

The **Tygarts Valley Conservation District** Board of Supervisors held a Regular Board Meeting on *February 23, 2015* commencing at 9:08 a.m. at the district conference room in Philippi, WV. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Wolfe.

Supervisors Present: Robert Wolfe, John Sencindiver, James B. Nester, Sr., David C. Bonner, Sam Wright, Sheldon Findley, and Joe Shaffer.

Others Present: Roger Poling – WVCA, Hillary Woofter – WVCA, Joyce Frey – TVCD, Jeremy Salyer – WVCA, Ben Collier- NRCS, and Corey Lambert – TVCD.

Bonner led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction and/or Recognition of Visitors: None present

Findley joined the meeting at 9:15 AM.

Reading/Approval of the Agenda/Minutes:

February 23, 2015 Board Meeting Agenda: **Sencindiver moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Shaffer; motion carried.**

February 11, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes: **Sencindiver moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Nester; motion carried.**

Treasurer Report: Joyce Frey provided a CDO Account summary, showing expenditures thus far into FY15, as well as an A/R Aging Summary report, a detailed list of bills paid in the recent pay period, and a profit & loss by class report. She commented that she has ordered some materials for her pollinator & beekeeping classes. The past due amount from the Shavers Fork Offsite Mitigation cannot be recovered because the NRCS has already distributed all funding for related project work and the account has been closed.

Sencindiver moved to present the report to the district Chairman to be filed for audit; seconded by Nester; motion carried.

District Report:

Lambert reported that work has been slow due to the recent weather. Dave had been maintaining the parking lot conditions. Karl had been working on the motor for the litter spreader. No building issues had been reported to him, but the extreme cold had caused the heating system to struggle in maintaining a comfortable temperature. He had been researching prices for a new equipment trailer. Wolfe recommended that the trailer be bought soon as the purchase money had already been approved by the board.

District Manager Report:

Woofter reported that she was still working on the revision of the district's Policy & Procedure Handbooks. She and Joyce have been brainstorming new education program ideas for the district to offer in the upcoming year. She added that she is looking forward to the upcoming Grazing Conference in Morgantown, and that she will be mailing the registration forms and payment for the sponsored cooperators later this week. Wolfe thanked Woofter for all of her work on the Spring FY15 AgEP cost-share.

Dates (District Meetings/Work Sessions) to Remember:

- I. February 24, 2015 – Grassland Contest Meeting 10:00 AM, Weston
- II. February 25, 2015 – OM&R Training, Elk CD Office 9:30 AM- 3:30 PM (Joe Gumm)
- III. March 3, 2015 – Area 3 Meeting, MCD 10:00 AM
- IV. March 11, 2015 – TVCD Regular Board Meeting 9:00 AM
- V. March 12, 2015 – Eat & Reap Dinner 6:30 PM, Camp Pioneer in Beverly
- VI. March 13-14, 2015 – 2015 Appalachian Grazing Conference, Morgantown
- VII. March 17, 2015 - WesMonTy RC&D Meeting, Weston
- VIII. March 30, 2015 – TVCD Regular Board Meeting 9:00 AM

Report of Officers and Agencies:

WVCA:

Jeremy Salyer reported that the only update from the previous meeting was that the WVCA would be making a donation to the WVU soil team on behalf of all the conservation districts. *Sencindiver* asked if there were any updates to the Attorney Generals Ruling, and Salyer had not yet heard of any,

Roger Poling had no report but raised concern over the money TVCD was allocated for hosting field days. The money for the remaining field day would need to be spent this fiscal year.

WVU Extension: None

NRCS:

Ben Collier reviewed his written report (copy attached).

FSA: None

WesMonTy RC&D: None

WVDOF: None

Others: None

Correspondence Received: WVCA supplemental OMR funds distributed, WVACD request for supervisor input on training ideas and dates

Old Business:

Farmland Preservation: The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 26th.

AgEP Cancellations: None

Approval of funds for SPRP/OM&R: None

Ongoing investigation with Mr. Powers Deputy Director- Commission on Special Investigations: Will meet at the district office on March 4th with Wolfe, Poling and Osborn.

Committee Reports:

Building/Finance/Budget Committee: Frey raised concerns over the amount of materials being stored in the WVU Ext. closet as there are many electrical and phone wires in close vicinity. Asked that WVU Ext. be notified to relocate their materials.

Equipment/Safety Committee: Nester reported that a safety meeting was held on 2/11/15 and the work crew discussed what equipment and repairs would benefit their work output.

Education/Publicity/Exhibit Committee: Sencindiver reported that the district Envirothon training day at Camp Pioneer had been canceled due to low interest from district schools.

Legislative Committee: No report.

Grassland/AEP Committee: The next WV Grazing Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for April 17th at 10:00 am in Weston.

Conservation Agreements:

- *Cody Pyles (Barbour)*
- *Gregory Kittle (Upshur)*
- *Michael House (Randolph)*

Nester moved to approve the agreements as presented; seconded by Sencindiver; motion carried.

AgEP Payments: None

AgEP Applications: Woofter reviewed the decision made by the AgEP Committee at their meeting the previous Friday. The committee elected to accept the recommendations as presented by Woofter, adding that Mayle's contract be contingent as to whether it is for a rental or owned property. If Mayle's contract cannot be completed, the next candidate for water development will be approved in his place, and so on, down the list. All exclusion fencing and water development contracts will need site visits beforehand. Any overages will be paid out of the CDO funds, but the money won't be transferred until/unless necessary. (Copy attached of approved list)

Shaffer moved to approve the decision made by the AgEP Committee and contracts as presented; seconded by Nester; motion carried.

Water Resource Committee: No report.

WVACD Directors Report: No report.

Wright joined the meeting at 9:45 AM. Chairman Wolfe left at 9:50 AM. Vice-Chairman Sencindiver took over leading the meeting.

New Business:

- **Sale of 900 gallon storage tank-** Nester approved to allow sale of the tank to Rukavina; Findley seconded; motion carried.

- **RFQ for FY 15 audit-** Findley moved to approve the RFQ as presented an submit to Suttle & Stalnaker, Bennett & Dobbins, and Arnett, Cabis, Toothman; seconded by Sencindiver.
- **Northern Panhandle CD request for Frey to teach bee keeping classes-** Nester moved to approve that Frey attend NPCD's event in September and TVCD cover her pay; Wright seconded; motion carried.
- **2015 WVCEC membership dues –** Woofter reported that the existing contribution level from TVCD is a contributing member which costs \$50.00. Findley moved to pay \$50.00 to keep the same level of membership; seconded by Nester; motion carried.

Report of Individual Supervisors:

Wolfe – (report given before leaving meeting) Spoke with Mr.Hayes of the WVDOT about the timber problem on CR 76. The WVDOT had been temporarily shut down for six months, and was recently given a three month extension, so no cleanup planned in the upcoming months. Added that Thrasher Engineering has \$2.5 million secured for the Barbour Co. Water Project and has been holding bi-weekly meetings.

Nester – Thanked everyone who attended the Eat & Reap dinner in Parsons and had roughly 25 people attend. Also reported having been on a conference call to discuss the NE NACD conference this August.

Bonner – No report but thanked everyone who attended the Eat & Reap dinner in Parsons.

Shaffer – Looked at a high tunnel project and helped the grower start up use of it, and referred him to Frey for possible use of pollinators. Thanked Woofter and Poling for their work on the Spring FY15 AgEP cost-share.

Findley – No report.

Wright – No report but raised concerns over the recent oil spill in Fayette and why such a volatile compound is authorized to be transported on trains.

Sencindiver – No report.

Public Comment Period: None

There being no further business to attend to, Vice-Chairman Sencindiver declared the meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Secretary

As prepared by