

NORTHERN PANHANDLE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Special Meeting

January 22, 2018
10:00 a.m.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

James Caldwell, Brooke County, Chairman
Stephen Paull, Brooke County, Vice Chairman
Robert Luchetti, Ohio County
Mark Fitzsimmons, Marshall County
Charles Pugh, Hancock County
Ed Huff, Hancock County

SUPERVISORS ABSENT:

Cele Duvall, Ohio County, Treasurer
David McCardle, Marshall County, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jenn Kile, Conservation Specialist, WVCA
Veronica Gibson, District Manager, WVCA

Chairman James Caldwell called the meeting to order on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the USDA Service Center in McMechen, WV.

Ag Enhancement Program:

- ❖ A printout from the AgEP database for FY18 was handed out to each supervisor for their review.
- ❖ Mark Fitzsimmons discussed a conservation plan for each applicant for the AgEP. An “unofficial” conservation plan would be acceptable. **Charles Pugh made a motion to require each applicant for the AgEP to have an unofficial conservation plan with a map from FSA to be able to participate in the AgEP. This will take effect with the current round. Seconded by Robert Luchetti. Motion passed.**
- ❖ Each supervisor received a packet that included the eligibility form and the ranking form for each practice. Jenn Kile reviewed each form. No changes were made for FY19.
- ❖ Each supervisor received a packet that included the practice information sheets. Changes for FY19 were made as follows:
 - Lime – **Mark Fitzsimmons made a motion for the cost share to be a 50% payment based on \$36/ton and only able to apply up to 3 tons per acre on a maximum of 50 acres. Seconded by Robert Luchetti. Motion passed.** Jenn Kile will research the proposed increase in the cost of lime.
 - Invasive Species – **Mark Fitzsimmons made a motion for the cost share to be a maximum of \$600 per fiscal year. Seconded by Ed Huff. Motion passed.**

- Heavy Use Protection Area – The same location can only be graveled every three years.
- Fertilizer (Nutrient Management) – **Robert Luchetti made a motion for the cost share to be a 50% payment based on 25 acres. Seconded by Charles Pugh. Motion passed.**
- ❖ **Mark Fitzsimmons made a motion for the first round for FY19 as follows: Applications will be accepted May 14 – June 8 and will be approved at the August 9 monthly board meeting. Seconded by Ed Huff. Motion passed.**
- ❖ **Robert Luchetti made a motion that for FY19 each cooperator will be paid a maximum of \$4,000 total for all practices completed. Seconded by Ed Huff. Motion passed.** The amount of feet funded for woven wire fence will be adjusted to reflect the new annual cap for total payment.

FY17 Audit DRAFT Report:

- ❖ The draft report for the FY17 audit was presented to the board at the January monthly board meeting for their review. Veronica Gibson reviewed the report. **Robert Luchetti made a motion to accept the draft report for the FY17 audit as presented by Lowe and associates. Seconded by Ed Huff. Motion passed.**

There being no further business, Chairman James Caldwell adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

James Caldwell, Chairman

Stephen Paull, Vice-Chairman

Minutes submitted by Veronica Gibson