

MOUNT CLARE CLARE, WV 26408

Month/Year JAN 2020

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Practice	Practice Rates	Notes
Lime	Flat Rate of \$20/ ton for Ag Lime and Trucking. Spreading is not included	Min. of 1 T/A and Max. of 3 T/A per soil test results
FENCE Division Fence Water/Woodland Exclusion	Flat rate of \$1.60 per foot DNE 2,500 feet or \$4,000.00	No Boundary Fence
Nutrient Management (Commercial Fertilizer)	\$30 / acre 18-46-0 or 0-46-0 Not to Exceed \$600.00	PERMANENT PASTURE ONLY Min. pH of 6.0
Watering Systems	50% cost share on springs, well developments, and pipe/troughs.	Well drilling - \$20/ foot (DNE 150 Ft.) Pipeline and trough - \$1,500 Spring Development - \$1,700.00 Well Development - \$2,000.00
Winter Grazing Stockpiling	Flat rate of \$20/acre Max of 50 acres; \$1,000.00 Purchase of Urea 46-0-0	50 lbs/ Nitrogen per acre. Must remove livestock by Sept. 1 until Dec. 1. Min. pH of 5.8
Heavy Use Area Protection	\$1.25/ sq. ft. Max of 2,000 sq. ft. or \$2,500.00	Payment for Geotextile Fabric Class IV, 6" of Base rock (min. size #57), 2" of surface rock (max. size #57) *#57 may be used for both base and surface
Frost Seeding (Pasture ONLY)	\$15 per acre Max of 50 acres	Legumes ONLY \$750.00 Min. pH of 6.0
Hay Reseeding	\$50 per acre Max of 25 acres	NRCS Seed Mix \$1,250.00 Min. pH of 6.0

**** Max of 2 approved contracts per applicant per fiscal year****



March 2020
WVCA Report

Request to Conservation Districts

The WVCA is encouraging Conservation Districts to review and update your District Policy Manuals. In addition to your policy manual you are encouraged to review your CD Employee Manual (if you have one) and your CD Plan of Work. If you are already doing these reviews, please disregard this request.

District Personnel Plan

District Personnel Plans was due to the SCC by **March 1**. Failure to meet the deadline may cause a delay in approving the District's personnel plan and the release of state funds for those positions.

Conservation District Operation (CDO) Grant Funds

Districts are asked to prepare your CDO budget report for FY21. The budget was to be submitted to Fiscal Services and your Area Director by March 1, so it can be presented to SCC in April.

Engineering Expression of Interest

Review your current contract and if needed, prepare to advertise and go through interview/selection process if needed.

The WVCA is interested in working with the district to ensure they retain a firm that has strong civil engineering and is familiar with dams.

Because of questions raised about these agreements, it's important to make sure that the scope of work is clearly defined and an agreement between the district and engineering firm is signed.

Also, the district may want to consider whether it wants an engineering firm that also can perform environmental assessments.

Conservation Farm Tour

It is time for districts to be thinking about the conservation farm families to be awarded. CDs should have their district farm selection to their Area Directors by May 31.

Timelines:

- **May 31** - County and District judging.
- **July** - Area judging.
- **August** - Statewide judging.
- **October** – Presentation of Area and State awards at WV Conservation Partnership Annual Conference. County and District winners at local Conservation District annual banquets.

O&M Sponsor letters

Brian has asked for DM's and supervisors to check and see if the County Commissions and cities who signed the agreements in 2019 have paid. If not, an invoice needs to be sent and supervisors need to follow up.

WVACD Educational Programs and Contest Information

Information for the photo and poster contests can be found on the WVCA webpage under WVACD Contests tab.

Where would we BEE without Pollinators? is the 2020 theme for the poster contest.



All **photos** are due in the WVACD office in Sutton by July 1.

All **posters** are due at the July Quarterly meeting before the standing committees break to meet. Please get your schools and community involved in both of these contests. 2020 poster theme is "Where Would We BEE Without Pollinators?"

Education District of the Year entries are due on the first day of the July Quarterly Meeting.

WVACD Scholarship applications are due on the first Monday in March at the WVACD Office in Sutton. Please contact the schools in your district to be certain they have the correct information on scholarships.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the WVACD will be held April 20-21 at Mardi Gras Casino Resort.

Location: Mardi Gras Casino Resort---Cross Lanes, WV

To make room reservations call: 304-776-1000 or 800-224-9683

AGEP:

- **March 2020-** State AgEP committee meeting to finalize upcoming FY AgEP.
- **April 2020-** Presentation of upcoming FY AgEP to SCC
- **May/June/July 2020**– CDs to finalize upcoming FY program, update AgEP agreement addendum, take action to approve LORs
- **June 15, 2020**– Deadline for CDs submit final practice list to WVCA (CDs can submit final list any time after SCC approval of practice list)
- The state AgEP committee will meet March 17 at 10:00 a.m. in the Elk Conservation District conference room. If you would like to use videoconference, please contact Jennifer Skaggs to set it up. The focus of the meeting will be to review proposed changes for the FY20 program.

Legislature:

As of the last week of the session, both House and Senate budget proposals for FY21 provided \$11,023,235 for WVCA operations beginning July 1, 2020. This is a continuation of the current fiscal year budget and as promised to the legislature, the extra money is to be used for dam repairs and operations.

Senate Bill 586 passed which creates the new State Resiliency Office. The bill also adds language to WV Code §19-21A-4 relating to the State Conservation Committee's authority. The language says **"the State Conservation Committee shall cooperate with the State Resiliency Office to the fullest extent practicable to assist that office in fulfilling its duties."** Similar language was inserted into code sections for several agencies. The WVCA's executive director or his/her designee sits on the new resiliency board along with the "Secretary of the Department of Commerce or his or her designee; the Director of the Division of Natural Resources or his or her designee; the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection or his or her designee; the President of the West Virginia Emergency Management Council or his or her designee; the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security or his or her designee; the Secretary of Transportation or his or her designee; the Adjutant General of the West Virginia National Guard or his or her designee; the Director of the Division of Emergency Management; two nonvoting members of the West Virginia Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate; and two nonvoting members of the West Virginia House of Delegates, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

As of the last week of the session, the State Conservation Committee's rule relating to the creation of an SCC grant program was endorsed by both the House and Senate and appeared to be set for passage. A committee comprised of WVCA/RCD/Supervisor membership will meet in late March to begin drafting the program with the goal of having the SCC approve it in July.