



Greenbrier Valley Conservation District

September 14, 2023, 9:00am
Committee Meeting
Agenda

Call to Order

Welcome and Introductions

Agricultural Enhancement Program Committee

Finance Committee

Grassland Committee

Building/Equipment Committee

Updates (if any)

- Monthly Equipment Report

319 Committee

❖ Women in Ag Scholarships for District Residents

- The 2023 Women in Agriculture Conference will take place on November 17-18 at Canaan Valley Resort & Conference Center in Davis, West Virginia
- Partial scholarship suggestion: \$100 toward registration and \$100 toward lodging and travel (1 night) (true cost ~ \$300)
- One awarded per county - \$600.
 - What are eligibility criteria?
 - Female resident of Pocahontas, Greenbrier, or Monroe County WV
 - Scholarship application: Select your ideal tour and lecture tracks and write a 500-word essay about why those tracks interest you. Applications will be ranked based on promise for learning outcomes that promote conservation in agriculture.

❖ \$2,000 for Field Day at Teaberry Farm

- Saturday November 11th, 2023, 9AM - 2PM
- Bring check if interested in purchasing soil probe.



- 9-9:30: Check-in then hobnob and hello with coffee and refreshments
- Talks
 - 9:30AM: Micronutrients: N-P-K LMNOP? (*Kara & Barry, Neal?*)
 - Why are micronutrients important and where is all the sulfur?
 - Ordering a micronutrient test: WVU and Waters
 - How to apply micronutrients?
 - Do litter and manure provide micronutrients?
 - JMC probes for sale at 50% of cost (\$500 up front \$250 net cost)
 - 10AM: Resource Concerns: Every farm is different.
 - What are resource concerns and how do I identify them on my farm?
 - How does addressing resource concerns improve my operation?
 - 10:30AM: Karst, Water, and Agriculture: Keeping our water clean and what we stand to gain (*Kara and DEP Southern Basin Coordinator*)
 - Unique connection of Teaberry farm and Destitute spring. Keeping drinking water clean for people and our livestock.
 - Tomorrow's canoe trip is in yesterday's cow pie - fecal coliform in second creek, the 303d list, TMDL, and the current study.
 - Recreation
 - Jackson hole cave map with description
 - How water moves in karst areas
 - Potential grotto collaboration and short walking tour of Jackson Hole at the end
- 11AM: Farm tour 1 on the people mover: solar pump, ponds, wetland, hay field. Owner discussion of hay/pasture and solar pumping system
- 11:30AM Lunch - can we cut a deal with a food truck to pay them a flat rate in exchange for reduced food costs? Then participants purchase food.
 - 12:30PM: Farmland Raptors: Free pest control (*Shawna & either Avian Conservation Center of Appalachia or Three Rivers Avian Center (program fee)*)
 - ACCA Appalachian bird conservancy in Morgantown - potential education bird



- Have you seen this raptor? Photos of farmland raptors and their role in the ecosystem.
- How farmland raptors control pests and how to help them do their job.
- Nest box plan sets
- Nest boxes for sale at cost VENDOR
- 1PM: Not in my pasture: Controlling invasive plants (extension)
 - What tools to use and when
 - Invasive forbs with pictures of common culprits
 - Annuals
 - Perennials
 - Invasive woody vegetation with pictures of common culprits
 - Cut + herbicide.
 - Root busting
- 1:30PM: Farm tour 2 on the people mover: Jackson hole, trough, pond, top of hill. Owner discussion and account of rotational grazing
- 2PM: Optional tour of Jackson hole (waiver required) (*Greenbrier Valley Grotto \$200 donation*)

❖ **Meadow River Tree Planting**

- Motion to approve purchase and payment of tree tubes and associated materials for a tree planting at Mill Creek stream restoration site, reimbursed to GVCD out of Meadow River Grant NTE \$1,050.00
- Motion to approve purchase and payment for bare root trees, seeds, and potting soil, reimbursed to GVCD out of Meadow River Grant NTE \$600.00

❖ **Meadow River** - Motion to delegate authority to Gary Truex to approve payment to L.D. Hanna & Son for Callison project construction.

❖ **Contracts for Approval**

Indian Creek

Forest and Karen Fowler - Septic system replacement 75% up to \$5,000.00

Forest and Karen Fowler - Septic system pumping 50% up to \$300.00.

❖ **Payments for Approval**

SGS water samples - 3 months' worth of samples, NTE \$1,000.00 (Second Creek VI 319 grant)

Indian Creek



Danny K. Dunn - Septic system pumping 50% up to \$300.00.
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Education-Outreach/Events Committee

❖ Banquet Updates

Other Business

Dates to Remember:

Reminder: All WVCA staff will be out of the office September 12 & 13th due to staff training in Flatwoods.

GVCD Regular Board Meeting: October 21, 2023.

Fall Quarterly Meeting at Days Inn, Flatwoods: October 16-17, 2023.

Adjournment