

NORTHERN PANHANDLE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
November 9, 2017
10:00 a.m.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Charles Pugh, Hancock County
Ed Huff, Hancock County
James Caldwell, Brooke County, Chairman
Steve Paull, Brooke County, Vice-Chairman
Robert Luchetti, Ohio County
David McCardle, Marshall County, Secretary
Mark Fitzsimmons, Marshall County

SUPERVISOR ABSENT:

Cele Duvall, Ohio County, Treasurer

ASSOCIATE SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Betty Schafer, Marshall County
Gary Dean, Marshall County

OTHERS PRESENT:

Veronica Gibson, District Manager, WVCA
Jenn Kile, Conservation Specialist, WVCA
Katie Fitzsimmons, District Conservationist, NRCS
Ed Hanson, Soil Technician, NRCS
Toni Reynolds, District Coordinator, NPCD
David Shipman, Agriculture Program Assistant Marshall County, WVU Extension
Brent Lyons, Forester, WV Division of Forestry

Chairman James Caldwell called the meeting to order on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the USDA Service Center in McMechen, WV.

Minutes:

Charles Pugh made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2017 Board meeting as presented. Seconded by Ed Huff. Motion passed.

Financial Report:

Cele Duvall was unable to attend the meeting. The financials for October will be reviewed at the December meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Equipment:

- Bids are being accepted for the 2001 lime fertilizer spreader. The bids are due to the district office by December 1.
- The 2006 Cricket lime/fertilizer spreader has been taken to Hancock County for rent.

USDA Building Complex:

- Addition to Equipment Building – A representative from Weirton Lumber came to the building to review the plans for the building addition. He had several concerns regarding the plans he was presented. An email was received from Weirton Lumber expressing his concerns. The concerns were as follows:
 - It could be difficult to match the existing trusses if we go right against the existing building. We could possibly get our truss company representative to come down if you are sure you want to try and match the buildings up.
 - Another idea would be to drop the new trusses a little below the existing trusses
 - Or leave a space between the two buildings
 - And the steel profile will not match the existing steel
 - Color will most likely differ also
- Robert Luchetti would like for the truss representative from Weirton Lumber to come to line up the new truss to the existing building and submit an estimate of the cost.
- Concrete at the back lot – James Caldwell is concerned that the drop of on the back of the lot is very high, 5 to 8 inches. There was a discussion on how to fix this which included reflectors with plastic fencing, guardrail, placing concrete barriers, or leveling it off with gravel.

Education:

- None

Watershed:

- Robert Luchetti asked if the boom for Wheeling Creek Site #3 is delivered, where will it be stored? There was a discussion regarding if the district had space available on their property for it. Not knowing the size of the boom, a decision was not made.

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Luncheon:

- December 14, 12:30 pm at Perkins Restaurant in Moundsville.

NACD Annual Meeting:

- January 27 – 31, 2018, Nashville, TN. James Caldwell asked if anyone would like to attend. Mark Fitzsimmons is interested. A decision has not been made. The district will reimburse one supervisor up to \$1,500 in expenses.

Blue Stream Farms – Hancock County Schools:

- Each supervisor received the information that was emailed from the principal of St. Joseph the Worker School in Weirton prior to the meeting. The information received included a power point presentation and their application document. **Mark Fitzsimmons made a motion to table until further information is provided. Seconded by David McCardle. Motion passed.**

Ag Enhancement Program:

- Modification – Peter Greg Capito was approved for cost share of lime at a rate of 50% for a total cost share of \$1,242.00. The cost share rate is 60%. The cost share rate should be \$1,490.00. **Mark Fitzsimmons made a motion to modify the contract for Peter Greg Capito as presented. Seconded by Ed Huff. Motion passed.**
- Payments

Name	Practice	Cost-Share
James Lilley	Pasture Division Fence	\$3,850.00
Gary Dean	Water System	\$1,431.98
Amanda White-Toland	Water System	\$2,436.48
Jeffrey Allen	Lime	\$1,057.27
Lloyd Earnest	Lime	\$2,085.91
Peter G. Capito	Lime	\$1,490.00
Robert Randolph	Water System	\$2,515.90

Total \$14,867.54

Mark Fitzsimmons made a motion to approve the completed AgEP payments listed above. Seconded by David McCardle. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REPORTS

WVCA

- The monthly report was distributed to each supervisor and is attached to the minutes.

WV Division of Forestry

Brent Lyons, Forester

- The monthly report was reviewed and distributed to each supervisor and is attached to the minutes.

NRCS

Katie Fitzsimmons, Area Conservationist

- The monthly report was reviewed and distributed to each supervisor and is attached to the minutes.
- Finishing up getting EQIP applicants eligible. Need to be completed by November 22.
- A retirement celebration has been planned for December 20 for Ed Hanson, Soil Technician. Each supervisor received an invitation.

WVU Extension

David Shipman, Agriculture Program Assistant Marshall County

- The WV Commissioner of Ag is touring the northern panhandle on December 5 and 6. Financial support is needed for expenses to include meals and transportation for the tour. A rough draft of the itinerary was discussed. A special meeting will be held by the district on November 14 at 10:00 am to discuss the tour and support.

NPCD

Supervisors

Gary Dean – Thanked Ed Hanson for all his hard work.

Mark Fitzsimmons – Report from quarterly meeting. Conservation camps need sponsors. Attendance needs to be increased for Ag Day breakfast. Reviewed upcoming meeting dates and locations for 2018 WVACD quarterly meetings. NRCS talked about a succession plan for farmers about to retire.

NEXT MEETING –The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the USDA Service Center in McMechen.

There being no further business, Chairman James Caldwell adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

James Caldwell, Chairman

David McCardle, Secretary

Minutes submitted by Veronica Gibson