

Southern Conservation District
May 11th, 2023
10:00 AM

The SCD met for their monthly board meeting at their office location, 463 Ragland Road, Beckley WV, 25801.

Those in attendance:

Members of the board

Ed Hendrick Curtis Murphy Bill Harris Randall Patton
Randy Prince Bill Cook Fred Halsey Ron Testerman (via teleconference)
John Farrell,(via teleconference)

WVCA/SCD staff

Jeremy Salyer Dave Parkulo, SCD Jacob Lavender Mike McMunigal
Marty Walker-Owen

NRCS

Katy McBride

Visitors/Others

Heather Duncan, WVACD

Davin White, WVCA

The board began their board meeting after the group led in saying the pledge and prayer.

Southern Conservation District Operations & Business

Approval of April Board Meeting Minutes Marty Walker-Owen, Admin./SCD

Curtis moved to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented, Ed Hendrick seconded, motion carried.

Approval of April Special Board Meeting Minutes Marty Walker-Owen, Admin./SCD

Bill Harris moved to approve the Special Board meeting minutes, Ed Hendrick seconded, motion carried.

District Financial Reports

Curtis Murphy moved to approve the District financial reports as presented, Ed Hendrick seconded, motion carried.

Aging summary, Bill Harris move d to approve, Curtis Murphy seconded, motion carried.

WVCA financial reports were tabled due to lack of receipt from WVCA Fiscal.

Closure of Receiving Account

Curtis Murphy moved to approve the closure of the receiving account , Randy Prince seconded, motion carried

FY 24 LORS

Marty Walker-Owen presented the following FY24 LORS for approval.

AGR 1024-09

- LOR ID: 13984 FY 24 Q1 District Support Allotment \$ 47,163.00
- LOR ID: 13985 FY 24 Q2 District Support Allotment \$ 26,750.00
- LOR ID: 13986 FY 24 Q3 District Support Allotment \$ 26,749.00
- LOR ID: 13987 FY 24 Q4 District Support Allotment \$ 18703.00

Bill Harris moved to approve the WVCA/SCD Quarterly Support LORS as presented , Randy Prince Seconded, motion carried.

Marty provided a report to the board on the current items she is working on at the office.

Honeysuckle Hill

Randy Prince moved to approve the \$1,700.00 request for gravel, Ed Hendrick seconded, motion carried.

Dave Parkulo, SCD Conservation Technician

Dave reported on the following items of SCD work: Cranberry Creek, Glady Fork, DFCF, Raleigh County pond and trough installation is completed. He noted a fence in Springdale to begin next to be completed before end of fiscal year.

He noted that Elk Two-Mile trees were removed from the flood pool, 30 dams in PVCD are upcoming to be mowed as well as Dam work nearing completion for BC 12, 6, 10, SF 4 & 5. He noted Ron Testerman's feed pad is still pending to be completed .Wyoming County Blockages were discussed.

SCD Truck Purchase

Dave Parkulo reported on the estimated total price of the SCD truck, \$ 67,322.00 he noted the recommendation reviewed by the equipment committee.

Bill Harris moved to purchase the pickup truck as described and presented paying the full price from the building account 67,322.00 from building and operating will reimburse half of that purchase. Fred Halsey seconded, motion carried.

NRCS Katy McBride

Katy reported that she has provided a copy of her written report to the board. She noted they held a hands-on training in Hinton with livestock water project recently, There is a high tunnel demonstration next week for hands on training for NRCS staff. In June a spring development staff training will take place

She stated she has had one team submit registration for the soil judging thus far.

She noted a report on the SWA high tunnel and provided an overview of her written report provided to the board.

Jacob Lavender, Watershed Manager South

Jacob noted the receipt of the outstanding invoices he is working on as Marty noted earlier.

EWP Raleigh County and Wyoming County

Reported on the County Commission cooperation to complete the sub agreement for Dorothy.

Jeremy Salyer, Area Operations Manager

He reported on the OM agreement, funding allocation he noted the agency has a draft of that agreement and it should be coming up for a board approval at a new meeting.

Mike McMunigal, Conservation Services Manager

Conservation Specialist offer was made to the selected interviewee in which was declined. At this time, they are not readvertising at Southern. The agency has Conservation Specialist position interviews at the Greenbrier Valley Conservation District as well as the Northern Panhandle Conservation District and wish to select an individual from the hiring pool to offer the Southern District position.

Flood Hazard Mitigation Project, funding that is anticipated to be received from FEMA and US Dept of emergency enhancement. McDowell Wyoming, Mingo and

Jacob Lavender and Mike McMunigal commented on the mitigation project and their involvement with both Watershed and Conservation Services

Mike reported on the completed AgEP payments as provided in the agenda.

He then stated and reviewed the 319 Pipestem Project payments

Mike McMunigal provided a copy of the AgEP Administrative Agreement that was reviewed and discussed at an AgEP informational meeting yesterday, May 10 at the SCD with Curtis Murphy and Bill Harris. A copy was provided to members of the board and staff.

Curtis Murphy moved to approve the continuing business of the conservation district program administrative addendum #1, Ed Hendrick seconded, motion carried. All members voted in favor to accept and adopt the current FY 24 AgEP administrative agreement.

A discussion was held in review of the agreement between members of the board and Mike McMunigal

Heather Duncan gave an update to the board on behalf of the WVACD for the upcoming quarterly meetings and conservation day.

She noted that there are potential grants forthcoming to the districts.

Supervisor Reports/Approvals

Bill Harris provided an update on the sites in Mercer County for Dam Rehab projects

Bill Harris stated that the WVCA will be administering the contract.

Jeremy Salyer noted that sponsorship agreements would be forthcoming.

USDA Lease

The last lease extension that was made in 2018 went beyond the acceptable terms. The rental rate was discussed with the USDA leasing agent, Ginger Rider during a conference call that took place at the SCD .

Bill Harris reported on the increase of rental rate for the USDA lease and a compromise was reached during the discussion. The rates will be illustrated within the drafted lease. He noted that once the extension is renewed , a new long term lease will be created after FY24. The contract lease will return to the district for signature

Bill Harris reported to the board that the WVDA lease that is up for renewal was sent to the district already signed and notarized and the board felt some modifications and errors needed addressed prior to signature as well as a more current rental rate. He stated they are interested in renting an additional office as well as the current rental office. He also recommended adding language for either party to be able break the lease and add verbiage indicating timelines etc.

Bill Harris moved to adjourn, Randy Prince seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:51 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Marty R. Walker-Owen, Admin.

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Fred Halsey, Secretary

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Randall Patton, Chairman

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