

The Southern Conservation District held their regular monthly board meeting on December 13, 2018 at the SCD office, 463 Ragland Road, Beckley, WV. Virgel Caldwell called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Dennis Bailey led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Oscar Vecellio led the board in prayer.

**Supervisors Present**

Virgel Caldwell	Oscar Vecellio
Dvon Duncan	Ray Lafferty
Curtis Murphy	John Brenemen
John Farrell	Dennis Bailey
Randall Patton	

**Supervisors Absent**

Don Windon  
Randy Prince

**Others Present**

Becky Floyd, WVCA	Jeremy Salyer, WVCA
Dave Parkulo, SCD	Marty Walker, WVCA
Judith Lyons, WVCA	Brian Fry, WVCA
Hannah Skinner, Visitor	

**Randall Patton moved to approve the November 8, 2018 board meeting minutes as mailed. Oscar Vecellio seconded. Motion carried.**

**Southern CD Financial Reports**

**Oscar Vecellio moved to approve the November financial reports for the district accounts as prepared by Akers and Associates. Ray Lafferty seconded. Motion carried.**

Board reviewed the accounts receivable report. **Dvon Duncan moved to approve the November SCD accounts receivable report as prepared by Akers and Associates. Curtis Murphy seconded. Motion carried.**

**Southern Conservation District Technician Supervisor Report**

Dave Parkulo reported on work completed by the crew employees during the last month. Dave is working with the Oscar on transplanting the American Chestnut trees. He reported one of the trees has blight and one is not healthy. These will not be transplanted. Dvon asked Dave to take pictures of each tree so a report can be sent to Robert Sypolt.

Dave is working with Dvon Duncan on the blockage in Wyoming County. He plans to meet with Dvon and the County Commission to review the site to prepare a cost estimate. Dvon stated an additional blockage site has been added to the other sites. Judith reminded Dvon this additional blockage site will need to be submitted to Kimberly Neal and then approved by the WVCA

before it can be a part of the approved blockages on Indian Creek. Dvon will submit the information to Kimberly and Judith. Judith stated the County Commission can provide “in-kind services” for their match which can include items like dump sites, flaggers or equipment.

Dave reported WV Department of Highways called the district office to discuss a blockage site in McDowell County. Dave reported the call to Randall Patton for review.

**WV Conservation Agency Administrative Services Assistant III/District Manager Report**

Becky Floyd presented the November financial reports for the co-administered funds for board approval. **Randall Patton moved to approve the November financial report as prepared by WVCA staff. Ray Lafferty seconded. Motion carried.**

Becky distributed information on Ag Day and the Legislative breakfast.

Becky reported she has not received comments from Harold Wolfe on the EOI agreement. Virgel will work with Harold to have the comments by the January OM&R meeting.

**WV Conservation Agency Conservation Specialist Report**

Marty Walker reported extension letters have been mailed to all cooperators with an open AgEP contract.

Marty presented the completed AgEP contracts for payment:

Heavy Use Protection Area

Ronald Testerman	1,776.00
Paul Fink	1,000.00
Elijah Testerman	2,000.00
Travis Redden	2,000,00

**Randall Patton moved to approve the Heavy Use Protection Area contracts for payment. Curtis Murphy seconded. Motion carried.**

Exclusion Fence

Mary Miliam	1,000.00
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Water System

Steve DeHart	1,000.00
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Lime

Robert Peck	253.75
Jeremy Rogers	946.84
Doug Jarrel	756.50

Pond Cleanout	
Lonnie Johnson	1,970.00
Wayne Rhodes	982.00

**Randall Patton moved to approve the Exclusion Fence, Water System, Lime and Pond Cleanout completed contracts for payment. Ray Lafferty seconded. Motion carried.**

### **Visiting Agencies**

#### **WV Conservation Agency**

Jeremy Salyer reviewed the Agency report for December. Jeremy reported the program documents for the new Streambank Stabilization and Restoration Program will be ready by January or February for districts to review and approve after the program documents are finalized and approved by the WV Conservation Agency. Districts will need to vote to approve the SSRP program to be eligible for funding allocation for the program. Jeremy asked the board to place this on the January agenda.

Jeremy Salyer and Judith Lyons reported Agency representatives met with Richard and Jan Carper on trees in the Bluestone River creating blockages and damages to the Carper's bridge. Judith reported the blockage site is eligible for the new SSRP program once the program has been approved by the WV Conservation Agency and then the district. Judith asked the Carpers to sign a cooperater agreement with the district as the first step to the process. The Carpers have been made aware of the process and that the Agency cannot assist with the bridge repairs.

Becky Floyd reported Richard and Jan Carper signed a cooperater agreement in addition to asking two of the adjacent landowners to sign cooperater agreements also for the blockage removal work. Becky presented the following cooperater agreements for board approval:

Richard and Jan Carper	Mercer County
Bruner Land Company	Mercer County
Tammy Cutlip	Mercer County

**Dvon Duncan moved to approve the Cooperater Agreements as presented. Randall Patton seconded. Motion carried.** The landowners will still need to sign a SSRP application once the applications are available in addition to board approval of the program and the applications.

#### **WV Association of Conservation Districts Update**

Ray Lafferty reported on the date for the January WVACD meeting and reminded the board the April meeting will be held at Pipestem State Park. Ray encouraged supervisors to donate items to the WVACD for their auctions to raise money for scholarships.

### **SCD Supervisor Reports**

Dvon Duncan introduced Hannah Skinner. Hannah is interested in the district VISTA position. Hannah will be graduating from WVU this month and is interested in conservation and natural resources work. Hannah is currently residing in Charleston. Dennis Bailey questioned who will train Hannah for the VISTA work and grant writing if she is hired. Dvon Duncan will oversee this position. Dvon stated the deadline to apply for the VISTA position is December 28. Dvon suggested board members meet to review Hannah's resume' and to contact the references provided. Dvon and Virgel will meet next week to review the application and contact her references. Dvon will contact Hannah after their meeting to determine if she is still interested in the position if the district decides to move forward with the application. The training for this position will be January 22, 2019.

Virgel reported he attended the meeting with Brian Farkas and the Mercer County Commission held December 12. Brian reviewed the OM&R five-year plan and future funding for the OM&R work in Mercer County.

Virgel reported the Agency has researched Site 3 and they are the easement holder for this site. Judith stated the Agency will be in contact with the District, PSD and Timken in the future to address the repairs that need to be done on this site. Virgel reviewed the copy of the letter from William Winfrey who is representing Timken's on the repair concerns. Judith discussed the sink holes and need for these to be repaired in addition to addressing the water in the spillway.

John Farrell scheduled a District Forestry Committee meeting for January 7 at 10:00 a.m. John and Oscar will contact sawmill representatives and Leo Lester.

Dvon Duncan asked the board to schedule a Plan of Work review meeting for January 7 at 11:00 a.m. following the Forestry Committee meeting. Supervisors will bring cash to pay for their lunch that day, so food can be ordered for the Plan of Work meeting.

The group scheduled a 319 meeting for January 17 at 10:00 a.m.

Randall Patton scheduled an Equipment Committee meeting for December 28 to review rates for 2019. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. Virgel Caldwell scheduled a Safety Committee meeting for December 28 at 9:00 a.m.

Judith asked Dvon and Dave to be sure and contact Brian Fry when they plan to meet with the County Commission.

Judith and Dave are continuing to work on OM&R cost estimates for FY19. Western CD has accepted the quote from Dave for work on one of their sites.

Dennis Bailey reported he is interested in attending the Small Farm Conference. Becky provided information on the conference.

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Virgel wished everyone a Merry Christmas. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Virgel Caldwell  
Chairman

Dvon Duncan  
Secretary