

Eastern Panhandle Conservation District

BOARD MEETING

April 17th, 2024, 7:00 pm.

Minutes

The **Eastern Panhandle Conservation District** Board of Supervisors held a Regular Board Meeting on April 17th, 2024, commencing at 7:00 pm at Eastern Panhandle District Office and Via Teams. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Fred Johnson.

Supervisors Present: Paul Fred Johnson, Jim Michael, Kory Harmison, Robert Cloud, Danny Lutz, Nany Lutz (teams), Robert Boarman, Floyd Kursey

WVCA: Talon LeFevre, Devon Kokoska, Erin Krieger, Amy Henry, Jody Sims, Kristen Bisom (teams), Don Whetzel

NRCS:

WVACD: Vanta Coda

Morgan Co: David Tabb, Mike Kercheval

Paul Fred Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading/Approval of the Agenda/Minutes:

April 17th, 2024, Agenda: **Jim Michael moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Kory Harmison motion carried.**

March 20th, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes: **Kory Harmison moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Robert Cloud motion carried.**

April 10th, 2024, Special meeting minutes: **Robert Cloud moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Kory Harmison; motion carried.**

Public Comment:

David Tabb talked about the findings of nano-bubbles.

New Business:

D/M Sponsorship of WVU Soil Judging Team for \$250: **Robert Boarman motion to approve; second by Robert Cloud, motion passed.**

D/M Discussing appointee by the District for the Farmland Protection Board: **Robert Boarman motion to approve; second by Kory Harmison; motioned carried.**

D/M Appoint Mike Kercheval for Morgan County Associate Supervisor: **Jim Michael motion approve; second by Kory Harmison; motion carried.**

D/M Refund tree orders with cash: **Robert Boarman motion to approve; second by Kory Harmison; motion carried.**

D/M Host local workgroup meeting on May 29th, at WVU tree and fruit research farm: **Robert Boarman motion to approve, second by Kory Harmison; motion carried.**

D/M Approve hosting 2024 EP Watershed Group Gathering, maybe Cacapon State Park Waiting to hear back: **Jim Michael motion to approve; second by Kory Harmison; motion carried.**

Jefferson County Water Quality Improvement Program:

D/M Approve septic pumping applications: **Robert Cloud motion to approve; second by Robert Boarman; motion carried.**

D/M Approve septic pumping reimbursement – Megan Santini \$150.00: **Robert Cloud motion to approve; second by Kory Harmison; motion carried.**

Education- Jody Sims:

D/M Approve Clean air neck pet’s activity (soil trailer) - \$150.00: **Kory Harmison motion to approve; second by Robert Cloud; motion carried.**

D/M Spring Mills High School tree planting for habitat building -\$500 – 10 Evergreen, 4 Shade Trees: **Robert Boarman motion to approve; second by Robert Cloud; motion carried.**

D/M Edible Soil profiles for Spring Mills Middle, Paw Paw Middle and High School, Pleasant View Elementary - \$500.00: **Robert Boarman motion to approve; second by Robert Cloud; motion carried.**

D/M Trees left over from tree sale to be donated to Jacob Villeneuve “The boy who plants trees”: **Robert Boarman motion to approve; second by Kory Harmison; motion carried.**

D/M Permission to set up both at Farm Museum on June 1st and 2nd and second weekend in October: **Robert Boarman motion to approve; second by Robert Cloud; motion carried.**

AgEP:

D/M Discuss approving remaining AEP applications: **Robert Boarman motion to approve; second by Robert Cloud; motion carried.**

D/M Approve Harmony Holl Farms Pollinator Plot payment - \$177.75: **Danny Lutz motion to approve; second by Kory Harmison; motion carried.**

D/M Urban payment approval for Jon Daniels - \$500: **Robert Boarman motion to approve; second by Robert Cloud; motion carried.**

D/M Lime payment for Luke Knott \$2,082.75: **Kory Harmison motion to approve; second by Robert Cloud; motion carried.**

CBay:

D/M Approve Fy 25 AEP / CBay program practices: **Robert Boarman motion to approve; second by Kory Harmison; motioned carried.**

D/M Stream Fence contract approval Daryl LaRusso for \$1,968.00 and Ryan Joseph West for \$1,968.00: **Robert Boarman motion to approve; second by Kory Harmison; motion carried.**

D/M Divisional fence payment approval for G Warren Mickey - \$6,125.00: **Dany Lutz motion to approve; second by Robert Boarman; motion carried.**

Warm Springs:

Sent Potesta a letter and have not received a response since the last meeting: **Just an update.**

Watershed Grants (319 and Chesapeake Bay)

D/M Approve Sleepy Creek Septic Pumping – Patricia Fredo, John Michael & Chuck Lafferty each \$150: **Robert Boarman motion to approve; second by Robert Cloud; motion carried.**

D/M Approve application & cooperative agreement for Stephanie Shain, Sleepy Creek tree planting: **Robert Cloud motion to approve; second by Kory Harmison; motion carried.**

D/M Approve budget of up to \$3,853 for Stephanie Shain, Sleepy Creek tree planting: **Robert Cloud motion to approve; second by Jim Michael; motion carried.**

D/M Approve application & cooperative agreement for Sam Michaels Park, Elks Run tree planting: **Robert Cloud motion to approve; second by Kory Harmison; motion carried.**

D/M Approve budget of up to \$7,445 for Sam Michaels Park, Elks Run tree planting: **Robert Cloud motion to approve; second by Jim Michael; motion carried.**

D/M Approve up to \$3,500 for Sleepy Creek postcard printing & mailing: **Robert Cloud motion to approve; second by Jim Michael; motion carried.**

D/M Approve up to \$2,500 for Elks Run postcard printing & mailing: **Jim Michael motion to approve; second by Danny Lutz; motion carried.**

Supervisor Reports:

Talked about field visits and District winners cutoff date is May 31st, 2024.

There being no further business to attend to, Kory Harmison motioned to close the meeting, second by Danny Lutz, Chairman Fred Paul Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Talon LeFevre – WVCA Administrative Specialist

Chairperson