

**ELK CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
DRAFT Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2017**

Supervisors Present:

Donald Burroughs
Shirley Hyre
Clark Mollohan
John Pitsenbarger
Mike Smalley
Glen Sutton

Supervisors Absent:

Jeremy Cantrell
Ken Stowers

Others Present: Suzie Steele, WVCA/ECD DM; Kirk Burroughs, ECD; Russell Young, WVCA Conservation Specialist; Andy Sentz, NRCS; Greg Stone, NRCS; **others in attendance via video conferencing;** Jeremy Salyer, WVCA Area Director

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Mollohan called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Hyre.

AGENDA:

Mr. Pitsenbarger moved to approve the agenda; Mr. Smalley seconded; motion passed.

August 22, 2017 Minutes:

Ms. Hyre moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Pitsenbarger seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report/August 2017 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Ms. Hyre reported that all accounts were in good order and moved to accept the financial statements for the General/CDO and Co-Administered funds and file for audit; Mr. Pitsenbarger seconded; motion passed. The report on supervisor travel and per diem through August was presented.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Pitsenbarger moved to approve the payment of bills (list provided at meeting and attached); Mr. Burroughs seconded; motion passed.

DISTRICT EQUIPMENT/OM&R MANAGER'S REPORT:

Kirk Burroughs reported all is going well.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Steele reviewed her written report (copy attached). Mrs. Steele informed the board of some concerns that the landowners are having at watershed site 9. After discussion, it was decided that a meeting should be scheduled with the landowners, DNR, WVCA, and any other parties that have an interest in this site.

DISTRICT ASSISTANT'S REPORT:

No report

WVCA CONSERVATION SPECIALIST REPORT:

Mr. Young reported that receipts are being turned in on AgEP projects and he is doing verifications. They are working on developing a simplified way to report total cost on AgEP including the cooperator's contributions such as labor, equipment, etc. The yields with the potato project are very good with most of the participants.

AREA DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Salyer reviewed the written report from WVCA (attached). He informed the board that their listening session with Brian Farkas and Timothy VanReenen is scheduled for Oct. 12 beginning at 1 pm. He discussed the SSRP draft agreement and stated that this program would be continuing as a cost share program is approved.

SWA Reports:

Ms. Hyre reported that the BCSWA held electronics recycling on Saturday, September 16. They will be meeting tomorrow and will be interviewing for a part time employee. Their grants are being reviewed. They hope to know their funding amounts soon.

COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

AG ENHANCEMENT: None

BUILDING: None. Mr. Hyre stated that the renters are pleased with the location.

COMMUNICATION: None. Mrs. Hyre stated that the WVCA will be replacing Billy Wolfe.

EDUCATION: None

EQUIPMENT: None

COMMITTEE ACTIONS (cont.):

FINANCE: None

FORESTRY: None

GRASSLANDS: None. Mr. Burroughs reported that the next meeting is Friday, Oct. 13 at 10 AM at Weston.

LEGISLATIVE: None. Mr. Pitsenbarger reviewed some of the issues being discussed.

PROJECT: None. Mr. Young reported that the Richwood project coordinators had a meeting with Brian Sparks assisting to discuss the site for their high tunnel.

WATER QUALITY: None

OLD BUSINESS

- (D/M) Listening Session with WVCA & WVACD - October 12 @ 1 PM - VERIFIED
- (D/M) Payment of Soil Trailer Invoice for Nicholas County Fair - Mr. Pitsenbarger moved to pay the entire bill in the amount of \$442.50; Ms. Hyre seconded; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE

- (D/M) The Leopold Conservation Award program - Tabled for further information
- (D/M) WV Women in Ag Conference - Ms. Hyre moved to sponsor Bobbi Meadows' attendance to the conference and one additional, if needed; Mr. Burroughs seconded; motion passed.
- (D/M) Potato Bin Use Agreement with WVDA - Mr. Young reviewed the agreement. Mr. Pitsenbarger moved to accept the agreement; Ms. Hyre seconded; motion passed.

Cooperator Agreements

None

AgEP Applications

None

AgEP PAYMENTS

Timothy Bailes - Nicholas County - Nutrient Management - \$1,729.31

Jonathan Reeder - Braxton County - Invasive Species - \$400.00

Mike Nuckles - Braxton County - Lime - \$744.95

Mr. Pitsenbarger moved to approve the payments; Mr. Smalley seconded; motion passed.

DEP

ICG Eastern, LLC - Renewal 1, Permit S200610 - Glade District, Webster County

ICG Eastern, LLC - Renewal 5, Permit H020300 - Glade & Beaver Districts, Webster County

ICG Eastern, LLC - Renewal 5, Permit S023876 - Glade District, Webster County

ICG Eastern, LLC - Renewal 5, Permit S024076 - Glade District, Webster County

Quinwood Coal Company LLC - Application 1, Permit S300317 - Kentucky District, Nicholas County

ICG Eastern, LLC - Renewal 1, Permit O201010 - Glade District, Webster County

No Comments

REPORTS:

CD SUPERVISORS:

Mr. Burroughs reported that he gained another granddaughter yesterday.

Ms. Hyre reported that there will be a WVCEC meeting on September 26. Teacher training for Envirothon will be on Monday, September 25 at Holly Gray Park at 9 AM. The Appalachian Grazing Conference committee met last week. The dates for the next conference are March 7-9, 2019 at the Waterfront Hotel in Morgantown. She encouraged all to attend the annual meeting at Days Hotel in Flatwoods in October. The WVACD History Committee continues to work on second edition of the "Footprints..." book. She asked for the supervisors to consider contributing to the auction fund for the annual meeting. She also reported that she will be a great grandmother next April.

Mr. Pitsenbarger reported that the next Nicholas County Fair meeting will be next Monday at the Shoney's in Summersville. Farm Safety Day will be held Wednesday, September 27 beginning at 9 AM at the Nicholas County Veterans' Memorial Park. This is for all 3rd graders in the county.

Mr. Smalley asked about the project to be done at Camp Caesar. The footbridge is a safety hazard and he was curious as to whether its repair is included in the project. NRCS discussed this with him. He also reported that he attended the strawberry growers meeting.

REPORTS (cont.):

NRCS Personnel: Mr. Stone reported on his one year as Acting State Resource Conservationist and his four months in Washington, DC working on an EQIP team. Stated this was a very eye opening experience. Reminded the board that NRCS is the only federal agency that will work on private land and to make sure to take advantage of the focused conservation approach funding. NRCS needs the district's assistance in identifying problems that need solved and help selling their assistance to district cooperators. They will be meeting over the next two days to review this year's past projects and decided on direction for the future. They funded 27 projects out of 49 applications with a total of \$5,000,000. EWP work will be done at Camp Caesar. The NRCS engineered 63 sites. The assistance they received from WVCA was great. The ECD had more sites because of the June 2016 flooding than any other district. He spoke on his visit to an apple tree planting site in Muddlety. This is a project done with a lot of veteran participation. Congress gave NRCS \$150 million for watersheds. WV submitted a lot of proposals. There may be one funded in the ECD. No definite decisions yet. Waiting for more information.

Mr. Sentz discussed flood work. Two of his staff out of the Summersville office are working that now and this will continue into October. Work on Rt. 39 should be done this week. Next week work should begin at Bergoo and Camp Caesar. There is a job showing at Powells Creek on October 4. Hope to complete work in no more than 6 weeks. Question was asked about the buyout option. This is not something that happens very often as it is a very lengthy and expensive process. The NRCS fiscal year ends September 30. All contracts are obligated as of to date. Their system will be down for approximately 10 days to convert to new fiscal year. They just finished a stream bank stabilization project in Braxton County at the Herndon Farm in Heaters.

FSA Personnel: Mr. Sentz reported for Mrs. Bailey. There is a CREP site up for renewal in Nicholas County. This should be renewed for 15 years. The landowner is maintaining all practices. New agreement needs signed by the district as a formality. No funding is required from the district. Ms. Hyre signed the agreement

Division of Forestry: No Report

WVU Extension: No Report

WVCA PERSONNEL: Mrs. Steele asked Mr. Salyer about the filling of the DM position at TVCD. He stated it should be posted soon. Mrs. Hyre asked who would be covering the quarterly meeting since Mr. Wolfe resigned.

Being no further business to attend to, and on **motion by Mr. Sutton; seconded by Mr. Burroughs; Mr. Mollohan declared the meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.**

_____, ECD Secretary/Treasurer

DATES TO REMEMBER: (OFFICE CLOSED/ECD MEETINGS)

Sep 28	ECD Annual Awards Banquet @ Braxton Senior Center - 6 PM
Oct 4	Envirothon Meeting - 10 AM
Oct 9	ECD Office CLOSED - Columbus Day
Oct 12	ECD Executive Meeting - 10 AM
Oct 10	SCC Meeting
Oct 13	Grazing Lands Steering Committee Meeting - 10 AM at Weston
Oct 16-17	WVACD Quarterly Meeting @ Flatwoods Days Inn
Oct 20-21	WV Women in Ag Conf. at Camp Dawson
Oct 24	ECD Board Meeting - 10 AM
Oct 26	WVACD CEC Meeting - 10 AM
Nov 1	Envirothon Meeting - 10 AM
Nov 3	ECD FY17 Audit
Nov 10	ECD Office CLOSED - Veterans' Day
Nov 14	ECD Board Meeting - 10 AM
Nov 23-24	ECD Office CLOSED - Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec 5	ECD Executive Meeting - 10 AM
Dec 6	Envirothon Meeting - 10 AM
Dec 19	ECD Board Meeting - 10 AM & Annual Christmas Luncheon - NOONish
Dec 25-26	ECD Office CLOSED - Christmas Holiday
Jan 1	ECD Office CLOSED - New Year's Holiday
Feb 7	Ag Day at the Capitol