

**SOUTHERN CONSERVATION DISTRICT
DECEMBER 8, 2016
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

Virgel Caldwell called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. The December 8, 2016 board meeting was held at the SCD office, 463 Ragland Road, Beckley, WV. Travis Prince led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ray Lafferty opened the meeting with prayer.

Supervisors Present

Virgel Caldwell	Curtis Murphy
Ray Lafferty	Dvon Duncan
John Farrell	Dennis Bailey
Don Windon	Travis Prince
Randy Prince	Oscar Vecellio

Supervisors Absent

Carl Mullins

Others Present

Becky Floyd, WVCA	Marty Walker, WVCA
Dave Parkulo, SCD	Bill Harris, NRCS
Dave Stewart, PCWA	Gary Redden, NRCS
Greg Stone, NRCS	Seth Burdette, Visitor

Randy Prince moved to approve the November 10, 2016 minutes as mailed. Ray Lafferty seconded. Motion carried.

Southern Conservation District (SCD) Financial Reports

Ray Lafferty moved to approve the SCD November financial reports as prepared by Akers and Associates. Curtis Murphy seconded. Motion carried.

Dvon Duncan moved to approve the SCD accounts receivable report as prepared by Akers and Associates. Ray Lafferty seconded. Motion carried.

WV Conservation Agency District Manager Report

Becky Floyd presented the WVCA co-administered financial reports for November for board review and approval. **Curtis Murphy moved to approve the November financial reports as presented by WVCA. Dennis Bailey seconded. Motion carried.**

Becky presented the following invoices for payment approval:

Harold Wolfe	OM&R Legal Work	\$243.02
SCD Inv. 4381	OM&R work	\$1,315.00
SCD Inv. 4382	OM&R work	\$3,152.00

Virgel Caldwell recused himself from the room due to being related to Harold Wolfe. Virgel turned the meeting over to Dvon Duncan, SCD Secretary. Dvon called for a vote on the invoices submitted for payment. **Randy Prince moved to approve the invoices for payment. Ray Lafferty seconded. Motion carried.** Virgel returned to the meeting.

Becky reported the district received a qualification for supervisor form from Randall Patton of McDowell County for the current vacant McDowell County supervisor seat. The district only received the one application. **Dvon Duncan moved to approve the qualification form submitted by Randall Patton and to submit the form to the State Conservation Committee for final approval. Randy Prince seconded. The motion carried.** Becky will forward the information to Brian Farkas for the January SCC meeting.

Becky reported Carl Mullins is unable to attend today due to health problems. Carl called the office this week to report he will be resigning as a supervisor due to health concerns and wanted to thank everyone for their support over the years. This will be on the January board meeting agenda for board decision once the board has received his resignation letter.

Becky reported Fayette, Raleigh/Summers and Mercer County Extension offices have submitted written requests for financial assistance with their 2017 winter dinner meetings. **Dennis Bailey moved to donate \$250.00 to each county for the dinner meetings. Ray Lafferty seconded. Motion carried.** Becky will have the checks processed to the Extension offices.

Becky discussed the Brush Creek Site 14 supplemental watershed agreement provided by NRCS. The board agreed to hold on the agreement until the Mercer County Commission has approved and signed the agreement. This will be placed on the January OM&R meeting agenda for further discussion. A copy was provided to each supervisor.

Becky reported she has received two requests from Summers County farmers (John D and John G Hendricks) to attend the 2017 Grazing Land Conference in March. As discussed at previous meetings the District will pay for their registration and reimburse them for their hotel cost and mileage. Becky will work with the farmers on the registration and prepare and mail the checks.

Virgel read a thank you from Jodi Richmond thanking the board for their support of the 2016 State Women in Ag Conference held at Glade Springs Resort.

Southern CD Crew Foreman Report

Dave Parkulo reported the crew is working to complete the concrete work at Flat Top Lake. He is working to complete requests for lime and pond cleanouts under the cost share program. Dave reported the mowing project is finished in Summers County.

Dave reported the purchase for a new tractor has been put on the back burner until spring. A discussion was held on why the equipment committee decided to wait until spring and discussed concerns on increases in cost of a new tractor by spring. The Equipment Committee will meet on December 30 to discuss the options on the purchase of a new tractor.

WV Conservation Specialist Report

Marty Walker gave an update on the AgEP contracts and programs. She is working with landowners and the District to get current contracts completed by the December 16 deadline. The group agreed a special meeting will not be required for AgEP contracts. All completed contract information submitted after today will be presented for payment at the January board meeting.

Marty submitted the following completed contracts for payment approval:

Lime

Homer L. Plumley	\$1,487.50
Layton Ellis	\$716.75
Dennis Lilly	\$2,000.00
Shannon Daniel	\$2,000.00
Gary Hall	\$1,187.25
Randy Meadows	\$400.00

Dvon Duncan moved to approve payment on the completed lime contracts as presented. Dennis Bailey seconded. Motion carried.

Exclusion Fence

Susan Hancock	\$981.25
Derek Shrewsbury	\$1,125.00
James Chapman	\$2,000.00

Dennis Bailey moved to approve payment on the completed exclusion fence contracts as presented. Curtis Murphy seconded. Motion carried.

Pasture Division Fence

Steve Dehart	\$2,000.00
Mike Fink	\$2,000.00
Calvin Gladden	\$2,000.00
Michael Mines	\$ 1,250.00
Jamey Bleau Gwinn	\$2,000.00

Dvon Duncan and Dennis Bailey recused themselves from the meeting due to being related to Michael Mines. Ray Lafferty moved to approve the payment on the completed pasture division fence contracts as presented. Curtis Murphy seconded. Motion carried.

Water System

Michael Mine \$731.89

Dvon and Dennis remained out of the meeting for this vote. Ray Lafferty moved to approve the payment on the water system contract as presented. Randy Prince seconded. Motion carried. Dvon and Dennis returned to the meeting.

Pond Cleanout

James G. Criss \$2,000.00

Ray Lafferty moved to approve the payment on the completed pond cleanout contract as presented. Travis Prince seconded. Motion carried.

Marty presented the following AgEP contracts for cancelations:

Layton Ellis	Pond Cleanout	\$1,250.00
Dvon Duncan	Pond Cleanout	\$2,000.00
George Bennett	Pond Cleanout	\$2,000.00
Edward Severt	Pasture Division Fence	\$2,000.00
Shirley Parker	Exclusion Fence	\$2,000.00

Dvon Duncan recused herself from the meeting due to having a contract presented for cancelation. Ray Lafferty moved to approve the cancelations as presented. Dennis Bailey seconded. Motion carried. Dvon returned to the meeting.

Marty presented the following Emergency AgEP completed contracts for board approval:

Randy Prince	Exclusion Fence	\$2,000.00
Mark Smailes	Exclusion Fence	\$1,500.00

Randy Prince recused himself from the meeting due to having a contract presented for payment approval. Dennis Baily moved to approve the payments as presented. Oscar Vecellio seconded. Motion carried. Randy returned to the meeting.

Becky Floyd reported she will work to have the AgEP checks ready next week for signatures and update the AgEP database before the end of the month.

Marty gave an update on the current 319 projects. She is working with Dennis Burns on the billing process for 319 YMCA sports complex project and on the Athens project.

Dvon and Marty will work on the watershed based plan for the Guyandotte in February after the second round of AgEP signups.

Visiting Agency Reports

WVCA

Becky Floyd reviewed the WVCA written report and encouraged supervisors to attend Ag Day and to set up meetings with their legislators.

NRCS

Greg Stone reported Len Alvis has retired after 43 years of service. Ken Haid is out of the field office due to health concerns. Bill Harris and Gary Redden will be manning the field office.

Bill reviewed the Princeton Field Office report.

Gary gave an update on the Beckley Field office and on the Dunloup Creek project which is nearing completion.

PCWA

Dave Stewart discussed the chestnut trees still stored at his home. He will work with Dave Parkulo and the American Chestnut Association to determine how to winterize the trees. He reported PCWA is working with local agencies and the Raleigh County Solid Waste Authority on Earth Day events for April 22.

Dvon Duncan reported the new regional representative with the American Chestnut Association will be at the January board meeting. Becky will place them on the agenda for January.

WVACD Update

Ray Lafferty discussed the upcoming January WVACD meeting. Becky was asked to place this on the January agenda to appoint a supervisor to serve in Carl's place due to his pending resignation and his health problems.

Supervisor Reports

Dvon Duncan presented the revised Mountain RC&D 2017 grant proposal to WVCA. The McDowell County Twin Branch project will replace the proposed dam project due to liability concerns on the first suggested project. **Dvon Duncan moved to approve the revised Mountain RC&D 2017 grant proposal as presented. Randy Prince seconded. Motion carried.**

Dvon will provide more information on the proposal for Mountain RC&D to rent space in the SCD building at the January board meeting. Becky was asked to place this on the January agenda.

A discussion was held on the Focus Project for Wyoming County. Dvon suggested changing the Elk Relocation focus project to the Guyandotte Direct Drainage project and partner with Guyan CD to reach landowners in the Guyandotte watershed area. Gary suggested leaving the Elk Relocation Project in and add the Guyandotte Direct Draining Project as a second focus project for Wyoming County. **Dvon Duncan moved to add the Guyandotte Direct Drainage Project as a focus project for Wyoming County. John Farrell seconded. Motion carried.** Dvon asked the minutes reflect this project will target farmers along the Guyandotte River to assist with exclusion fence, watering practices and winter feeding areas. Gary Redden will work with the Guyan CD to set up a meeting with both districts. He will invite them to the December 13 meeting.

A discussion was held on the SCD holding a legislative breakfast this spring after the session has ended in Charleston. The group also discussed holding a luncheon while the legislatures are in session. Becky was asked to place this on the January agenda for further discussion.

Dvon Duncan discussed the WV Farm Fun Coloring book. Dvon reviewed the printing quotes she asked Becky to obtain for 1,500 copies of the coloring book for SCD schools. Dvon stated Central Printing provided the lowest quote at \$1,275.00 for 1,500 copies. The board discussed needing to target one age group and determining how many books will be needed for all six counties. The group agreed to target 4th graders. Supervisors will contact their county board of education offices to determine how many books are needed for their county. This will be placed on the January agenda for further review. Marty Walker reported on a possible free publication from WV Department of Agriculture that they may want to consider using in addition to the coloring book if a cost is not associated with the publication. Marty will follow up on this.

John Farrell presented the SCD Christmas Cards. Dvon will work on mailing these next weeks.

John and Dvon will work on the SCD 2017 calendar following the meeting today.

Randy Prince suggested holding a Safety Meeting with the crew on December 30 at 10:00 a.m. prior to the Equipment Committee.

Virgel wished everyone a Merry Christmas. The SCD Christmas luncheon will be held immediately following the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Virgel Caldwell, Dvon Duncan
Chairman, Secretary

