

Monongahela Conservation District
AgEP committee Minutes
December 5th, 2024
Steve Lebnick Agricultural Center
Morgantown, WV
12:00pm

Attendance: HR Scott, Chuck Cienawski, Brandon Linton, Rudy Williams, Bob Spaid, Andy Price, Devon Kokoska, Mark Teets, Kaitlyn Jones, and Adrienne Hoalcraft

Committee Chairman Scott called the meeting to order at 12:09 pm.

The state AgEP meeting, scheduled for December 16th in Flatwoods, WV was discussed. Possible changes to the AgEP allotment formula will be discussed at this meeting. HR Scott will not be able to attend. Chuck Cienawski, as the State AgEP Committee Alternate, will go in his place. Mark Myers plans to attend as well.

The potential changes to the formula and how MCD would be affected were discussed.

The board discussed moving up the application period to earlier in the year. February 1-April 1 was identified as the potential application period for FY26. Kokoska reported on how some other districts have handled the disconnect between the fiscal year and the calendar year.

The board inquired about giving a new cooperator/new applicant advantage on the ranking form. A current ranking form was reviewed. They discussed the option of all funded applicants being placed in the 2nd round of sign ups for the following fiscal year. Kokoska will look into this option and report back to the board.

Jones and Kokoska spoke on the difficulty of set amounts being attached to Nutrient Management contracts. **Spaid moved to approve the six previously approved Nutrient Management applicants to the max cost share. Cienawski seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50pm.