

Monongahela Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
June 01, 2023
Steve Lebnick Agricultural Center
Morgantown, WV
@ 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call:

District Supervisors: Mark Teets, Chuck Cienawski (Teams), Mark Myers, Jean Conley (Associate), H.R. Scott, Robert White, and Jim McDonald (Associate)
USDA-NRCS: Brandon Duckworth, Katie Fitzsimmons, and Becky Jefferys
WVCD: Sigrid Teets, Bill Armstrong, Jeremy Salyer (Teams), Cindy Shreve, and Don Whetzel
WVDOF: Rudy Williams

Chairman Myers called the meeting to order at 9:32AM

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was led by White.
A prayer was led by M. Teets.

Meeting Minutes:

- ***M. Teets moved to approve the board meeting minutes from 05/04/23. Scott seconded. Motion carried.***
- ***Scott moved to approve the special board meeting minutes from 05/19/23. M. Teets seconded. Motion carried.***

▪ Cooperating Agency Reports

- USDA-NRCS: Duckworth provided a written report. He provided a program update and introduced Katie Fitzsimmons who will be covering District Conservationist duties in MCD beginning June 4th. Myers provided an update about EWP work. Jefferies encouraged everyone to report flooding issues.
- USDA-FSA: no report.
- WV Division of Forestry – Williams reported WVDOF recent activities including training, school presentations, and summer camp. He also reported a higher-than-average acreage of fires reported this spring.
- WVU Extension – no report.
- WVACD - Exec. Dir. – no report.

▪ Program and Project Reports

- Watershed Projects Report – Whetzel reported on Upper Buffalo and Upper Deckers recent job showings. The bid openings are scheduled for June 7th beginning at 10AM.
- Annual Inspection Planning – Whetzel suggested planning this for some time after the mowing has been completed. The date will be determined at a later time.
- Contract Approval Authority – In an effort to avoid unnecessary delays to dam mowing and maintenance, the following motion was made.

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M. Teets moved to delegate O&M contract approval authority for watershed projects to H.R. Scott. Seconded by White. Motion carried.

Emergency Action Plan Review

Scott moved to approve the "Monitoring and Emergency Action Plans Statement of Review" forms for all Upper Deckers dams. M. Teets seconded. Motion carried.

M. Teets moved to approve the "Monitoring and Emergency Action Plans Statement of Review" forms for all Upper Buffalo dams. Scott seconded. Motion carried.

- Channel Tour – TBD. This may be rescheduled for the same day as the annual inspection.
- Conservation Services Report
 - Conservation Agreements
 - Richard Danks – Preston Co.
M. Teets moved to approve the above-listed conservation agreement. Scott seconded. Motion carried.
 - FY-23 AgEP Payments – ***M. Teets moved to delegate authority to Scott to make AgEP payment approvals. White seconded. Motion carried.***

Scott moved to approve the following FY23 AgEP payments.

- Lime
 - Darlene Bolyard 20 tons (Pel) \$2,000.00
- Pollination – Nucs
 - Brian Britton 2 nucs \$200.00
 - Nancy Postlethwait 2 nucs \$200.00
- Urban Ag
 - Mark King Shade Cloth \$209.00
 - Kathee Sharp Shade Cloth \$500.00
- Nutrient Management
 - Gary Nedrow 20P, 18.19K \$2,127.60

White seconded. Motion carried.

- Solid Waste Authority
Marion: McDonald reported interest in purchasing shredder truck but lack funds at this time. He also reported an abundance of cardboard in their storage facility. Paper prices are low. Preston: M. Teets plans to attend the next meeting. Monongalia: Scott was unavailable to attend the last meeting.

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▪ Invoices

S. Teets reported receiving a higher-than-expected invoice from Southern Air.
Scott moved to pay the invoice. M. Teets seconded. Motion carried.

▪ Unfinished Business

- Triton Litigation – S. Teets has drafted a letter of request for support to send to NRCS.
- HVAC maintenance contract - Cienawski and S. Teets reported recently received Rexroad estimate for maintenance. Once a third quote is received or a company declines the invitation to submit a quote, a decision can be made.
- Fall Banquet Award Nominations: MCD settled on the following list for the 2023 Annual Awards Banquet.

- Frank Glover Award – Brandon Duckworth
- Luther Britton Award – Bill Shockey
- Outstanding Service to the District – Jeff Skousen
- Solid Waste Authority Award – Ben Smith
- Conservation Service Award – Betsy Thomas
- Public Service Award – Andy Price
- Outstanding Conservation Farmer – Mountain Harvest Farm

Scott moved to approve the above list of nominations. Cienawski seconded. Motion carried. S. Teets plans to contact Winner's Choice to have the plaques made.

- MCD Annual Plan – S. Teets is still working on the final edits to both the long range and annual plans.

M. Teets moved to give H.R. Scott the authority to make the final approval for the annual plan. White seconded. Motion carried.

▪ Correspondence & Newsletters

S. Teets received a follow up email from Northeast Energy. They are still interested in working with MCD on a tree planting project and/or other community projects. Williams suggested that Bob Hannah at the Farmington office may be able to assist. Mason-Dixon Park may want to work with them on a project. Mon Co. Parks and Rec. JR Pesco would be the contact for that project.

▪ WVCA Reports

Administrative Specialist – S. Teets provided a written report.

She reported that Tylan Livengood asked for an update about his request to move a right of way location through district owned property near Upper Buffalo #33a. Whetzel offered to contact Livengood and provided an update about the transfer of property ownership. MCD prefers that Livengood repair the existing right-of-way. A recent request from WV Construct LLC for bid results from 2022 O&M on Upper Deckers was reported. S. Teets requested

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instructions about what to share. Discussion followed. Myers express interest in following up on the status of transferring \$1,404.10 balance from Consol project to Buffalo OM&R. S. Teets will look for minutes and inquire with WVCA District Fiscal.

Conservation Specialist – Shreve provided an update about Cons. Spec. vacancies. June 21 is the estimated start date for MCD/WFCD Cons. Spec. She reported a successful grant opportunity targeting underserved communities. She reviewed the FY24 AgEP timeline.

Area Director – Salyer reminded MCD to place O&M Funding Agreements on the next agenda. He encouraged a timely submission of letter of request to NRCS.

■ Committee Reports

- Finance – M. Teets reported that he and Conley are reviewing April financial reports. S. Teets explained the financial report monthly review process that was approved during the May 19th special board meeting.
- Legislation – Myers reported about Ag Day at the capital plans.
- Safety/Building/Grounds/Equipment – Scott reported that equipment is in good shape. Hugharts is scheduled to fix water spigot and install shut off valve. Cienawski has been working on HVAC maintenance quotes. S&L will be doing the electrical work. S. Teets reported that Lou contacted her to report parts were ordered and will schedule once parts arrive.
- Upper Deckers Creek Watershed – Myers reported on May O&M job showing.
- Upper Buffalo Creek Watershed – Myers reported on May O&M job showing.
- Education/Marketing/Soil – Conservation Camp has been shared on MCD Facebook page.
- Grasslands – no report
- Ag Enhancement – Scott reported that MCD is wrapping up FY23 programs. S. Teets reported an estimated 30 applications for the May sign-up period.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 07, 2023 –Buffalo & Deckers Bid Openings – 10:00AM (MCD office)
- June 27, 2023 – Eastern Area Meeting - 10:00AM (MCD office) – Cienawski reported John Murray has been invited to present on poultry litter.
- July 6, 2023 – MCD Board Meeting – 9:30AM (MCD office)
- July 17-18, 2023 – WVACD Quarterly Meeting. Myers inquired about any decision about WVCA local staff attendance quarterly meetings. Salyer plans to request an update.
- July 22, 2023 – Star City Yard Sale – Morgantown, WV (time TBD)
- August 03, 2023 – MCD Board Meeting – Welcome Center Fairmont – 9:30AM
- September 07, 2023 – MCD Board Meeting - Maple Spring Family Life Center (Eglen, WV) – 9:30AM
- October 19, 2023 – MCD Annual Banquet - Core, WV – 6:00PM

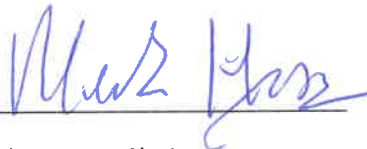
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▪ Board Member and Associate Supervisors Reports

Each supervisor and associate supervisor provided a brief report.

Chairman Myers adjourned the meeting at 11:25AM.

Minutes approved by:



Mark Myers, Chairman



Date

