



Monongahela Conservation District  
Board Meeting Agenda  
July 7, 2016  
Preston County Extension Office  
Kingwood, WV  
@ 9:30 a.m.

**Call to Order and Reciting the Pledge of Allegiance**

**Welcome and Introductions**

M **Approval of Meeting Draft Agenda**

M **Approval of June Meeting Minutes**

M **Approval of Financial Statements**

- Credit card receipts and statements
- General Fund/CDO reports
- Co-Administered funds financial statements- May and June

**Visitor's Comments**

D/M **Cooperating Agency's Reports**

- WV Forestry Division
- Watershed Division
  - Upper Buffalo Watershed
  - Upper Deckers Watershed- Upper Deckers 1
- WVCA Conservation Specialist
- Ag Enhancement Program- LOR for AgEP funds
- WVU Extension
- NRCS-
  - Supplemental Watershed Agreement No. 3
  - Long Range Plan
- FSA
- Solid Waste Authority
- District Manager Update- Pens
- WVCA Area Director

M **Invoices**

- Mark Matheny Accountant June \$236.60
- CTL Invoice- WV-061923- \$4,422.50
- CTL Invoice- WV-062828- \$19,522.01
- CTL Invoice- WV-064203- \$5,228.19

D/M **Conservation Agreements**

Alex Sobol- Preston County- 33 ac

D/M **AgEP Payments**

Jennifer Kahly- Water Development- \$431.69  
Todd and Constance VanGilder- Invasive Species- \$1,066.79  
Wayne Sanders-Lime- 20.56 ac- 61.68 tons- \$984.82

D/M **Approval of Supervisor Travel & Per Diem Claims**

Don Headley \$281.51	Ed Utterback \$474.58	Paul Nesselroad \$70.97
Art Mouser \$ 147.18	Jean Conley \$519.82	

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D/M **Unfinished Business**  
Monongalia County Farm Preservation Committee  
Preston County Farm Preservation Committee

D/M **New Business**  
Appoint Associate Supervisors  
Committees  
Nomination for WVACD Honorary Member at Large  
Nomination for WVACD Lifetime Honorary Member  
Nomination for the Carol Greene Award  
Annual Banquet

D/M **Building and Grounds**  
Snow rail/Snow birds  
Carpet in Gene's office

D/M **Committee Reports:**  
Finance- Chairman: Paul Nesselroad  
Education- Chairman: Paul Nesselroad  
Legislation/Policy: Chairman: Mark Myers  
Grasslands- Chairman: Don Headley  
Safety/Buildings and Grounds: Chairman: Ed Utterback  
Ag Enhancement: Chairman: Art Mouser

**Correspondence Reports & Various Newsletters**

**Public Comment**

**Supervisor's Reports**

**Meeting Adjournment**

MCD AgEP Committee Meeting

July 21, 2016

9:30 a.m.

Those in attendance were: Art Mouser, Mark Myers, Ed Utterback, Jean Conley, Paul Nesselroad, Brad Durst and Amy Cosco.

Art Mouser called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. He then turned the meeting over to Brad.

Brad informed the committee the District has been allocated \$51,000.00 for FY17. He has made some visits and scored some of the applications.

Pat Foley- Lime- 29 acres needs 58 tons of lime. Ranking score of 60. \$1,015.00 is the cost estimate.

Thomas McKee- Lime- 48 acres needs 144 tons of lime. Ranking score of 65. \$2,400.00 is the cost estimate.

Charles Sisler- Lime- 47.98 acres needs 143.94 tons of lime. Ranking score of 80. \$2,399.00 is the cost estimate.

Brenda Dunaway- Invasive Species Management- 5 acres. Ranking score of 105. \$600.00

Alex Sobel- watering trough- Ranking score of 75. \$1,000.00 is the cost estimate.

Tama Riley- Invasive Species- 2 acres. Ranking score of 90. \$400.00 is the cost estimate.

George Miller- watering trough- Ranking score of . \$1,000.00 is the cost estimate.

JR Myers-Lime-8 acres needs 16 tons

**Mark Myers made the motion to approve the above listed applications. Seconded by Jean Conley. Motion carried.**

**Mark Myers made the motion to recommend the remaining recommendations pending Brad's ranking. Motion died, lack of a second.**

Brad updated the committee on the Opposum Tail Farm Lime application. Field acreages and labels were changed on the map and some of the soil test results had acreage changed as well. Brad recommends the application be rejected. The committee agreed to reject the application and a rejection letter will be sent.

Art adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

## Cosco, Amy

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**From:** Yost, Pamela - NRCS, Morgantown, WV <pamela.yost@wv.usda.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2016 11:38 AM  
**To:** Cosco, Amy; Mace Kathy (Kmace@prestoncountywv.gov); Sarah Golden  
**Cc:** FunkaPetery, Susan - NRCS, Morgantown, WV; Farkas, Brian; Saurborn, Gene; Aspey, Louis - NRCS, Morgantown, WV  
**Subject:** Upper Decvkers Creek Site 1 Watershed Agreement  
**Attachments:** Supplement agreement by exchange of corresp.pdf

Attached for your consideration is an updated watershed agreement for the Upper Deckers Creek Site 1 rehabilitation project. Due to some changes in the project during the design phase, it was necessary to go back a step and revise the Watershed Plan – Environmental Assessment, the watershed agreement, and the *Finding of No Significant Impact* so that NRCS would be in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

This agreement is not a fund obligating document. It represents what was known about the project during the planning phase. You may have more recent information on costs from the WV Conservation Agency, which is leading the permit and construction phases of the project.

I would appreciate it if you could add this item of business to your next meeting. There is a separate signature page for each entity. Please sign your respective page and return to me via email. I'll consolidate all the signatures on one page and return a final copy to you. If you have any questions, please let me know.

*Pamela Yost, Watershed Economist  
West Virginia NRCS  
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Date: July 5, 2016  
To: Monongahela Conservation District  
From: Mary F. Jouver, CED  
Valley View FSA Office  
Subject: MCD July Meeting Information

### **FSA County Committee Nomination Period Now Open**

The nomination period for the Valley View FSA county committee began on June 15, 2016. Nomination forms must be postmarked or received in the Valley View County FSA Office by close of business on Aug. 1, 2016.

County Committees are unique to FSA and allow producers to have a voice on federal farm program implementation at the local level.

To be eligible to serve on the FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in an agency administered program, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the Local Administrative Area (LAA) where they are nominated. All producers, including women, minority and beginning farmers and ranchers are encouraged to participate in the nomination and election process.

This year, nominations and elections will be held in LAA 1 in Marion County, LAA 5 in Taylor County and LAA 7 in Monongalia County.

Producers may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Organizations representing minority and women farmers and ranchers may also nominate candidates. To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A. The form and more information about county committee elections is available online at: [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections).

Elected county committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm program issues. County committees consist of three to 11 members.

FSA will mail election ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov. 7. Ballots are due back in the Valley View FSA County Office by mail or in person no later than Dec. 5, 2016. All newly elected county committee members and alternates will take office January 1, 2017.

## **USDA to Issue Disaster Assistance to Help Honeybee, Livestock and Farm-Raised Fish Producers**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency today announced that nearly 2,700 applicants will begin receiving disaster assistance through the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) for losses experienced from Oct. 1, 2013, through Sept. 30, 2014.

The program, re-authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, provides disaster relief to livestock, honeybee, and farm-raised fish producers not covered by other agricultural disaster assistance programs. Eligible losses may include excessive heat or winds, flooding, blizzards, hail, wildfires, lightning strikes, volcanic eruptions and diseases, or in the case of honeybees, losses due to colony collapse disorder. Beekeepers, most of whom suffered honeybee colony losses, represent more than half of ELAP recipients.

The farm bill caps ELAP disaster funding at \$20 million per federal fiscal year and the Budget Control Act of 2011, passed by Congress, requires USDA to reduce payments by 7.3 percent, beginning Oct. 1, 2014. To accommodate the number of requests for ELAP assistance, which exceeded 2014 funding, payments will be reduced to ensure that all eligible applicants receive a prorated share.

Today's announcement was made possible by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit <http://www.usda.gov/farmbill>.

To learn more about ELAP, visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/elap](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elap). For more information about USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) disaster assistance programs, visit [disaster.usda.fsa.gov](http://disaster.usda.fsa.gov) or contact your local FSA office at <http://offices.usda.gov>.

### **2016 ACREAGE REPORTING DATES**

In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to visit the High Country FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the applicable deadline.

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable for Valley View FSA.

January 2, 2016:	Honey
January 15, 2016:	Apples, Peaches
July 15, 2016:	Corn, Spring Oats, Soybean, Sorghum, Hay & Pasture
September 30, 2016	Christmas Trees
December 15, 2016:	Fall Barley, Fall Wheat, & all other Fall Seeded Small Grains

The following exceptions apply to the above acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.

## July 2016 WVCA Report

### WVCA Budget/Legislative Rule-

Our FY17 budget will be about \$7.8 million. That is \$460,183 less than what we are currently operating under, which is 4 percent less (or \$313,452) than what we started the fiscal year with on July 1, 2015.

We should be fine this year since we had counted on an even greater budget cut. But, there is not a lot of room for maneuvering. As an agency we will need to watch spending going into the fiscal year.

The passage of SB1017 means the WVCA cost-share rule has been approved. One thing about the rules bill is the creation of the cost-share stream program. We will be working to finalize that and present to districts in the near future.

**WVACD Quarterly Meeting** – The WVACD Quarterly meeting will be held on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> at Glade Springs Resort.

July 13<sup>th</sup> – WVACD Annual Business Meeting 11am

July 14<sup>th</sup> – Supervisor Training 1pm

- **The Supervisor Training is mandatory for newly elected supervisors.**
- All supervisors are eligible and invited to attend the WVACD business meeting.

Conservation Districts are asked to please notify the WVACD Secretary and WVCA (Guthrie) as soon as our board selects your WVACD directors.

### Conservation Farm Tour

Dates for area tour will be the last week of July/first week of August.

#### Timelines:

- **July** - Area judging.
- **August** - Statewide judging.
- **October** – Presentation of Area and State awards at WV Conservation Partnership Annual Conference. County and District winners at local Conservation District annual banquets.

### State Fair

The state fair schedule sign in sheet is up and running on the admin site. Rooms are available at The Fairfield Inn in Lewisburg under the name of Clyde Bailey at a rate of \$135.00 per night plus tax.

Due to the late reservation of the rooms, when reserving a room Supervisors **MUST** contact Susan McCormack, General Manager at the Fairfield Inn in order to make that reservation. She can be reached **Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm** at 1-304-645-7999. Her email is [susan.mccormack@marriott.com](mailto:susan.mccormack@marriott.com)

These rooms cannot be booked online.

**Deadline to reserve your room is July 13<sup>th</sup> 2016.** Space is limited, the sooner reserved the better.



### **Agreed Procedures Engagement (Audit)**

Please verify your engagement is current. If it needs to be extended or rebid, please begin the process.

### **Items to be thinking about and placed on your agendas in the coming month:**

Carroll Greene Nomination – form is due to Belinda Withrow by September 12<sup>th</sup>

WVACD Honorary Member At Large – form due to Joe Gumm by September 1<sup>st</sup>

WVACD Lifetime Honorary Member – form due to Joe Gumm by September 1<sup>st</sup>

### **AgEP Timeline**

The State AgEP committee met on 6-13-16. Four allocation formulas were discussed:

1. Based on 1 year average payments (FY13-FY16)
2. Based on FY16 payments
3. Based on 1 year average payments and reserve funding
4. Based one 1 year average payments, \$10k minimum allocation, and reserve funding

Option 3 was selected by the committee. LOR's should be ready to process in late July or August. Area Directors or Jennifer Skaggs will notify CDs on when to submit. The final allocation for Districts will be different than what the option #3 handout presented shows. This will be different because the handout is only through May and the final allocation will be based on payments made through June.

July 1 - Start of FY 17 program

July 31 - CDs submit annual progress report (per legislative rule)

Due to the election, if the state AgEP committee rep is no longer a supervisor please have the board appoint a new rep. Please let Jennifer know who the new rep is.

### **Flooding**

Flooding hit the state on June 24<sup>th</sup>. WVCA staff is currently assessing damages and working with contractors to remove blockages in affected areas.

Hay donation: Hillary Woofter, DM for TVCD, has been designated to as point of contact for WVCA regarding hay donations for affected areas. You should start by providing information to your local FSA office, but you can also share the information with Hillary which will pass the information onto FSA for their program.

### **Watershed O & M**

#### **OM&R**

- Project Section staff is performing high water, monthly and quarterly inspections of watershed dams.
- Work continues with NRCS to develop engineering plans for watershed dams. We are reviewing proposals from the PVCD engineer for South Fork Watershed engineering work.
- Watershed section staff is working with Districts to develop plans of work for 2016. Staff will be contacting each District's OM&R representative to begin discussions. If Districts have questions, please contact Judy (South) at 304-807-7437, Ed (North) at 304-590-1969 or Gene at 304-541-9813.



#### Dam Rehab

- Gannet Fleming is continuing to work on planning studies for Brush Creek 9 & 15 and New Creek 1 & 17, and perform the construction oversight for UDC1.
- Upper Deckers 1
  - The contract and permit process is beginning for UDC1 with construction slated for 2017.
  - WVCA is preparing the permit applications and mitigation plan as well as preparing the contract.
- NPCD, SCD, MCD and PVCD – Please track hours that District Supervisors attend any rehab meetings.
- Reminder: Rehab meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month. Any District that has rehab projects can participate in these meetings by phone.

#### Streams

- The stream management plan agreement with the Corp (Stream Permit) has been signed. A training for WVCA staff to be held on June 29 was cancelled due to flooding. Information will be presented to supervisors after the staff training.

Each area manager will be contacting area directors to provide details of activities in their respective areas. As always, feel free to contact Gene or Penny for further information

# MONONGALIA COUNTY COMMISSION

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MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA 26505

Eldon A. Callen, Commissioner  
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Edward A. Hawkins, Commissioner



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June 13, 2016

Mr. Art Mouser, Secretary  
Monongahela Soil Conservation District  
201 Scott Avenue  
Morgantown, WV 26501

Dear Mr. Mouser,

After careful consideration, we are writing to inform you that the Monongalia County Commission did not approve funding for your proposed project.

Due to the volatility of the Coal Severance Funds, we were forced to reduce our number of grants. We thank you for your work in preparing the proposal for our consideration and wish you the best in attaining your goals.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Eldon A. Callen in black ink.

Eldon A. Callen  
President

Handwritten signature of Thomas C. Bloom in black ink.

Thomas C. Bloom  
Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Edward A. Hawkins in black ink.

Edward A. Hawkins  
Commissioner

**Cosco, Amy**

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**From:** Woofter, Hillary  
**Sent:** Friday, June 24, 2016 1:18 PM  
**To:** 00 - District Managers  
**Subject:** WV Grazing Steering Committee

All-

Can you please pass along a reminder to your supervisors that the next WV Grazing Steering Committee meeting will be on Friday July 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at the Steer Steakhouse in Weston.

Chairman Reeder would love to see at least one representative from each district at these meetings. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Thanks and have a great weekend!

**Hillary Woofter**

District Manager/ASA 3  
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16346 Barbour County Hwy  
Philippi, WV 26416  
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**June 2016 Monthly Report**  
**Bradley Durst, Conservation Specialist, WVCA**

Working on cleaning out the office files in preparation for leaving.

AgEP

Attempted contacts to the list of people who had shown an interest in this year's program. Emails and phone calls (mostly messages), 37 in total. Some are no longer eligible under the 2016-17 program due to practice changes.

Applications submitted to date:

Brian/Jennifer Kahly – Lime  
Pat Foley – Lime  
Alex Sobel – Watering system  
Thomas McKee – Lime  
Beverly Dunaway – Invasive Species control  
Christopher Dunaway – Lime

Ranking in process for AgEP committee consideration