones as the MD State Engineer

Cover Crop signup information should be sent to Farm Bureau next year.

The Agreement (from Andrew Wilkinson, Attorney) for the Genus Center Culvert Replacement was ratified - Cameron/Katharine, vote: unanimous. The agreement will be mailed to William Meagher for his review.

Some questions to present to the Deep Creek Watershed Fund concerning how the money must be spent were brought forward: ag vs non-ag; must be used for a Standardized BMPs; dollar amounts for projects (i.e. 5 - \$1,000 projects or 1 \$5,000 project); who selects projects – district or the foundation; DCL watershed or any watershed in the county. Suggestions brought forward included: there should be a written agreement to specify the scope of work and payment; money could be used to incentivize preserving existing-grassed waterways vs being removed in the cropping process; money could be given to DNR to help eradicate geese.

Kris suggested giving: \$100 for first place; \$75 for second place; \$50 for third place for the 4-H conservation awards at the fair – approved - Kris/Bill, vote: unanimous.

Katharine suggested increasing the amount if the project is implemented on the landscape.

A call for other business brought no response – the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.