

Little Kanawha Conservation District

Board of Supervisors Meeting
August 8, 2017, 9:00 AM
Sportsman's Park, Elizabeth, WV

Minutes

Attending were:

*** Supervisors Attending ♦ Supervisors by Conference Call**

Ivan Banks, Ritchie County
*Norma Collins, Calhoun County
*Roger Collins, Calhoun County
*Delmas Carr, Wood County
*Dexter Graham, Wood County
*Mike Nichols, Ritchie County
*Sam Sheets, Roane County
*Roger Shaver, Wirt County
Judy Saunders, Roane County
*Roseann Adams, Wirt County

Others attending:

Jerry Waybright, Wood County Associate Supervisor
Mikayla Hayes, LKCD
Kim Fisher, WVCA
Matt Murphy, NRCS
Chad Lee, NRCS
Nick Beaver, NRCS
Kaitlyn Murphy, WVCA
Jessica Nichols, WVCA
John David Johnson, WVU Extension – Jackson County

Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance

Mike Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The pledge was led by Norma Collins and recited by all.

Introduction of Visitors – Their reports and concerns –

John David Johnson presented needs of farmers of the area. Discussed cattle handling equipment deterioration. Mobile cattle handling equipment could be useful in multiple counties. Mention of funds that have been received to date. He is requesting \$2000 from the LKCD. There will be multiple pieces of equipment. He only sees the need increasing for this type of mobile equipment. This will be free to the farmers with a damage clause. This will be more complex than some units but will serve more uses. Mike Nichols mentioned that this should be put on the agenda for next month. Discussion of cattle medical conditions within the state. There was surprise that 65% of beef at the Southern Bull Test were positive for bovine leukosis. One farmer lost \$75,000 worth of cattle due to a

disease. Discussion of symptoms. There are more cattle death than expected. Traceability is very important. The Commissioner of Agriculture and the State Veterinarian are supposed to visit the farm that lost so much but hasn't yet to this point. Mikayla Hayes will request a copy of the newsletter that is sent.

District Business

Minutes of Previous Meeting –

Motion to accept the minutes as received was made by Sam Sheets and seconded by Roger Collins.

Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Reported Items –

- Jessica Nichols discussed the information contained within the report. Filed for audit
- Audit – Discussion of funds that are available for the audit. *Roger Shaver made a motion to offer a one year contract to Perry & Associates if the cost doesn't exceed the \$2500 of last year. Seconded by Roseann Adams. Motion carried.*

Approval of Cooperators

Agreements – None

Terminations – None

Correspondence – Non-Action Items –

- Quarterly Reports from Conservation District were included.
- Discussion regarding the lack of funds spent from the Memorial Funds that the District oversees. Due to privacy laws and rulings by the Ethics Commission. The Education Committee will consider how to handle the memorial funds for the future.

Correspondence – Action Items –

- Nomination – WVACD Honorary Member & Member at Large – Discussion of these. These go to the WVACD office and are due 9-1. Sam Sheets, Delmas Carr, Roseann Adams will work on this.

Report of Agencies and Others

LKCD Associate Supervisors Report – Nothing at this time.

Field Staff Report, NRCS, District, Jason Crislip

- FCA projects
These include:
Winter Feeding – Ritchie
Grazing – Calhoun, Wirt, Wood
Meadowlark – All Counties
Chestnut Plantings – Roane
Wood Thrush – Wood

Matt Murphy discussed information on the Focus Conservation Approach.

- EQIP has underwent some changes. Currently there are 43 applications approved with 45 applications on file. LKCD will have \$1,139,939 obligated for 75 applications. New applicants are needed now.

Field Staff Report, LKCD, Mikayla Hayes
Discussion of income from past two months.

Field Staff Report, Forestry, Chuck Copeland
Please call if you have questions.

Field Staff Report, WVCA

- O&M Bid Award – Mike Nichols discussed the bid that was received from Vincent Excavating in the amount of \$9,500. The estimate was \$7,800 but the received bid was less than the one from Tygarts Valley CD. Roger Collins stated that Eddie Cain didn't get notified. *Roger Shaver moved to accept the bid of \$9,500 from Vincent Excavating. Seconded by Delmas Carr. Motion carried.*
- Discussion of Stream Access Program. Things are not going very smoothly. Possibly not a good working relationship with the Corp Of Engineers.

FSA, Eleanor Porter
Unable to attend

WV DNR Report, Jeff McCrady
Unable to attend

LK RC&D Report –

- Roger Shaver discussed office furniture received from the IRS offices. If there are any nonprofit groups in need please have them contact Project Sharing.
- Veteran Dick Waybright talked to a group recently regarding the use of the grounds off Gihon Road for gardening.

Solid Waste Authority Report
Bob Buchanan was unable to attend due to surgery.

WVU Extension
Unable to attend

Special Items of Interest

Emergency Watershed Program/Stream Protection & Restoration Program
There will be a job showing down below Walton in Roane County.

North Fork Hughes River Updates & Issues

- The Mussel Study was received and it states that it is the “Final Study”.

- O&M Work - Dexter Graham talked about putting this out for bid. *Roger Collins made motion to put O&M work out for bid. This will be for debris removal only. Seconded by Sam Sheets. It was stated that the area needs taken care of. Motion carried.*

Associate Supervisors

Policy states there can be two per county. It was requested that this be put on next month agenda for consideration. Please review possible individuals for recommendation to these important positions.

RC&D Council Members

Norma Collins inquired if she is listed as a member at large. Sam Sheets stated that she isn't. There was discussion. No action at this time.

WVDA Buildings & Grounds Maintenance

It was felt that the greenhouse should be maintained by whoever is using it. It was mentioned that the Veterans may take it over. The grant for the green house came from NRCS.

Local, National & State Meeting Report

Envirothon Committee

- First Wednesday in September at the WVACD Office.
- Discussion of team placement at the Nationals.

Grazing Conference Committee

- It is believed the meeting is on August 24th.
- There are new officers for this committee.

Grassland Committee

- No report at this time.
- Norma Collins will attend if Ivan Banks is unable to. Norma Collins will start to attend.

Additional Local or State Meetings

Roger Shaver and Norma Collins will attend the state fair.

Active District Committee Reports

Equipment Committee

- Weed Wiper – Roger Collins stated that JSC will be picking it up to fix. Discussion of uses for funds in hard financial times.
- No till drills and spreaders are in good shape. Roger Collins stated that he would like to replace one of the no till drills, possibly next year. There was talk about hauling these on a trailer instead of driving them on the road.

- Sam Sheets reported that he talked to Adam Nichols regarding a spot sprayer for rent. We currently have one that attaches to the back of a 4-wheeler for use.

Ag Enhancement Committee

Total Request Amount – 266,462.99
 Funds Amount to Request – 82,000.00
 Shortfall Amount – 184,462.99

Lime					
Applicant	Ranking Score	Acreage	Tonnage	Cost-share Rate	Overall Cost
Westfall, James	110	50	150	\$16.00	\$2,400.00
Affotter, Darin	105	20.22	60.84	\$13.00	\$790.92
Archer, Daniel	105	24	72	\$15.00	\$1,080.00
Casto, Roger	105	15.18	45.54	\$13.00	\$592.02
Hutchinson, Greg	105	40.3	120.9	\$16.00	\$1,934.40
Anthony, Mike	105	50	150	\$13.00	\$1,950.00
Norman, Everett	103	8.4	24.7	\$17.00	\$419.90
Porter, Reid	101	50	138	\$16.00	\$2,208.00
Walker, Vernon	100	25	75	\$17.00	\$1,275.00
Dawson, Ryan	97	16.31	42.05	\$16.00	\$672.80
Leskowicz, Mark	97	34	88.2	\$15.00	\$1,323.00
Lewis, Darren	97	29	74.46	\$16.00	\$1,191.36
Bailey, Randall	95	27.5	82.5	\$17.00	\$1,402.50
Bartlett, Roy	95	5	15	\$15.00	\$225.00
Exline, Pamela	95	41	123	\$16.00	\$1,968.00
Mertz, Robert	95	6	15	\$16.00	\$240.00
Beverage, Mark	95	31	93	\$13.00	\$1,209.00
Ward, Chad	93	32.3	78.7	\$16.00	\$1,259.20
Delancy, Jim	90	47.6	142.8	\$13.00	\$1,856.40
Sims, Phil	90	50	102.32	\$16.00	\$1,637.12
Sutton, Michael	87	14.88	30.51	\$13.00	\$396.63
Cooper, George	85	48.72	121.32	\$17.00	\$2,062.44
Cunningham, Roger	85	6.8	13.6	\$17.00	\$231.20
Jones, Mark	85	28	69	\$16.00	\$1,104.00
Mahaney, Floyd	85	12	36	\$15.00	\$540.00
Perkins, David	85	24	48	\$16.00	\$768.00

Quinn, Priscilla	85	21.89	44.13	\$16.00	\$706.08
Archer, David	85	35	70	\$16.00	\$1,120.00
Minney, James	85	7	21	\$16.00	\$336.00
Davis, Kyle	82	40.6	95.49	\$16.00	\$1,527.84
Frazier, Darrel	80	18	36	\$16.00	\$576.00
Hall, C. Allen	78	20	53	\$16.00	\$848.00
Rhodes, Alfred	75	15	45	\$13.00	\$585.00
Starr, James	75	28.49	56.98	\$15.00	\$854.70
Townsend, Kevin	75	29	59.05	\$13.00	\$767.65
Hanssen, Arthur	71	49.8	139.07	\$16.00	\$2,225.12
Bennett, Rusty	68.4	49.5	107.5	\$17.00	\$1,827.50
Harris, Robert	65	50	106.3	\$16.00	\$1,700.80
Wigal, Robert	65	49.5	99	\$13.00	\$1,287.00
Cunningham, J.D.	60.4	50	113.54	\$15.00	\$1,703.10
Mossor, Gary	60	8.77	11	\$15.00	\$165.00
Rawson, Roger	57	40.66	66.23	\$13.00	\$860.99
Lemon, George	55	42.77	85.72	\$16.00	\$1,371.52
Rawson, Brian	55	8.4	12.6	\$13.00	\$163.80
				Total:	\$49,362.99

Brush				
Applicant	Ranking Score	Acreage	Cost-share Rate	Total Cost
Blumig, Cathy	115	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Klicka, Vincent	108	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Brodts, Jim	95	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Boggs, Hazel	95	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Kerby, Keith	95	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Williams, Mike	95	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Elias, Jessica	95	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Cooper, Janice	85	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Meadows, John	85	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Morris, Margaret	85	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Bales, Sylvan	85	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Straight, Carl	85	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Lucky, Benjamin	85	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Edwards, Hayward	85	5	\$100.00	\$500.00
Porter, Reid	82	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Roberts, Matthew	80	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00

Davis, Greg	78	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Cole, Todd	75	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Jones, David	75	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
King, Mike	75	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Huffman, Mark	75	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
McCumbers, Michael	75	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Spaur, Allison	75	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Nichols, Susan	75	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Jarvis, Tam	75	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Bush, Freddie	75	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Nichols, Erin	75	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Nichols, French	75	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Bunner, Danny	75	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Raodes, James	75	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Sasser, Lynette	75	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Cunningham, William	75	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Daugherty, Darien	75	8	\$100.00	\$800.00
Hunt, Clark	68	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Blumig, Cathy	65	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Harper, George	65	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Rawson, Brian	65	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Longfellow, Wayne	65	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Rawson, Roger	65	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Keen, Robert	60	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Messineo, Joseph	58	5	\$100.00	\$500.00
Enoch, Jason	58	3	\$100.00	\$300.00
Rhodes, Alfred	55	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Gorby, James	55	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Freed, William	55	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Sasser, Lynette	55	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Price, Charles	45	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
			Total:	\$45,100.00

HUA				
Applicant	Ranking Score	Square Feet	Cost-share Rate	Total Cost
Law, Norman	128	900	\$0.50	\$450.00
Nichols, Erin	117	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00
Nichols, French	117	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00
Nichols, Susan	117	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00
Jarvis, Sam	117	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00
Spaur, Allison	117	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00
Davis, Kyle	117	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00

Matheney, Scott	117	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00
Workman, James	117	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00
Cox, Clayton	117	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00
Vanfossen, Randy	117	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00
Sutton, Michael	117	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00
Sams, Raymond	117	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00
Mason, Nathanael	117	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00
McKown, James (Daniel)	117	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00
Cunningham, Dale	115	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00
Metheney, Jim	113	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00
Cox, Stephen	112	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00
Metheney, Troxal	112	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00
Longfellow, Henry	112	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00
Lane, Frank	112	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00
Hunt, Alvin	110	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00
Boyles, Jeffrey	110	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00
Klicka, Vincent	110	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00
Collins, David C.	107	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00
Minney, James	100	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00
Bush, Freddie	97	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00
Delancy, Jim	97	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00
Freed, William	97	4000	\$0.50	\$2,000.00
			Total:	\$56,450.00

Water Development			
Applicant	Ranking Score	Practice	Total Cost
Metheney, Jim	148	Trough/Pipeline/Fence	\$1,800
Lane, Frank	145	Pressure sys/Trough/Pipeline	\$2,600.00
Grow, Christiana	145	Trough (x2)/Pipeline	\$2,600.00
Cunningham, Roger	135	Spring Dev.	\$600.00
Metheney, Troxal	135	Spring Dev./Trough/Pipeline	\$1,800.00
Cox, Stephen	130	Well/Pump	\$3,100.00
Harold, Paul D.	130	Trough/ Pipeline	\$1,000.00
McPherson, Elza	130	Trough/Pipeline	\$1,300.00
Harper, George	125	Trough/Pipeline	\$1,700.00
Laughlin, Gary	125	Well/Pump/Trough/Pipeline	\$4,200.00
Walker, Vernon	120	Well/Pump/Trough/Pipeline	\$4,900.00
Allman, Debra	120	Trough/Pipeline	\$700.00
Cottrell, Bobby	120	Trough/Pipeline/Fence	\$1,725.00
Cox, Clayton	120	Trough/Pipeline	\$2,600.00
Clayton, Suzanne	120	Trough/Pipeline	\$1,200.00
Mason, Nathanael	120	Spring Dev./Trough/Pipeline	\$1,600.00

Cunningham, Dale	120	Trough/Pipeline	\$880.00
Law, Norman	120	Pipeline	\$1,000.00
Alt, John	120	Trough/Pipeline	\$1,700.00
Hunt, Alvin	118	Spring Dev./Trough/Pipeline	\$1,800.00
Lemon, George	115	Trough/Pipeline	\$1,000.00
Bennett, Rusty	115	Spring Dev./Trough/Pipeline	\$1,600.00
Sims, Phil	115	Pump/Trough/Pipeline	\$2,500.00
Mckown, James (Daniel)	115	Spring/Trough/Pipeline	\$1,600.00
Campbell, Angela	105	Trough/Pipeline	\$1,800.00
Kinzy, Adam	105	Spring Dev./Trough/Pipeline	\$1,700.00
Skiles, Russell	100	Spring Dev./Trough/Pipeline	\$1,100.00
Looney, Mike	100	Trough/Pipeline/Fence	\$1,450.00
		Total:	\$51,555.00

Woodland Exclusion Fence				
Applicant	Ranking Score	Linear Feet	Cost-share Rate	Total Cost
Boyles, Jeffrey	93	1450	\$1.50	\$2,175.00
Allman, Debra	90	1640	\$1.50	\$2,460.00
Lucky, Benjamin	90	1500	\$1.50	\$2,250.00
Cottrell, Calvin	88	2000	\$1.50	\$3,000.00
Townsend, Kevin	85	2000	\$1.50	\$3,000.00
Delancy, Robert	85	2000	\$1.50	\$3,000.00
Keen, Robert	80	2000	\$1.50	\$3,000.00
Boyce Sisters Farming LLC	80	500	\$1.50	\$750.00
			Total:	\$19,635.00

Pasture Division Fence				
Applicant	Ranking Score	Linear Feet	Cost-share Rate	Total Cost
Alt, John	144	2000	\$1.50	\$3,000.00
Clayton, Suzanne	144	2000	\$1.50	\$3,000.00
McPherson, Elza	134	1300	\$1.50	\$1,950.00
Nettles, Calvin	124	2000	\$1.50	\$3,000.00
Longfellow, Wayne	119	2000	\$1.50	\$3,000.00
Exline, Pamela	119	2000	\$1.50	\$3,000.00
Jarvis, Sam	119	2000	\$1.50	\$3,000.00
Longfellow, Henry	119	2000	\$1.50	\$3,000.00
Boyce Sisters	119	2000	\$1.50	\$3,000.00
Delancy, Robert	119	2000	\$1.50	\$3,000.00
Allen, Ben	117	2000	\$1.50	\$3,000.00
Hunt, Clark	117	2000	\$1.50	\$3,000.00

Wigal, Robert	114	540	\$1.50	\$810.00
Sams, Raymond	114	2000	\$1.50	\$3,000.00
Rolston, Rosemary	114	2000	\$1.50	\$3,000.00
			Total:	\$41,760.00

Critical Area Planting			
Applicant	Ranking Score	Acres	Total Cost
Looney, Mike	67	1	\$800.00
Marshall, Craig	67	1	\$800.00
Price, Charles	65	1	\$800.00
Cottrell, Bobby	65	0.5	\$400.00
Parsons, Howard E.	62	1	\$800.00
		Total:	\$3,600.00

- Roger Collins talked about his recommended changes. He discussed landowners signed up for multiple applications. It was stated that the parameters can't be changed now. Sam Sheets discussed his thoughts on potential situations. Lengthy discussion of how to handle the shortfall of funds. Discussion of approving 51% or 61%. *Motion to approve 51% of the AgEP listed was made by Norma Collins. Seconded by Roger Collins. Discussion on the motion. Amended motion to state using the high-ranking number above the 51% break seconded by Roger Collins. Call for question. Motion carried. Original motion of the use of 51%. Question of penalty that were enforced. Motion carried. AgEP meeting needs to be set up. Motion to approve all Critical Area Planting was by Dexter Graham and seconded by Norma Collins. Motion carried.*
- David Archers - watering system – Kaitlyn Murphy discussed the situation and the timing. This is a first time sign up. There are no additional funds at this time.
- Based on the prior motion the last name approved in Lime is Phil Sims, the last name approved in Brush Management is Greg Davis, the last name approved in Heavy Use Area is James McKown, the last name approved in Water Development is Gary Laughlin, the last name approved in Woodland Exclusion Fence is Calvin Cottrell, the last name approved in Pasture Division Fence is Calvin Nettles and all of the Critical Area Planting applications were approved. It was noted that additional approvals are pending receipt of funds received in the future.

Budget Committee – Nothing at this time. Will schedule a meeting soon.

District Manager, Jessica Nichols –

Discussed the rental of the office building. There are negotiations currently between the Federal Government and Joe Boyles. The office will remain open but there are no janitorial services currently.

WVCA Report, Kim Fisher –

- Please let Jessica Nichols know if you plan to attend the State Fair.
- Planning for a District Audit was mentioned. This is already being worked on.
- Ag Day in Charleston will be on February 7th. This will include a Legislative Breakfast meeting.
- Listening sessions are being set up around the Districts. Those attending will be Brian Farkas and Tim VanReenen. These are to be scheduled in September and October. Please let Kim Fisher know if the board wants this during a normal board meeting or to set a separate meeting.

Closing Activities

Calendar of Events

September 12, 2017 - LKCD Board Meeting – Spencer Ag Service Center – 9:30 a.m. Farm Tour to follow lunch on your own.

Mike Nichols commented on Gerald Hall whose farm was visited last month. He is currently ill but wanted everyone to know how much he enjoyed the visit.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Roger Shaver and seconded by Roger Collins. Motion carried.

After lunch, the supervisors will visit Wirt County's conservation cooperators Mr. & Mrs. Dwayne McVey.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Norma Collins, LKCD Secretary and Jessica Nichols, Recorder.

Mike Nichols, LKCD Chairman

Norma Collins, LKCD Secretary

Date approved: _____