



GREENBRIER VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of the GVCD Special Emergency Board Meeting June 30, 2016

The Greenbrier Valley Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, June 30, 2016, at the farm of Bill Canterbury in Sinks Grove, WV. Those attending were:

Supervisors: Carolyn Miller, Gary Sawyers, Timothy VanReenen, Jerry Clifton, and Avery Atkins

Others: Jennifer Skaggs
Barry Level
Lynn Hutchison

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Gary Sawyers called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Note: The meeting was held at the farm of Bill Canterbury, due to the fact that a Farm Field Day was already scheduled there for 5pm.

New Business

This meeting was called on an emergency basis to address issues related to the massive flooding that hit the district beginning on June 23, 2016. Gary Sawyers reported that the WVCA staff is assessing damage and that L.D. Hanna and Son Excavating was awarded the contract to supply equipment and labor to remove existing blockage from streams, proper disposal of blockage, and seeding and mulching of all disturbed areas of the work site(s) at locations in the GVCD. Hanna will perform work anywhere in the district that is deemed necessary. He is currently working at Charmco, Rupert, Keefer, and the Howards Creek Channel. The initial contract is for approximately 200 hours at a cost of \$122,000.00, but could be extended as needs are identified. **An LOR has been prepared for EWP State Quick Response Funds in the amount of \$125,000. Jerry Clifton moved to send the LOR and Avery Atkins seconded. Motion passed.** It was noted that there is already approximately \$92,000.00 in the EWP account.

Jennifer Skaggs reported that discussion and plans are underway to provide an emergency version of the AgEP program, to assist cooperators with damage from the flood. The program would operate the same way as the regular AgEP program for applications, verification, and approvals, and would have the same cost share rates. They are asking for approval to make border fencing eligible due to the fact that containing livestock is a major issue in the aftermath of the floods and to retroactively provide assistance to those who were forced to incur expenses on an immediate basis. She

reported that Brian Farkas is seeking alternative funding for this program so that the regular AgEP program remains intact. They are trying to get a rough estimate of the amount needed. While there was hope that we could implement a plan immediately, Jennifer also stated that because this is a departure from the regular program and these are state dollars, there would have to be approval from the State Committee. They will present to the SCC at their next meeting on July 12, 2016. In the meantime, she will be in contact with Brian Farkas and Barry Level regarding need, etc. It was suggested that a special board meeting be scheduled on July 13, 2016, following the SCC meeting, to address any approvals that need to be made at the District level. There was discussion that we should not duplicate any services that are being provided by FSA or NRCS.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned by consensus at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



**Timothy VanReenen
Chairman**



**Gary L. Truex
Secretary/Treasurer**

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Recorded by Lynn Hutchison, District Manager