

Monongahela Conservation District
Monthly Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2016

I. Call to order

Chairman Jean Conley called to order the regular meeting of the **Monongahela Conservation District** at **9:31 a.m.** on, **July 7, 2016**, at the Preston County Extension Office in Kingwood, WV. **Art Mouser** led in the pledge of allegiance.

II. Roll call

Chairman Jean Conley introduced those present and passed around a sign-in sheet. The following persons were present: Supervisors: Art Mouser, Ed Utterback, Mary Lebnick, Paul Nesselroad, Jean Conley, Jim McDonald, Mark Myers, and Donald Headley. Others present were: Amy Cosco (DM), Brad Durst (WVCA), Alexa Talkington (FSA), Rudy Williams (WV Dept. of Forestry), H.R. Scott (Extension), Ray Carr (NRCS), Jim Allen (NRCS), and Stevie Bayles. **Excused:**

III. Approval of the July 7, 2016 Agenda

Art Mouser moved to approve the July 7, 2016 agenda. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of June Meeting Minutes

Paul Nesselroad moved to approve the June 2, 2016 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.

V. Approval of financial statements

- a) *Credit Card Receipts and Statements- Art Mouser moved to approve and pay the credit card receipts. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion carried.*
- b) *General/CDO financial statements for June 2016. Mark Myers moved to approve the June 2016 General/CDO financial statements. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.*
- c) *Co-Administered Funds Financial Statements- Mark Myers moved to approve the May and June 2016 Co-Administered Funds Financial Statements. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.*

VI. Visitors Comments – None

VII. Cooperating Agencies

WV Forestry Division – Rudy reported they have been busy the last few weeks doing chainsaw work with the flood damage down south. He had to fire 9 guys due to budget cuts.

Watershed Division

Upper Buffalo Watershed- None.

Upper Deckers Watershed-Site 1- None.

WVCA Conservation Specialist- report provided.

Ag Enhancement Program- AgEP LOR, Sign-up period.

Amy explained a motion was needed to send the LOR for the AgEP funds once an amount is communicated to the District. This could happen in between the July and August board meetings.

Mark Myers made the motion to send the LOR for the AgEP funds once an amount is communicated to the District. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion Carried.

Brad suggested extending the sign-up period. A number of farmers are in the hay fields at the moment and he's had to leave messages for those interested in the program.

Mark Myers made the motion to extend the sign-up period to August 19, 2016. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.

WVU Extension

-**Bill Shockey**- no report

-**H.R. Scott**- report provided

-**John Murray**- no report

NRCS –

Supplemental Watershed Agreement No. 3- Amy read Pam Yost's email and provided it in the supervisor binders.

Mark Myers made the motion to sign the Supplemental Watershed Agreement No. 3. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.

Long Range Plan- Ray explained he needs the board's support on the plan.

Don Headley made the motion to accept the Long Range Plan. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion carried.

FSA- Mary provided a report. Alexa reported their hay list is out. July 15th is the deadline for crop reporting. If someone had lost livestock due the recent storms, please have them contact their local FSA office.

Solid Waste Authority

Monongalia County SWA- no report

Marion County SWA- Jim reported they had their regular meeting on June 29, 2016. They are moving some product even though recycling is down right now. August 13, 2016 they are having a tire collection at the old armory in Fairmont. Kenny Ice will be sworn in as their new litter control officer. Their audit for 2014 has been completed.

Preston County SWA- no report

District Manager Report- Pen Order, Lance Murray borrow Seeder and a lime spreader

Amy provided the information on the pen offer from the National Pen Company.

Mark Myers made the motion to order 300 pens from National Pen Company. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.

Amy explained Lance Murray would like to borrow the seeder and one of the lime spreaders for the field day being held on his farm by the Mountaineer Branch of the Quality Deer Management Association. The event will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 23, 2016, at the Murray Farm on the West Fork River near Green Hills Country Club.

Mark Myers made the motion to allow Lance Murray to borrow the seeder and a lime spreader for his field day. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.

WVCA Area Director- report provided

VIII. Invoice/Payments

Mark Matheny for June \$236.60 –Mark Myers moved to pay Mark Matheny \$236.60 for services rendered during the month of June. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion Carried.

-CTL Invoice- WV-061923- \$4,422.50

-CTL Invoice- WV-062828- \$19,522.01

-CTL Invoice- WV-064203- \$5,228.19

Art Mouser made the motion to pay the above listed CTL Invoices pending Gene Saurborn’s approval. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion carried.

IX. Cooperator Agreements

Alex Sobol- Preston County- 33 ac

Art Mouser moved to accept the conservation agreement. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion carried.

X. 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

Mark Myers moved to pay the above listed AgEP completed practices from General Fund Account. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.

XI. Approval of Supervisor Travel and Per Diem Claims

Don Headley \$281.51

Ed Utterback \$474.58

Art Mouser \$147.18

Jean Conley \$519.82

Paul Nesselroad \$70.97

Mark Myers moved to approve the District Supervisor Travel and Per Diem claims from the General Fund Account. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried. Don Headley opposed.

Mark Myers would like a letter sent to Brian Farkas asking for the Supervisor Travel and Per Diem funds to be adjusted, specifically, to each District and an LOR sent for the overages encountered this fiscal year. He would like a copy of the letter sent to State Committee as well. Ed Utterback suggested the amount should be decided by taking a 10-year average of the individual District and use that average as the amount the District gets per year. Amy explained, again, an LOR can be sent but it was conveyed last year that once all of the funds were spent that no more were available and any overages would have to be paid from the General funds account.

XII. Unfinished Business

Monongalia County Farm Preservation Committee- Paul reported Ed Hawkins and Eldon Callon attended the Farm Bureau picnic. They were asked if Farm Preservation was going to be discussed and Paul was told yes. Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Callon both said they were in support of the program.

Preston County Farm Preservation Committee- Ed reported they have a meeting in August.

XIII. New Business

Appoint Associate Supervisors- Mark Myers moved to reappoint Mary Lebnick as the Preston County representative and Jim McDonald as the Marion County representative. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.

Committees- Jean asked if anyone had a request to be on a different committee. No requests were made. Jean appointed the committees as they were for FY16.

Nomination for WVACD Honorary Member at Large- Ed Utterback moved to nominate Bob Strauser as WVACD Honorary Member at Large. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion carried.

Nomination for WVACD Lifetime Honorary Member- Mark Myers moved to nominate Brad Durst for WVACD Lifetime Honorary Member. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.

Nomination for the Carroll Greene Award- Art Mouser moved to nominate Jean Conley for the Carol Greene Award. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion carried.

Annual Banquet- Amy reported the annual banquet will be held in Monongalia County this year. The Mon county supervisors will report back to Amy in August on the location.

XV. Building and Ground

Snow birds/rails- Ed spoke with Bryan Strauser, he originally put the roof on, and he is willing to provide a quote.

Carpet in Gene's office- Amy explained the carpet in Gene's office has become unraveled and very worn.

Mark Myers moved to replace the flooring in Gene's office. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.

XVI. Committee Reports:

Finance- Chairman: Paul Nesselroad- no report

Education- Chairman: Paul Nesselroad- no report

Legislation/Policy- Chairman: Mark Myers- no report

Grasslands- Chairman: Don Headley- the meeting is July 15, 2016 at 10:00 am

Safety/Buildings and Grounds- Chairman: Ed Utterback- everything has been covered

Ag Enhancement- Chairman: Art Mouser- there is a committee meeting July 21, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

XVII. Correspondence- Amy reviewed Hilary's email on the Grazing Lands Committee meeting and the Mon County Commission letter denying any funding assistance for OM&R.

XVIII. Public Comment- None.

XIX. Supervisor Reports

- **Paul Nesselroad** – has about 35 tomato plants. Last Sunday was he and his wife’s sixty-ninth wedding anniversary.
- **Mark Myers**– is planning on attending the Mon County Fair Livestock Auction. They have all of their hay done except one place.
- **Ed Utterback** – his son has taken over the management of the farm. The participants in Jacob’s Ladder come to the farm twice a day to work.
- **Art Mouser** – has two sons that have farms and they’ve got all the hay done. His two sons and two of his grandsons enjoy farming. Anna’s garden is looking very good. He had his cataract surgery.
- **Jim McDonald**– has a nice garden. He finished his hay and also enjoyed the tour of Ed’s farm.
- **Jean Conley** – has put up a little hay.
- **Mary Lebnick** – is receiving wonderful care after her stroke two months ago.
- **Don Headley** – toured Ed Utterback’s farm after the RC&D meeting last month.

XX. Adjournment

Paul Nesselroad moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 pm.

The next scheduled meeting is August 4, 2016 at the Steve Lebnick Agricultural Center in Morgantown, WV.

Minutes submitted by: Amy Cosco, ASA3/District Manager

Minutes approved by: _____ Date _____
Jean Conley, Chairman

