



**Watershed Committee Report:** Foster reported on The Ohio River Basin study topic covered at the quarterly meeting. Our district has water that flows into this basin. As a district we need to work as partner with the water people that check the watersheds. Foster commented that we need to be aware of what we are contributing to the Ohio River. The district should be on top of the meetings that address the watersheds within the four counties we service. Supervisors wondered about the watershed associations located in their counties and agreed that they should be more a part of what the associations in the district are doing to preserve the watershed.

**Ag Enhancement Program:**

Foster reported on the J. Hale lime application. When the application was approved there was a miscommunication. The designated highlighted areas for liming on the map were not what the cooperator had planned to spread. Soil samples were received for the fields he had wanted to lime. During the approval process it was understood by the AgEP Committee that the cooperator was missing proper documentation, and the cooperator only received a max of 9 acres approved on the west field. Due to miscommunication at sign up the cooperator is asking from the board approval of the 8 acres in the east field. The cooperator has claimed that he has spread lime in both of these fields. This would increase the application acre approval, and increase the approval amount by \$528.00.

**Foster moved to approve increasing Hale's lime application by \$528.00 to accommodate the 8 acre increase. No second needed. Motion carried.**

Foster reported on the following payments;

- J. McCray; 19.3 acres; Lime-\$921.36
- J. Garrett; 50 acres; Lime- \$3,259.74
- J. Stutler; 49 acres; Lime- \$3,234.00
- M. Richards; 7 acres; Lime- \$462.00
- V. Martin; 10 acres; Lime- \$660.00
- J. Stutler; Spring Development- \$1,200.00
- E. Law; Division Fence; \$2,560.00
- B. Young; Exclusion Fence; \$3,520.00
- T. Loudin; 42 acres; Lime-\$2,525.60
- T. Bond; 38 acres; Lime-\$1,672.00
- A. Robinson; 50 acres; Lime- \$3,209.14
- W. Cather; 40 acres; Lime- \$1,760.00
- R. Brownfield; 44 acres; Lime- \$539.00 *totaling 27,351.48*

**Committee moved that we approve the payments as listed. No second needed. Motion carried.**

**Foster Reported on the following cancelations;**

- C. Ward; Exclusion Fence- \$3,200.00
- T. Loudin; 20 acres; NM- \$800.00
- J. Kirk; Exclusion Fence- \$4,000.00
- R. Werner; 9.7 acres; Lime- \$426.80
- D. Vavrek; 28 acres; Lime- \$1,848.00

- N. McCloy; 33 acres; Lime- \$1,914.00
- J. Long; 2 acres; Lime- \$88.00
- J. Kirk; 20 acres; Lime- \$1,320.00
- K. Clevenger; 11.4 acres; Lime- \$752.40
- D. Cantis; 20 acres; Lime- \$1,320.00
- S. Beall; 43.17 acres; Lime- \$2,849.00
- P. Stalnaker; 10 acres; Lime- \$440.00
- R. Werner; 17 acres; NM- \$680.00
- M. Richards; 4 acres; NM- \$160.00
- J. McCray; 20 acres; NM- \$800.00
- N. McCloy; 20 acres; NM- \$800.00
- J. Long; 2 acres; NM- \$80.00
- J. Watson; Division Fence- \$4,000.00
- M. Richards; Division Fence- \$4,000.00
- J. McCray; Division Fence- \$4,000.00
- W. Cather; Division Fence- \$2,880.00
- R. Wentz; Spring Development- \$1,200.00
- M. Richards; Well Development- \$1,500.00
- R. Pasquarelli; Pipeline and Trough- \$1,000.00
- G. Osborne; Spring Development- \$1,200.00
- J. McCray; Well Development- \$1,500.00
- J. Kirk; Spring Development- \$1,200.00 *totaling \$44,758.20*

**All practices would be canceled if paperwork was not turned in upon their completion contract dates of November 5, 2014, November 14, 2014, and November 18, 2014 based on the database. Foster move that cancellations be approved. Motion seconded by Plaughter. Motion carried.**

**Polk Creek & Salem Fork OM & R:** Jim Roy reported on the power company taking equipment across the dam and there was no damage on site #13. The work should be completed soon.

Coffindaffer reported on the board voting at the last meeting to fence the spill way. The work has not been completed. Foster and Coffindaffer would get together at a later date to address the tasks needed with this project, and would report back in future board meetings.

**Legislative Program:** Hannah reported on the legislative program, and that supervisors should have their RSVP's to Robin ASAP. Phil has started on the power point and has the presentation here today for supervisors to view. Richard Law will be coming to discuss personal experience of farming and the benefits of the district's programs to his needs. Phil reported on the power point and asked if Jared would review the power point. The committee needs to put together an agenda/program for the event. The legislative committee would meet briefly after the board meeting.

**Public Meeting for Watershed Dam Owners:** defer to the next meeting agenda in January

**District Employee:** The committee presented Michelle Rukavina as the employee for the district. She has been wanting to get back involved in the farming community, and is aware of a few of our programs. Her background test is scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup>. The committee would like to have her start on the 17<sup>th</sup> provided our acceptance of her two weeks' notice. **Osborne made a motion to approve Michelle as the new district employee pending pass of drug test. Does not require a second. Motion carried.**

- Board recessed at 10:25 am
- Board back into session at 10:38 am

### **New Business**

**Lime Spreader Purchase:** Phil reported on looking at all possible spreaders, and it was up to the board how much they wanted to spend and what specifications they wanted on the spreader. Gilmer county supervisors asked about housing a spreader in Gilmer County. The Gilmer county spreader is located at Jim Foster's house. The problem is that no one in the Gilmer County area wants to be responsible for the funds and management of the spreader. **Plaucher made a motion to buy 2(two)-2 ton spreaders, and 2(two) - 4 ton spreaders based on bids motion seconded by Collins. Motion carried.**

Phil reported on the different options available for the new lime spreaders. Supervisors discussed which type of options they wanted on the lime spreaders.

**McClain made a motion to authorize Phil Osborne to put together the bid packet for purchase of the lime spreaders motion seconded by Plaucher. Motion carried.**

Hannah suggested that the new spreaders should each have an ID number. Chairman addressed that in the future the supervisors would need to come together and address the policy and procedures for the future lime spreaders and equipment in general.

**POW Review JAS:** Chairman requested that this be deferred to the December meeting and make sure that the new supervisors had a copy.

**Subsoiler Policy/ Procedures:** Foster reported on the sub soiler; it cannot be housed at the district as it is heavy and requires equipment to load it. The sub soiler would be housed at Foster's house and he would be responsible for relaying any information about the equipment to Robin.

### **Correspondence:**

WV State Conservation Committee- Draft Minutes from July 15, 2014

DEP Thank You Contribution to 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Environmental Conference

Thank You from Jamboree at the Mill- Lewis County 4-H Committee

Guyan CD annual awards and recognition invitation

Thank You from the Huff's Fall Education Banquet

**Funding Requests:** Capitol Conservation District AgEP funding request \$5,000 state wide. The board felt that all of their funds have been allocated and they cannot fill their request at this time. Robin would send a letter to the Capitol CD stating this decision.

**Letters of Request:** None at this time

**SPRP Project:** Jim Roy has left the meeting and is not here to report on this at the time.

**Board Member & Associate Supervisor Reports:** Collins reported on the banquet, and everyone thought that it was a nice presentation. Dinah added that Brian did a wonderful job being MC.

Dinah Hannah reported on a question from Liberty FFA via Mr. Porto. In reference to the Grazing Conference. Mr. Porto was wondering if the district sponsored FFA teams to attend the conference. Foster believed that there wasn't an expense for the FFA students to attend, and it was free for them to get in. Foster also reported on this matter that the grazing conference committee was going to ask the districts to sponsor two farmers from each county within the district to the grazing conference. Selections would be made by suggestion from supervisors within the designated counties. Foster commented that supervisors need to start thinking about cooperators in their counties.

#### **Report of Cooperating Agencies:**

**NRCS:** Jared reported on the local work group meeting and appreciated the boards input. State office report; The NRCS is still operating under continued resolution until December 6<sup>th</sup>. Whip is a continuous sign up until November 21st. Herb Andrick has retired, and has been with the agency for 34 years. Herb's position has been posted and closed. Ben Collier out of Philippi is acting in Herb's job for now until the position is filled. Jared highlighted on the highly erodible land and wetland issue. FSA is coming out with a new form and will be trained on how to use that. Nestor reported on the Talbott well development not meeting specs and as far as NRCS specs go, and he cannot sign off on it. Bill and Phil will work on meeting with this cooperator to address the issue.

**WVCA Report:** Kim reported on Ag day at capitol and the parking and procedures that would take place for the day. The Partnership Conference is completed, and she has with her today Tom and Terri Hawkins's plaque along with a \$100.00 check for him. She reported on the winning conservation farms, the Carrol Greene award, and honorary members. She reported that Jim Foster has resigned as secretary from the association, and she reminded districts to review their policy manuals. The attorney general is working on reviewing the ethnicity of district scholarships at this time. Also districts need to appoint a EWP person. The agency is working on a water withdrawal program and it will be reported on later. Brian has appointed a committee for partners. The next meeting for State Committee is January 13.

Robin reported on the banquet it was very nice. She also commented that after today she would be working on sending out the legislative invitation and asks for Steve's assistance on making sure that the invites got sent out to everyone that needed an invitation. She also reported on the copy machine, and that shortly we would need to have a new one. It is slowly falling apart and is not doing tasks that it should be doing. The audit will take place on November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, and she will be out of the office this Friday, and Next Monday, and Tuesday.

**Conservation Agreements:** There are none at this time

**Set Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on December 2nd, 2014 at the USDA Service Center in Mt.Clare, WV to begin at 9:00 a.m.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jane Collins, Secretary**

**Minutes Recorded by Robin Ward, District Manager, West Fork CD**