

The **Tygart's Valley Conservation District** Board of Supervisors held a Regular Board Meeting on February 12, 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, Teresa Gerard, Jim Nester, Joe Shaffer, Donald Adams

WVCA: Candice Stone, Darian Carson, Don Whetzel, Jim Roy, Cindy Shreve (teams)

NRCS: Tyler Putzulu, Jared Nestor

WVDOF: Rudy Williams

WVACD: Heather Duncan

Shaffer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading/Approval of the Agenda/Minutes:

January 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes; **Shaffer moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Cunningham; motion carried.**

February 12, 2024, Agenda: **Tenney moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Shaffer motion carried.**

Visitors: Kelley Fancher with Save the Tygart gave a presentation on what they do and upcoming events.

Treasurer Report Gerard moved to accept the Treasurer Report as presented; seconded by Nester; motion carried.

Conservation Technician and Work Crew: Vandevander presented a written report. He had 9 farm visits, 2 signed contracts and waiting on 5 estimates to be accepted.

Report of Officers and Agencies:

WVACD: Duncan reported the conference is going well. The quarterly meeting went well, and recording is available. She will be sending the Ethics PowerPoint out to everyone.

WVCA: Kokoska attached. Shreve reported there is still 1 vacancy and internships will be posted soon. C-Bay still has litter funds available, and the Department of Agriculture will help write the Nutrient Management Plans.

NRCS: Nestor reported a new soil technician Kelly Gross has begun working in Elkins. There will be a new Office Assistant, Rhonda Vanscoy. Reminder of meeting tomorrow night in Grafton for the Spotted Lantern Fly workshop.

WesMonTy: Tenney reported there is still money left on the grant to be spent.

WVDOF: Williams reported he will be attending the workshop in Grafton. They had 12 fires last week.

Old Business:

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

Committee Reports:

Building, Finance and Budget Committee: Vandevander moved to approve the purchase of a refrigerator and microwave for the office kitchen; seconded by Nester motion carried.

Equipment and Safety Committee: Chainsaw safety class needs to be completed before Forest Services work can be completed.

Education Committee: Roberts will record Tenney teaching the Upshur County BioChar classes. February 20 and 21 are work days for preparing bags for the classes.

Grasslands/AgEP Committee: Shaffer moved to approve payments as presented; seconded by Nester; motion carried. Committee will meet on February 26th at 10 am.

New Business:

Personnel Plan: Tenney moved approved Personnel Plan as presented; seconded by Nester; motion carried.

Local Work Group Meeting: Belington Fire Hall 6pm, Check dates for March 19th and 21st.

SMART Grant: Tenney moved to approve the SMART Grant; seconded by Gerard; motion carried.

Taylor County Senior Center: Gerard moved to purchase refreshments for the Spotted Lantern Fly meeting at Taylor County Senior Center; seconded by Shaffer; motion carried.

Envirothon Teams: Tenney moved to approved to pay the \$50.00 registration fee for 2 Upshur County teams to attend Envirothon; seconded by Shaffer; motion carried.

Appalachian Grazing Conference: Roberts moved to approve the list as presented; seconded by Tenney; motion carried.

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

Minutes recorded and prepared by Candice Stone – WVCA Administrative Specialist