

**Southern Conservation District
May 11, 2017
Minutes of Board Meeting**

Virgel Caldwell called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. The May 11, 2017 meeting was held at the SCD office, 463 Ragland Road, Beckley, WV. Dvon Duncan led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ray Lafferty opened the meeting with prayer.

Supervisors Present

Virgel Caldwell	Dvon Duncan
Curtis Murphy	Don Windon
Travis Prince	Randall Patton
John Farrell	Ray Lafferty
Oscar Vecellio	

Supervisors Absent

Dennis Bailey
Randy Prince

Others Present

Kim Fisher, WVCA	Dave Parkulo, SCD
Becky Floyd, WVCA	Marty Walker, WVCA
Bill Harris, NRCS	Gary Redden, NRCS
Dave Stewart, PCWA	John McColgan, Go Green Solar
Judith Lyons, Video Conference	

Approval of Minutes

Ray Lafferty moved to approve the April 13, 2017 board meeting minutes as mailed. Curtis Murphy seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Reports

Virgel Caldwell reported he met with Curtis Murphy and Oscar Vecellio at First Community Bank to close out the SCD Reserve Account and transfer funds into the SCD General Account. Becky Floyd reported the April report reflects a small balance (interest) which will be transferred to the general account by the end of the month according to First Community Bank.

The following financial reports prepared by Akers and Associates for April were presented for board review and approval:

- SCD General Account
- SCD Reserve Account
- SCD Supervisor Travel and Per Diem Account
- SCD CDO Account
- SCD Certificate of Deposits
- SCD Accounts Receivable Report

Ray Lafferty moved to approve the April financial reports as prepared by Akers and Associates. Dvon Duncan seconded. Motion carried.

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

The board discussed the outstanding invoice for Harold Wolfe for attending the past OM&R meeting. These were paid through the OM&R funds in the past. The District has been advised if Harold is attending the meetings at the request of the board and not required to be at the meeting to advise on a specific OM&R concern then the WVCA cannot approve the payment from the OM&R funds. Virgel Caldwell asked Dvon as SCD Secretary to call for vote on the invoice. Virgel recused himself from the meeting due to being related to Mr. Wolfe. **Oscar Vecellio moved to approve payment of the invoice received from Harold Wolfe for attending the March OM&R meeting totaling \$280.00 from the SCD general fund in addition to future invoices for attending OM&R meetings not required by the WVCA. Don Windon seconded. The motion carried.** Virgel Caldwell returned to the meeting room.

WV Conservation Agency District Manager Report

Becky Floyd presented the April co-administered financial reports prepared by the WV Conservation Agency. **Dvon Duncan moved to approve the April co-administered financial reports as prepared by the WVCA. Ray Lafferty seconded. Motion carried.**

The board reviewed the changes made to the SCD Plan of Work. **Curtis Murphy moved to approve the 2017-18 SCD Plan of Work as presented. Travis Prince seconded. Motion carried.** A copy will be sent to Brian Farkas.

The group discussed the minor changes that need to be made to the SCD patch for 2017 National Boy Scout Jamboree. **Ray Lafferty moved to authorize the company making the patch to make the necessary changes. Curtis Murphy seconded. Motion carried.** Gary Redden will notify Jeremy Bennett of the decision. Dvon Duncan reported the donated funds for the patch will be ran through the Mountain RC&D for payment to the vendor.

Becky reported the program has been finalized for the Women in Ag workshop and she will have copies made next week.

Becky reported she attended a WVCA staff meeting May 2, 3 and 4th at Camp Dawson. The Agency provided several different types of training during the meeting. Marty Walker also attended the staff meeting.

Becky reported Cindy Martel with the WV Department of Agriculture inquired about borrowing the SCD rain barrel for the Boy Scout Jamboree. Becky thanked Virgel for approving the purchase of a rain barrel from Piney Creek Watershed to use for special field days and events. The cost is \$75.00. Becky has notified Cindy Martel a rain barrel is available if the Department of Agriculture needs to use it for the Jamboree.

A discussion was held on Jr. and Sr. Conservation Camps and the request for districts to send a donation to the camps due to no longer being able to pay for direct scholarships for students. **Dvon Duncan moved the district donate \$600.00 to each camp from the CDO funds for the 2017 camps.**

Marty presented the following AgEP contract payments for board review and approval:

Nutrient Management

Josette Phillips	NM	\$ 432.91
Bobby Plumley	NM	\$162.22
John Pate	NM	\$273.00
Barry McCoy	NM	\$374.40
Don Anderson	NM	\$1,192.50
Douglas Jarrell	NM	\$621.61
Debra Berry	NM	\$671.93
Paul Blake	NM	\$649.50
Jerry Bennett	NM	\$2,000
Luther Bennett	NM	\$2,000
Terry Bennett	NM	\$468.66
Homer Plumley	NM	\$991.43
Gene Glover	NM	\$129.40
Richard Pate	NM	\$468.91

Ray Lafferty moved to approve the nutrient management contract payments as presented. Curtis Murphy seconded. Motion carried.

Frost Seeding

Bobby Plumley	FS	\$175.00
Larry Withrow	FS	\$410.50

Invasive Species

Steve Dehart	IS	\$488.62
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John Farrell moved to approve the frost seeding and invasive species contract payments as presented. Dvon Duncan seconded. Motion carried.

319 Update

Marty reported the current 319 project focus is the Piney Creek Soccer Site. Partners are working to have this project completed later this month or early June. Dave Stewart reported the American Chestnut trees are ready to be planted and survived the winter very well.

Marty reported she has contacted the landowner and made a site visit on the proposed Ag BMP project in Summers county. If approved this site will replace the Athens 319 project which has been completed.

Visiting Agency Reports

WV Conservation Agency

Kim Fisher reviewed the Agency Report and highlighted the following items:

WVACD July 17 and 18 meeting at Cacapon State Park

Envirothon team winners

Conservation Farm tours and timelines

AgEP timelines and funding allocation formula for FY18

AgEP Administration Agreement (this will be placed on the June agenda for final board review and approval)

Begin process for Agreed Upon Procedures for FY17

State Fair Display – let district manager know what day and time you wish to work

A discussion was held on the May 8 State AgEP committee teleconference. Virgel stated Option 4 on the AgEP funding allocation received the most votes from the Districts. Becky was asked to place the FY18 AgEP LOR on the July board meeting agenda. Jennifer will contact the board by mid-July with the amount to request.

Kim gave a background on the AgEP agreement and district policies on the program. Districts will need to complete the necessary addendums in the agreement prior to the start of the next fiscal year. It will then be reviewed on a yearly basis. The SCD AgEP Committee will meet on May 23 following the OM&R meeting for further discussion and review of the agreement. This will be placed on the June board meeting agenda for board action.

The Agency watershed report was reviewed.

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Bill Harris reviewed the Princeton office report.

Bill stated their lease agreement begins June 1 with the Forestry Service. Debbie Dorsey is working with Dave Parkulo on the district assisting with the move.

Gary Redden stated they will be writing contracts for the next month. Gary suggested the board schedule a local work group meeting to review proposals and to have a date to place on the final proposals to be presented. Gary stated the NRCS state office will advertise the meeting. Becky stated a Raleigh County landowner has requested the district notify him of the next local work group meeting. The group set the next local work group meeting for May 23, 2017 1:00 p.m. Gary will send the meeting information to the state office today.

Piney Creek Watershed

Dave Stewart reported a Watershed Celebration Day will be held June 30 in downtown Beckley. Dave invited the district to set up a booth or display. Becky reported she will be out of town that week. Dvon will set up a table with program information. Don Windon and Oscar Vecellio will assist Dvon if possible. Dave Parkulo will take a table and a few folding chairs to the Watershed Day event for Dvon.

Other Visitors/Agencies

John Farrell introduced John McColgan, Managing Partner for Go Green Solar and an environmentalist, chef and farmer. Mr. McColgan hopes to have a display or booth set up at the June Field Day. Dvon requested literature be available at the field day.

A discussion was held on the solar systems and the possibility of having this as a AgEP cost share practice for the next fiscal year. The board asked Marty to check with other Districts to see if this is being done and to research this for a future practice. The SCD AgEP Committee will review this in more depth as literature and other information become available to the district.

WV Association of Conservation Districts

Ray Lafferty discussed the upcoming WVACD meeting in July at Cacapon State Park.

Dvon Duncan stated she will not be able to attend the July meeting. Curtis Murphy will represent Dvon at this meeting. Becky will notify Timothy VanReenen of the change.

Dvon reported any farms being submitted for the Century Farm Program are due by June 1 to the Association.

Dvon discussed changes on the WVACD partnership booth and display. Becky asked supervisors to please get with her on the times they want to work at the fair so it can be entered in the schedule. Dvon advised board members hotel reservations are being made now for the week of the fair.

Dvon reported the WV Conservation Educational Council is asking for one representative from each district. Becky was asked to place this on the June agenda.

Committee and Supervisor Reports

Dave Parkulo stated the Building Committee has agreed to send out an advertisement for paving part of the district parking lot. Dave will check with Harold Wolfe to determine if prevailing wages apply to the paving contract.

Dvon reported she will have the work plan for the Vista worker ready for the board to review the June board meeting.

Dvon discussed Glen Rogers Memorial Park and the request for additional donations to help with the cost of the monuments. The cost of the concrete is \$2,025.75. Virgel stated he feels the district should not sponsor monuments. Dvon stated this project is important to the community. Action on the request died for lack of a motion.

John updated the board on the farm field day events and vendors. John offered to donate approximately 50 pounds of grass feed beef for the District to use as part of the lunch food being provided for the field day. Dave has signage ordered for the event. The group set the next SCD Farm Field Day Committee meeting for June 2 at the SCD office. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. John stated he would like to have something available for children that may attend with their parents. Becky Floyd and Kim Fisher will work on games for children for the field day.

Randall reported on the meet and greet meeting held by Extension this week in Welch. Randall will talk to local landowners on the board vacancy. Becky will place the supervisor vacancy ad in the Welch newspaper.

Randall discussed Carl Mullins being the SCD representative on the McDowell County Solid Waste Board in the past. Randall suggested he submit his resignation as the PSD appointee to the board and serve as the SCD representative on the board to fill this vacancy. **Ray Lafferty moved to appoint Randall Patton as the SCD representative to the McDowell County Solid Waste Board. Dvon Duncan seconded. The motion carried.**

Virgel asked Dvon Duncan, Curtis Murphy and Randall Patton to serve on the nominating committee for SCD officers and directors. The elections will be held at the June board meeting. Curtis encouraged any supervisor interested in serving as an officer or director to contact him.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted:

Dvon Duncan, Virgel Caldwell
Secretary, Chairman