

The **Tygarts Valley Conservation District** Board of Supervisors held a Regular Board Meeting on *May 21, 2018* commencing at 9:00 am at the District Office in Philippi. The meeting was called to order by Secretary Robert True.

Supervisors Present: Joe Shaffer, Joe Gumm, Donnie Tenney, James Dean, Jim Nester

Others Present: Candice Stone – WVCA, Jeremy Salyer – WVCA, Sigrid Teets-WVCA, Joyce Frey –TVCD, Ben Collier – NRCS, Dan Elliott -TVCD, Doug Bush-FY19 Supervisor

Mr. Shaffer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Reading/Approval of the Agenda/Minutes:**

*May 21, 2018 Agenda;* **Mr. Shaffer moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Mr. Gumm; motion carried.**

*April 30, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes:* **Mr. Shaffer moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Tenney; motion carried.**

**Introduction and/or Recognition of Visitors:** Denise Campbell with Atlantic Coast Pipeline gave us a presentation

**Treasurer Report:** Ms. Frey reviewed her reports (copies attached), commented that Mark Myers is still yet to pay his bill. If it is not paid by May 28<sup>th</sup> they have another court date set for May 29<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am. Eddie Farris has paid \$500.00 on his bill and is coming in this week to pay more on the bill. Bob Spencer still owes his entire bill and it will be discussed at the June meeting as to what action will be taken on this bill. **Mr. Shaffer moved to accept the Treasurer Reports as presented and file for audit; seconded by Mr. Nester; motion carried.**

**District Report:** Mr. Elliott reported that the crew has been working on a few Emergency jobs for the City of Philippi. They have also completed several jobs including Pecks Run, Mowing for Grafton Cemetery. Mr. Elliott said they have several jobs ready to start once the weather cooperates.

**District Manager Report:** Ms. Stone reviewed her written report (copy attached).

**Report of Officers and Agencies:**

**WVCA:** Mr. Salyer reviewed his report (copy attached) and reminded the board of the July quarterly meeting on July 11-12. He also mentioned that the farm tours need to be completed by June 1. Area Tours for Conservation Farm of the Year will be July 16-20. Mr. Salyer will let us know which day ours will be. Also, the new supervisor directory as well as the handbook will be available on line. Mr. Salyer also informed the board of HB415 and green license plates will have to be turned in. All information must be turned in by July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ms. Teets, TVCD's new Conservation Specialist, introduced herself to the group, and informed us that she will be out of the office and in training May 22-23 and June 25-28.  
**WVU Extension:** None Present.

**NRCS:** Mr. Collier reviewed his report (copy attached). He mentioned that the Local Work Group Meeting went well, there is another meeting scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Collier informed us that Dustin Adkins has been selected to be the Conservationist for the Mon District.

**FSA:** None Present

**WesMonTy RC&D:** Mr. Shaffer announced they have a meeting at this location May 22. It was also mentioned that the deadline for the Coordinator Applications was May 18 and they hope to have the position filled very quickly.

**DOF:** None Present

**Others:** None present.

**Correspondence Received:** Brickstreet authorizations

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### **Old Business:**

- **Farmland Preservation –** None
- **SPRP/OM&R –**
  - **Work Pending:** None
  - **Completed Work/Invoices:** None

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### **Committee Reports:**

**Building/Finance/Budget Committee:** Mr. True reported that he checked on rental prices for storage and they are running between \$55.00 and \$280.00 per month climate controlled depending on the size. He also mentioned that the stairs going to the shop need to be repaired before the Tack Swap or they need to be closed off.

**Equipment/Safety Committee:** Mr. Nester reported there was a safety meeting this morning with the crew. He also reported that the tractor trailer 5<sup>th</sup> wheel plate has slack in it and will need to be repaired.

**Education/Publicity/Exhibit Committee:** Ms. Frey reported that we had to cancel our soils field day due to lack of interest and we need to figure out what needs to be done to get more interest. She also mentioned that she presented at both Upshur County Ag in the Classroom and Tucker County Safety Days and the children were very well behaved. Ms. Frey also has the following upcoming presentations for the Quiet Dell Garden Club on June 2, Philippi Public Library on June 13, State RC&D on June 26 and Barbour County 4-H Camp the week of June 25.

**Legislative Committee:** Mr. Gumm reported that we need to get with our legislatures about attending the Ag Days breakfast held in January at the Capital. He also mentioned that the farm bill did not pass. Mr Gumm said that we need to have supervisor training for all supervisors not just the new ones.

**Grassland/AgEP Committee:** Ms. Teets suggested an AgEP meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup> for payment approvals. **Mr. Shaffer moved to allow the committee to approve AgEP Cost Share Payments; seconded by Mr. Nester; motion carried.**

**Poultry Litter Application Approvals**

- Rita Kennedy 24 acres
- John Winslow 25 acres

**Mr. Shaffer moved to accept the applications as presented; seconded by Mr. Nester; motion carried.**

**Conservation Agreements:**

- Jamie Shahan –Barbour County

**Mr. Shaffer moved to approve the agreement as presented; seconded by Mr. Nester; motion carried.**

**AgEP Payment Approvals:**

- Nutrient Management
  - Thomas Short \$238.50
- Pollinator Plantings
  - Jamie Ball \$180.51

**Mr. Nester moved to pay all AgEP cost share payments as submitted; seconded by Mr. Tenney; motion carried.**

**AgEP Agreement Amendment**

- Addition of government land leasing.

**Mr. Nester moved to approve the addition to the agreement; seconded by Mr. Shaffer; motion carried.**

**Water Resource Committee:** Mr. Shaffer reported that Mr. Whitehair is to have a meeting in Charleston this week and they are supposed to contact us to set up the next meeting.

**WVACD Directors Report:** (copy attached)

**Personnel Committee:**

None

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**New Business:**

- **Equipment Pricing-** Mr. Elliott reported that we are losing money when using the dozer and the price per hour needs to be raised. **Mr. Gumm moved to change the rates of the dozer to \$95.00 per hour for cooperators and \$110.00 per hour for state use; seconded by Mr. Tenney; motion carried.**

- **LOR's For Approval**
  - CD Supervisor Support Allotment 1-4 totaling \$57,055.00 **Mr. Shaffer moved to approve the 4 CD Supervisor Support Allotments; seconded by Mr. Tenney; motion carried.**
  - CD Operating Grant 4 Allotments totaling \$38,900.00 **Mr. Tenney moved to approve the 4 CD Operating Grant Allotments; seconded by Mr. Nester; motion carried.**

**Report of Individual Supervisors:**

Mr. True – Local Work Group, AgEP, Appalachian Grazing

Mr. Tenney- Local Work Group, Envirothon, Urban Ag Conference, Upshur County Commission

Mr. Nester – Tucker County Safety Days, AgEP

Mr. Shaffer – Local Work Group

Mr. Dean – Radio Interview, AgEP

**Public Comment Period:** None

There being no further business to attend to, Secretary True declared the meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

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Secretary

Minutes recorded and prepared by Candice Stone – WVCA District Manager/ASA 3

**May 21, 2018 Regular TVCD Board Meeting Minutes Summary of Motions**

1. **Mr. Shaffer moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Mr. Gumm; motion carried.**
2. **Mr. Shaffer moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Tenney; motion carried.**
3. **Mr. Shaffer moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and file for audit; seconded by Mr. Nester; motion carried.**
4. **Mr. Shaffer moved to allow the committee to approve AgEP Cost Share Payments; seconded by Mr. Nester; motion carried.**
5. **Mr. Shaffer moved to accept the poultry litter applications as presented; seconded by Mr. Nester; motion carried.**
  - a. Rita Kennedy 24 acres
  - b. John Winslow 25 acres
6. **Mr. Shaffer moved to approve the agreement as presented; seconded by Mr. Nester; motion carried.**
  - a. Jamie Shahan-Barbour County

7. Mr. Nester moved to pay all AgEP cost shares as submitted; seconded by Mr. Tenney; motion carried.
  - a. Thomas Short- \$238.50/Nutrient Management
  - b. Jamie Ball- \$180.51/Pollinator Plantings
8. Mr. Nester moved to approve the addition of government land leasing to the AgEP agreement; seconded by Mr. Shaffer; motion carried.
9. Mr. Gumm moved to change the rates of the dozer from \$75.00/hour to \$95.00/hour for cooperators and \$90.00/hour to \$110.00/ hour for state jobs; seconded by Mr. Gumm moved to change the rates on the rental of the dozer from \$75.00/hour to \$95.00/hour for cooperators and \$90.00/hour to \$110.00/ hour for state jobs; seconded by Mr. Tenney; motion carried.
10. Mr. Shaffer moved to approve the CD Supervisor Support Allotments as presented; seconded by Mr. Tenney; motion carried.
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Allotment \$19,969.00
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Allotment \$14,264.00
  - c. 3<sup>rd</sup> Allotment \$14,264.00
  - d. 4<sup>th</sup> Allotment \$8,558.00
11. Mr. Tenney moved to approve the CD Operating Grant Allotments as presented; seconded by Mr. Nester; motion carried.
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Allotment \$19,000.00
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Allotment \$6,634.00
  - c. 3<sup>rd</sup> Allotment \$6,633.00
  - d. 4<sup>th</sup> Allotment \$6,633.00