

Southern Conservation District

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2025

10:00 AM

The Southern Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 10:00 AM in the conference room of the district office located at

263 Ragland Rd. Beckley, WV 25801

Those in Attendance:

Supervisors:

Randall Patton, Chairman (Teleconference)

Bill Harris, Vice-Chair

Edgar Hendrick, Secretary (Teleconference)

Randy Prince (Teleconference)

Rachel Prince (Teleconference)

Steven Johnston

John Farell

Curtis Murphy

Ron Testerman

Others:

Jesus Nandi Roman, WVCA

Dave Parkulo, SCD

Jeremy Salyer, WVCA

Brian Fry, WVCA

Katy McBride, NRCS

Open & Welcome

Bill Harris, Vice-Chairman

- Ron Testerman led in the Pledge of Allegiance; Bill Harris led in prayer.

Southern Conservation District Operations and Business

Approval of Minutes:

Curtis Murphy moved to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2025 Regular Board meeting. The motion was seconded by John Farell and carried.

Steven Johnston moved to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2025 Special Board/Committee Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ron Testerman and carried.

Review/Approval of August Financial Reports:

District Operating Account

District Building Account

Supervisor Travel & Per Diem Account

CDO Account

District Reserve Account

Randall Patton moved to approve the August Financial Reports as presented; The motion was seconded by Randy Prince and carried.

Review/Approval of Co-Administered WVCA Financial Reports:

- August 2025

Dave Parkulo and Jesus Nandi Roman informed the Board of Supervisors of a correction regarding a misapplied allocation for an invoice. An invoice for \$14,000 for Dave's Fork/Christian Fork Channel had been miscoded in an email as channel work, though the attached invoice itself was coded correctly. As a result, funds were mistakenly taken from the DF/CF Dam account rather than the DF/CF Chanel account. To correct the error, \$14,000 is being transferred back by District Fiscal to correct the error. A check in the amount of \$14,000 was signed by Curtis Murphy and Bill Harris to resolve this matter. It was noted that the coding on the invoice was proper, and the error originated from a typographical mistake in the accompanying email.

Following this discussion, Randall Patton made a motion to approve the Co-Administered Funds for August 2025. The motion was seconded by Randy Prince and carried.

Review /Approval AR/Aging Summary:

Dave Parkulo provided an update on accounts receivable. He reported minor discrepancies that will be corrected, along with a few outstanding balances that staff are actively addressing. One account holder will no longer be permitted to rent SCD equipment due to nonpayment. Potomac Valley has a significant invoice balance exceeding \$100,000 as a result of the volume of work in

that District. Other accounts over 90 days past due are being monitored, and staff confirmed that most balances are expected to be collected.

Following discussion, Steven Johnston made a motion to approve SCD's AR/Aging Summary. The motion was seconded by Ron Testerman and carried.

Supervisor Conservation Tech Report:

Dave Parkulo, SCD

Dave Parkulo reported on recent and ongoing projects across multiple districts. Western District mowing and debris removal have been completed, along with mowing in Greenbrier and Capital Districts. Blockages at Turner Park on Brush Creek were cleared, and work was completed on the FAA Tower site on Brush Creek 12, including removal of a telephone pole and other debris. He also noted that over 100 tons of lime have been hauled outside the District, with additional hauling projects completed in Matoka and other areas. Several cost share items are scheduled in the coming weeks, including pond cleanouts in Pence Springs and Pluto, as well as channel maintenance in Fayetteville and surrendering counties.

The City of Beckley requested channel cutting and channel maintenance along sections of Brush Creek, which crews are currently addressing. Dave Parkulo added that he will be traveling to Ripley, West Virginia, next week for additional work. In coordination with Brian Fry, updates were also provided regarding blockages on Pax and Paint Creek, where Brian Fry noted that Jacob Lavender and several WVCA crew were surveying sections of Pax/Paint creek and will provide updates during the next meeting.

Conservation Specialist Report:

Brian Fry, WVCA

Brian Fry presented his AgEP report, which is attached to the minutes. He reviewed program allocations for FY26, noting a total of \$63,998 with an additional \$10,427.82 obligated, bringing the total to \$74,328. He further reported that approved practices totaled \$74,120.60, leaving a remaining balance of approximately \$280. Landowner agreements are currently being collected, with 23 of 46 received to date. Brian Fry noted that several inspections had been completed earlier in the week, including camera inspections of structures, and provided updates regarding Site 12. A blockage was observed, likely caused by a stick and debris obstructing the orifice, which has resulted in overflow. While the exact source of the blockage could not be fully confirmed, Fry explained that water continues to flow above the orifice. Dave Parkulo mentioned a possible contact to assist with resolving the issue, although not his preferred choice. Fry also reported the presence of a beaver in the dam during inspection.

It was further noted that after correcting lime application approvals, total program dollar amounts remained the same, but the adjustment allowed additional lime applications to be approved. Fry confirmed that updated landowner agreements reflecting the corrected amounts have begun to return signed.

District Conservationist Report:

Katy McBride, NRCS

Katy McBride reported on field activities for September 2025, noting 20 field visits in Beckley and 16 in Princeton. She provided updates on planning status, with the Princeton Field Office working on FY26 AMA, CSP, and EQIP field assessments, including 6 AMA, 26 EQIP, and 4 CSP in Summers County, and 4 AMA with 16 EQIP in Mercer County. The Beckley Field Office

Following Discussion, Steven Johnston made a motion to approve supervisor's signatures on SOR's. This motion was seconded by Randall Patton and was carried.

Public Remarks/Closing Comments:

1. John Farell announced that Tammy Jordan, of Fruits of Labor and Sprouting Farms, is adding two high tunnels to her operation and is planning a luncheon at her farm on either the first or second Monday of October. She will attend the Southern Conservation District's committee meeting to provide additional details and further information to supervisors.
2. Jesus Nandi Roman also noted that there is a \$10,000 fund available in a drought emergency program should the District need it.

Board Meeting Adjournment:

Following public remarks and relevant closing comments, John Farell made a motion to adjourn the Southern Conservation's District's Regular Board Meeting, Steven Johnston Seconded, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 AM EST.

Dates To Remember:

SCD Committee Meetings: September 30, 2025 at 10:00 AM @ 463 Ragland Rd, Beckley WV, 25801

Respectfully Submitted:

Bill Harris, SCD Vice-Chairman

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Edgar Hendrick, SCD Secretary

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BH/EH/AS

Recorded By: Jesus Nandi Roman, Administrative Specialist, West Virginia Conservation Agency

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Motions – Quick Summary:

Approval of the August 14, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes (Page 2)

Motion: Curtis Murphy

Second: John Farell

Action: Motion adopted.

Approval of the August 26, 2025, Special Board/Committee Meeting Minutes (Page 2)

Motion: Steven Johnston

Second: Ron Testerman

Action: Motion adopted.

Approval of April 2025 Financial Reports (Page 2)

Motion: Randall Patton

Second: Randy Prince

Action: Motion adopted.

Approval of August 2025 Co-Administered WVCA Funds (Page 2)

Motion: Randall Patton

Second: Randy Prince

Action: Motion adopted.

Approval of AR/Aging Summary (Page 3)

Motion: Steven Johnston

Second: Ron Testerman

Action: Motion adopted.

Approval of Travel and Per Diem for up to Four Supervisors to Assist with the Appalachian Grazing Conference (Pages 4–5)

Motion: Steven Johnston

Second: Ron Testerman

Action: Motion adopted.

Disapproval of Request to Construct a Non-Specification Exclusion Fence (Page 5)

Motion: Randall Patton

Second: Steven Johnston

Action: Motion adopted.

Approval of Supervisor Signatures on Brush Creek 2025 Statements of Review (Page 5–6)

Motion: Steven Johnston

Second: Randall Patton

Action: Motion adopted.

Adjournment of the September 11, 2025, Regular Board Meeting (Page 6)

Motion: John Farell

Second: Steven Johnston

Action: Motion adopted.

AgEP FY26 Approved Applicants

Lime

<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Ranking Score</i>	<i>Cost Share Amount Maximum</i>	
Joe Blair	304-543-1120	Mercer	90	\$	1,802.35
Leon Lilly	304-787-9869	Raleigh	90	\$	330.00
David Tiller	681-621-9151	Mercer	85	\$	262.90
Justin W. Rider	304-640-7885	Fayette	85	\$	990.00
Erica Adams	681-318-2644	Summers	80	\$	652.85
Roy Dale Fox	304-484-7480	Fayette	80	\$	710.05
Luther Bennett	304-573-7099	Raleigh	80	\$	964.15
Sarah England	304-222-4408	Raleigh	80	\$	563.75
David Mullins	304-890-4601	Raleigh	75	\$	1,456.40
Kevin Okes	304-673-3268	Raleigh	75	\$	2,211.00
Connie Bailey	304-887-3032	Mercer	75	\$	466.40
Robert Keaton	304-660-9928	Summers	70	\$	592.35
Katie Carter	304-320-7228	Mercer	70	\$	1,727.00
Andrew Mullins	304-890-4601	Raleigh	70	\$	1,646.70
Jimmy Joe Ballengee	304-712-5457	Raleigh	70	\$	677.60
Dean R. Bailey	304-860-7703	Raleigh	70	\$	1,212.75
Edith Jarrett	304-574-2649	Fayette	65	\$	93.50
Thomas J Hinton	304-660-8191	Summers	65	\$	1,091.20
Richard Breton	304-934-6520	Raleigh	65	\$	1,676.40
James R Webb	304-934-7088	Raleigh	65	\$	235.40
Jerry Bennett	304-763-2449	Raleigh	55	\$	905.85
				\$	20,268.60

Exclusion Fence (Woodland)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Ranking Score</i>	<i>Footage</i>	<i>Cost Share Amount Maximum</i>
Robert P Huffman	304-904-2688	Mercer	75	1,300	\$2,500.00
Carl Plumley	681-222-9857	Raleigh	55	1,000	\$2,000.00
Mark Lafferty	304-923-3702	Wyoming	55	3,300	\$2,500.00
Matthew Aliff	304-573-0030	Raleigh	50	1,100	\$2,200.00
Loblolly Farm	304-952-2845	Mercer	45	670	\$1,340.00
					\$10,540.00

Pasture Division Fence

<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Ranking Score</i>	<i>Footage</i>	<i>Cost Share Amount Maximum</i>
Sarah Jones	304-575-6169	Raleigh	115.5	1,156	\$ 2,312.00
Shane Huffman	304-890-1606	Raleigh	109.5	750	\$ 1,500.00
Rob Jiranek	434-989-4602	Summers	102.5	1,470	\$ 2,500.00
					\$ 6,312.00

Heavy Use Area Protection

<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Ranking Score</i>	<i>Square Feet</i>	<i>Cost Share Amount Maximum</i>
Jimmy Ballengee	304-228-8004	Summers	103	31,890	\$2,000.00
Michael Lester	304-673-3466	Mercer	88	2,000	\$2,000.00
John Bowling	304-890-9747	Summers	60	2,000	\$2,000.00
Colton Hughart	304-719-1093	Fayette	48	17,710	\$2,000.00
					\$8,000.00

Water System

<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Ranking Score</i>	<i>Cost Share Amount Maximum</i>
Cristy L Jones	304-575-9192	Raleigh	110	\$1,500.00
Caryn Tabor	304-575-8755	Raleigh	95	\$1,500.00
Douglas Grimmett	304-660-7773	Summers	85	\$1,500.00
Jim Toliver	304-673-7758	Raleigh	85	\$1,500.00
				\$6,000.00

Pond Cleanout

<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Ranking Score</i>	<i>Cost Share Amount Maximum</i>
Richard D Thomason	304-887-0278	Mercer	75	\$2,500.00
Dallas McCoy	304-890-6847	Raleigh	75	\$2,500.00
Cynthia L. Hedrick	304-575-3865	Fayette	70	\$2,500.00
Roger Bolen	304-961-0612	Summers	65	\$2,500.00
Tomas Harvey	304-466-2609	Summers	65	\$2,500.00
Homer L. Plumley	304-573-8799	Raleigh	60	\$2,500.00
Joshua H Harrell	304-619-1742	Fayette	55	\$2,500.00
David F Sheaves	304-575-2503	Fayette	55	\$2,500.00
Judd Lindley	304-573-2050	Raleigh	55	\$2,500.00
				\$22,500.00

Soil Health

<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Ranking Score</i>	<i>Cost Share Amount Maximum</i>
Bill Harris	304-573-9457	Raleigh	101	\$500.00

Southern Conservation District DC Monthly Report

September 2025

- **Field Visits**

Beckley: 20

Princeton: 16

- **Planning Status**

Princeton Field Office: Working on FY26 AMA, CSP, & EQIP Field Assessments. Summers County: 6 AMA, 26 EQIP, and 4 CSP. Mercer County: 4 AMA and 16 EQIP. (Approximately).

Beckley Field Office: Working on FY26 AMA, CSP & EQIP Field Assessments. Fayette County: 6 AMA, 19 EQIP, and 3 CSP. Raleigh County: 13 AMA, 36 EQIP, and 8 CSP. Wyoming County: 1 AMA and 1 EQIP. (Approximately).

- **Completed Practices**

Princeton: \$23,890.83 (106,165,382,649,441,561,430,314,382,325)

Beckley: \$32,929.47 (441,420,666,649,533,516,614,590,561,382)

- **Field Office Priorities**

- *Work on FY26 CSP Renewals & New Applications (field assessments)
- *Work on obtaining FY25 CSP documentation for payment approval
- *Work on reporting FY25 CSP practices & activities applied in CD
- *Work on expiring contracts / contract management / transfers / etc.
- *Work on getting trees marked for FSI practice(s)
- *Work on getting LWS projects surveyed and designed
- *Prepare for Annual Engineering & Agronomic Spot Checks

- **Upcoming Deadlines**

- **Upcoming Events**

*Hinton Railroad Days October 10th-12th

- **Special Projects / Updates / Trainings**

- *Staff attended a JED training on September 9th on LWS in Flatwoods
- *Beth hosted another High Tunnel Workshop in Beckley & Princeton

- **Staffing Updates**

*No new updates

September Board Meeting 2025

AgEP Report

- Allocation
 - FY26 Allocation: \$63,900.98
 - District Funds Obligated: \$10,427.82
 - Total Funds for approved practices: \$74,328.80
 - Leftover: \$208.20

- Landowner Agreements:
 - I have received 23/46 agreements.

- Total approved for each practice:
 - Lime: \$20,268.00
 - Exclusion Fence: \$10,540.00
 - PDF: \$6,312.00
 - HUAP: \$8,000.00
 - Water System: \$6,000.00
 - Pond Cleanout: \$22,500.00
 - Soil Health: \$500.00

Total: \$74,120.60