

The **Tygart's Valley Conservation District** Board of Supervisors held a Regular Board Meeting on January 8, 2024, commencing at 9:00 am at Philippi District Office and Via Teams. The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Dean.

Supervisors Present: Donnie Tenney, Tim Cunningham, Delbert Vandevander, Tom Short, Teresa Gerard, Jim Nester, Joe Shaffer

WVCA: Candice Stone, Darian Carson, Don Whetzel, Jim Roy, Devon Kokoska (teams)

NRCS: Tyler Putzulu, Robbie Shomo, Jared Nestor

WVDOF: Rudy Williams

Nester led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading/Approval of the Agenda/Minutes:

December 11, 2023, Meeting Minutes; **Shaffer moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Short; motion carried.**

January 8, 2024, Agenda: **Tenney moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Nester motion carried.**

Treasurer Report No report presented. CPA will begin this month doing bills and printing checks and reports.

Conservation Technician and Work Crew: Completed job at Danny Wagner's. Roy reported an excellent job on Polk Creek. Burnsville DNR road repair and pond job to be completed. Forest Services has another job they would like to have done this Spring. Make sure to be calling 811 before each job is completed.

Report of Officers and Agencies:

WVACD: Technical assistance grants are funded and finalized.

WVCA: Kokoska attached.

NRCS: Nestor reported a new soil technician will start on Monday in Elkins. The new Office Assistant will be working out of Philippi and West Fork Offices. February 13th 4pm meeting in Grafton about the Tree of Heaven and Spotted Lantern Fly. Nestor is filling in while they are filling the position in White Hall.

WesMonTy: Tenney reported need to bill for time for the tanks being cut for the grant. January 16th is the next board meeting.

WVDOF: Williams reported last years reports for fire season are all completed.

Old Business:

OM&R: Pecks and Shooks have a few small projects that need to be completed.

Committee Reports:

Equipment and Safety Committee: Safety equipment needs to be purchased for the crew (earplugs, safety glasses, safety boots, rain suits, etc.). A new dusk to dawn light needs to be purchased for the side of the building.

Education Committee: Roberts reminded everyone that dates need to be locked in for all Biochar classes being taught.

Grasslands/AgEP Committee: Shaffer moved to approve payments as presented; seconded by Nester; motion carried. Tenney abstained from voting.

New Business:

Upshur County Farm Preservation Board: Tenney moved appoint Frank White to the board; seconded by Nester; motion carried.

Appalachian Grazing Conference Attendees: Short moved to approve 1 per county; seconded by Gerard; motion carried.

Forest Services Contract: Short moved to approve the upcoming \$50,000.00 contract with Forest Services; seconded by Nester; motion carried.

CPA Carte Hall & Associates: Gerard moved to approve CPA Carte Hall & Associates to take care of all bookkeeping responsibilities; seconded by Nester; motion carried.

District Cell Phone/Cook Reimbursement: Cunningham moved to approve repayment of district cell phone bill to cook, also return of district cell phone to the office; seconded by Nester; motion carried. Payment will be given to Cook upon return of the cell phone, he is to meet with a District Supervisor.

There being no further business to attend to, Chairman Dean declared the meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Candice Stone – WVCA Administrative Specialist