

**Monongahela Conservation District  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes-DRAFT  
September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Screech Owl Brewery  
Bruceton Mills, WV  
9:30 am**

**Attendance:**

Supervisors: Mark Teets (Chairman), Mark Myers, Brandon Linton, HR Scott, Bob Spaid, Chuck Cienawski, Jean Conley (associate), Art Mouser (associate)

WVCA: Don Whetzel, Devon Kokoska, Bill Armstrong, Kaitlyn Jones, Adrienne Hoalcraft

FSA: April Savage

WVACD: Vanta Coda (virtual)

Visitors: Stevie Lebnick Bayles

Chairman Teets called the meeting to order at 9:34am.

Spaid led the Pledge of Allegiance and delivered prayer.

Stevie Lebnick Bayles introduced herself and spoke about her mother and father (Mary and Steve Lebnick).

**Spaid moved to approve the regular minutes for 8/7/25 and the special meeting minutes from 8/20/25, seconded by Myers. Motion carried,**

Cooperating Agencies

- Toothman provided a written report in his absence
- Savage spoke about the drought monitor. She encouraged anyone with issues to submit them to the drought monitor. Anyone moving water needs to keep track of the days you haul and how many gallons are hauled. She also spoke about a program that would help if you lose an animal (lightning, blizzards, etc.)
- Coda spoke about the possibility of doing a Maple Day event in January or February. He spoke about collaborating with Maple Days and a maple producer. Savage reported there are two maple producers who report to FSA. Savage will report the names to Hoalcraft.

WVCA

- Kokoska reported there has not been much movement on the Upper Buffalo 39 seepage

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- The siphon for Upper Deckers 5 is still with purchasing. It went out for rebid which closed yesterday (9/3/25)
- Kokoska also reported that at least 1 county in MCD has reached D1 status under the drought monitor. The exigency program can be enacted if needed, but funding is limited and may not be replenished
- Armstrong reported surveying will be done on Upper Deckers 2 for a potential outlet clean out and stream restoration
- Jones reported all contracts have been sent out for FY26. She and Hoalcraft spoke about the additional funding Executive Director Lyons had approved using for FY26. The board discussed how they would like to use this funding. Focusing on HUAP projects versus funding less expensive practices was discussed.
- Funding all of the less expensive practices would total \$7,062.92. Linton stated he would like to use the funds to help as many people as possible. The board discussed funding one additional more expensive project. Tim Zaharko was discussed as an option. He listed HUAP as his number 2 priority, but soil samples made him ineligible for his #1 priority. His ranking score was discussed.
- **Spaid moved to approve the following applications for the FY26 AgEP program:**
  - **Wade Harsh – Invasive Species - \$1,500**
  - **Randy Toth - Urban Ag - \$1,000**
  - **Kate Roxby -Pollinator Plot - \$200.00**
  - **Hayward Luckey – Pollinator Plot - \$200.00**
  - **Nick Nedrow – Nutrient Management- \$3,000**
  - **Gordon Lawson – Lime - \$1,162.92**
  - **Timothy Zaharko – Heavy Use Area Protection - \$5,000**

**Seconded by Linton. Motion carried.**

- Hoalcraft provided a written report highlighting that FY24's audit had been completed and FY25 would be scheduled soon. Banquet planning was also discussed.
- Whetzel provided a written report. He informed the board Farm Tour winners would be announced at the Quarterly meeting and an Attorney General opinion regarding SB941 had been received. DEP will need to sign off on agreements going forward, but districts should continue their routine operation and maintenance work.

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Solid Waste Authority

- Scott reported Monongalia Solid Waste is still pursuing a new office space. They have an upcoming Ecycle event in September and a paper shredding event coming up after that.
- Conley reported Marion Solid Waste is working on repairing damage after lightning struck a pole by their building. They are currently receiving a good income stream.
- No report from Preston has been received. Hoalcraft will provide it to the board upon receipt.

Invoices

- **Spaid moved to approve payment of \$81.00 for J.T. Martin for Fire Extinguisher Inspection, seconded by Linton. Motion carried.**
- **Spaid moved to approve payment of the CTL invoice for \$5,775.00 for the Upper Buffalo 39 seepage pending verification by a WVCA engineer, seconded by Linton. Motion carried.**

Unfinished Business

- Spaid has been working on securing a location for the Annual Awards banquet. He presented two options to the board: the old Rowlesburg High School banquet hall (with catering from them) or a Bruceton facility owned by Rex Galloway with M&M Bake Shop catering. Conley discussed how banquets had been handled in the past and how many should be invited. Stevie Lebnick Bayles recommended Rex Galloway's place
- The board decided to host the event at Rex Galloway's place with M&M Bake Shop catering. Spaid will secure a date aiming for October 14-16. The event will begin at 6:00pm. Door prizes were discussed. Spaid will get with Hoalcraft to get invitations sent out.

New Business

- Myers spoke about the Marl Line. PSDs in Virginia have blocked it from going in part of Virginia. Marion County Commission and Preston County Commission have both

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issued concerns about the line. Concerns will be heard in October. Myers will report back to the board with updates.

Committee Reports

- Hoalcraft has received the existing protocol for outstanding checks from district fiscal and will work on contacting the individuals with outstanding checks.
- Myers reported Governor Morrissey wants the Ag budget to receive cuts
- Myers will contact Mills Group to get the bathroom remodel scheduled
- Scott reported Bookwise will be moving funds from the district's General Funds account to their CDO account for Mills Groups' payment going back to 2021.
- A potential contract with KLM was discussed. The starting asking rent would be \$3,700 a month with KLM receiving 6% of gross payment up front. Nothing will be paid until a rental contract is signed. The contract with the renter would be for 3 years. KLM's potential contract is for 1 year. Myers would like the KLM contract to be for 6 months. **Spaid moved to sign the contract with KLM pending negotiations to reduce the contract to 6 months with an option to renew for an additional 6 months, seconded by Myers. Motion carried.**

The board took a brief break to eat at 11:09 AM.

The meeting restarted at 11:55 AM.

Cienawski reported the seepage on Upper Buffalo 39 is the only active issue. He reported additional funding was needed for the Mannington Channel. The Upper Buffalo annual inspection will be on September 18<sup>th</sup>. An additional Mannington Channel inspection has not been scheduled.

Teets reported the Upper Deckers 5 siphon is still with purchasing. Upper Deckers annual inspection will be September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Spaid adjourned the meeting at 12:01 PM.

Mark Teets

Mark Teets, Chairman

10/2/25

Date