

The **Tygart's Valley Conservation District** Board of Supervisors held a Regular Board Meeting on November 12, 2024, commencing at 9:00 am at Philippi District Office and Via Teams. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Donnie Tenney.

Supervisors Present: Joseph Shaffer, Jim Nestor, Tom Short, Donald Adams, Chad Proudfoot, Mateal Poling, Delbert Vandevander, Donnie Tenney

WVCA: Darian Carson, Jim Roy, Adrienne Hoalcraft, Don Whetzel, Davin White

NRCS: Tyler Putzulu, Robert Shomo

WVU: Kate Fotos (virtual)

Nester led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading/Approval of the Agenda/Minutes:

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

November 12, 2024, Agenda; **Shaffer moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Proudfoot motion carried.**

Grasslands/AgEP Committee: Nestor moved to approve all Exigency applications and payments as presented; seconded by Shaffer; motion carried.

Shaffer moved to approve the AgEP payments as presented; seconded by Nestor; motion carried.

Carson reported that she did not receive around 1/3 of the contracts back and would be working on a second round of contracts.

Proudfoot moved to approve the cooperators agreements as presented; seconded by Nestor; motion carried.

Vandevander provided a written treasurer's report.
A new account for Poultry Litter needs to be created.

Conservation Technician and Work Crew: Vandevander reported on the success the crew has seen since June. He reported the crew has completed several jobs and is awaiting payment. Jim Roy is happy with his experience working with them.

Report of Officers and Agencies:

WVCA: Whetzel provided a written report, highlighting updating district policy and employee manuals. The state AgEP meeting is December 16th. He also clarified the 10 million coming from the Department of Ag for drought assistance would be completely separate from the exigency program and governor's grant. Whetzel gave the approval for a job offered to be made for a new AS. He hopes to have a start date near the beginning of the year.

White is working on his annual report and would like a list highlighting the district's yearly activities.

NRCS: Putzulu provided a report on how the local work group is tied in to NRCS practices. He reported Nestor will be back at the end of November. Christopher Toothman will take over as acting DC after November 15th. Putzulu and Shomo reported on the upcoming workload and the drought relief programs they have attended.

WesMonTy: Poling spoke on a grant for a pollinator cost-share. No new birdhouses need made at this time.

Old Business:

Innovative Hay Management Practice Funds: The grant specifics were provided. Whetzel will look into the matter more. The supervisors would like to buy a seeder with the funds.

Committee Reports:

Building/Finance/Budget: Extension is currently paying rent for their new office space but still occupying both spaces. The board agreed to send a letter requesting they vacate the old office in 30 days.

Education: Poling reported on the programs they are working on getting in place in schools.

Equipment/Safety: BRIM insurance questionnaire was discussed. More safety meetings will be held.

Legislative Committee: The next quarterly meeting will be held January 6th. Ag Day will be held February 20th.

New Business:

GRASS Program: Kate Fotos gave a report on the GRASS grant program. Covered practices, additional ways to get the word out, and district involvement were all discussed.

O&M: Jim Roy reported he'd heard from Doug Bush and Larry Phillips that there was an issue on Pecks Run. He will report back with additional information.

No one showed up regarding exigency application deadline concerns.

The board discussed their yearly activities with White, highlighting their new supervisors, receiving a grant through the association, and many biochar burns.

The supervisors provided reports on their activities for the month of October. These included attending the legislative banquet, attending the quarterly meeting, the auction at the quarterly meeting, and successful growth with biochar.

TVCD will host the next area meeting on December 2nd, at 10AM. Hoalcraft will arrange food trays from Shop n Save.

The next board meeting will be held on December 9th at 10AM at Tygart Lake State Park. Hoalcraft will work on food cost and head count.

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

Minutes recorded and prepared by Adrienne Hoalcraft – WVCA Administrative Specialist

Conservation Agreements

Michael Crowe - Taylor
Basil Wolfe - Barbour
Tammy White - Barbour
Mark Felton -
David Gobel - Taylor
Chad Murphy - Taylor

Exigency Application Approvals

- **Water Hauling**
 - Richard Boice
 - James Lucas
 - Michael Crowe
 - David Gobel
 - Chad Murphy
 - Craig Marple
 - Tammy White
 - Delbert Weaver
 - Thomas Price
 - Timothy Lach
 - Thomas McClain
 - Matt Auvil
 - Deborah Carr
 - Ray Freeman
- **Temporary Fence**
 - Robert Winans
 - Melvin Bolyard
 - Circle W Farms
 - Ray Freeman
 - Chad Murphy
 - Tammy White
 - Ron Hall
 - Basil Wolfe
 - Barb Wolfe
 - Kevin Leyh
 - James Baker
 - Delbert Weaver
 - Mary Wolfe
 - Patrick Pharis
 - Jordan Lamb
 - Steve Hamner
- **Revegetation**
 - Circle W Farms

- David Gobel
- Mike Hicks
- Mary Wolfe

Exigency Payment Approvals

● **Water Hauling**

- Richard Boice-\$358.50
- James Lucas-\$358.50
- Michael Crowe-\$269.33
- David Gobel-\$50.81
- Chad Murphy-\$29.42
- Craig Marple-\$169.71
- Tammy White-\$244.99
- Delbert Weaver-\$259.99
- Thomas Price-\$150.28
- Timothy Lach-\$381.49
- Thomas McClain-\$148.44
- Matt Auvil-\$500
- Deborah Carr-\$423.08
- Ray Freeman-\$324.99

● **Temporary Fence**

- Robert Winans-\$500
- Melvin Bolyard-\$264.50
- Circle W Farms-\$500
- Ray Freeman-\$500
- Chad Murphy-\$77.05
- Tammy White-\$209.22
- Ron Hall-\$500
- Basil Wolfe-\$500
- Barb Wolfe-\$500
- Kevin Leyh-\$498.80
- James Baker-\$500
- Delbert Weaver-\$261.77
- Mary Wolfe-\$422.70
- Patrick Pharis-\$460.90
- Jordan Lamb-\$500
- Edward Paugh-\$500
- Steve Hamner-\$500

● **Revegetation**

- Circle W Farms-\$169.99
- David Gobel-\$32.09
- Mike Hicks-\$291.03
- Kenneth Mayle-\$135

- Mary Wolfe-\$424.97

AgEP Payment Approvals

- **Invasive Species**
 - Jaxon Carpenter-\$2,000
 - Jeff Hunt-\$2,000
 - Bradley Price-\$2,000
- **Lime**
 - Jeff Hunt-\$994.96
 - Jaxon Carpenter-\$2,000
- **Pond**
 - Travis Miller-\$2,000
- **Urban Agriculture**
 - Jeremy Bennett-\$751.19
- **Pollination**
 - Gene Hovatter-\$250