

Monongahela Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
December 4th, 2025
Steve Lebnick Agricultural Center
Morgantown, WV
9:30 am

Attendance:

Supervisors: Mark Teets (Chairman), Brandon Linton, Chuck Cienawski, Bob Spaid, Jean Conley (associate), Andy Price, Mark Myers

NRCS: Chris Toothman, Sarah Sions

WVU Extension: Josh Malencia

WVCA: Adrienne Hoalcraft, Kaitlyn Jones, Don Whetzel (virtual)

WVACD: Heather Duncan (virtual), Vanta Coda (virtual)

Visitors: Timothy Davis (Bionic Tire Recycling), Melissa Metz (MVN, virtual), Alexis Behrens (Mills Group, virtual)

Chairman Teets called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM.

Spaid led the Pledge of Allegiance and delivered the prayer.

Timothy Davis of Bionic Tire Recycling spoke about his company. He showed samples of what the tires he recycles are turned into and highlighted their use in playground surfaces and asphalt mixes. He talked about the steel pulled from tires. He spoke about looking to expand the company's operational hours. His company is currently running at a 99.4% recycling efficiency, a global first. Davis discussed potential patents and other uses for his recycled product. The board discussed the use of ag tires, the cost of tractor trailer tires, and future recycling possibilities with Davis.

Spaid moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes and safety minutes for 11.6.25, seconded by Myers. Motion carried.

Cooperating Agencies:

- NRCS Toothman provided a written report. He reported Malori Wachter is back in the Kingwood office and spoke about his efforts to play catch up after the federal government shutdown.
- Malencia reported the delivery of 2026 Extension calendars. A new family and health agent has been hired. The winter dinner meeting is scheduled for January 15th. The mushroom workshop hosted by MCD was very well attended. Extension is offering

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video pesticide lessons at the extension office through the end of December. A tick/drone spray event in the spring was discussed.

- Duncan reported the February quarterly meeting will take place on February 17th in Flatwoods. Committee meetings will take place prior to the quarterly meeting. February 18th is Ag day at the Capitol and the East Area Meeting is January 5th at Tygarts Valley Conservation District.
- Coda spoke about maple producers in the area and MCD's rack cards.

WVCA Reports:

Watershed:

- Hoalcraft reported Devon Kokoska and Bill Armstrong could not attend the meeting because they are rotating 12-hour shifts with other WVCA watershed staff at the Upper Deckers 5 dewatering project. The estimated length of the project was discussed.

Conservation Services:

- **Myers moved to approve the cooperator agreements for Chris Casteel, Playford Clark, and Robert Pretzel, seconded by Cienawski. Motion carried.**
- Jones reported the exigency program closed on November 27th when the district left D1 drought status. She would contact any individuals who turned in applications after that date. **Myers moved to approve the following exigency applications received before 11/27/25: William Beeghly (Temp Fence), Chuck Cienawski (Cover Crop), Playford Clark (Temp Fence, Revegetation, Water Hauling, & Cover Crop), GERALD FARKAS (Temp Fence), Christopher Jennings (Water Hauling & Temp Fence), Bruce Ragione (Water Hauling, Temp Fence, Cover Crop), and Tim Zaharko (Temp Fence and Water Hauling), seconded by Linton. Motion carried with Cienawski abstaining from the vote.**
- **Price moved to approve the following exigency payments and set December 29th as the last day for exigency receipts to be turned in:**
 - **Charles Cienawski-\$195.98 Cover Crop**
 - **David Clarkson-\$302.37 Water Hauling**
 - **David Clarkson-\$494.67 Temporary Fence**
 - **Gerald Farkas-\$456.19 Temporary Fence**
 - **Christopher Jennings-\$500 Temporary Fence**

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- **Jeffrey Taylor-\$500 Temporary Fence**

Seconded by Spaid. Motion carried with Cienawski abstaining from the vote.

- **Cienawski moved to approve the following FY26 AgEP payments:**
 - **David Harsh-\$754.20 Lime**
 - **Douglas Cyphers-\$5,000 Heavy Use Area**
 - **Blanche Stemple-\$2,640 Heavy Use Area**
 - **Clinton Fluharty-\$5,000 Heavy Use Area**

Seconded by Linton. Motion carried.

- Jones reported the deadline for Pollination (Habitat Plot), Heavy Use Area, and Bale Grazing was 12/1/25. Everyone completed except one habitat plot. A cancellation letter will be sent to that cooperator.

Hoalcraft provided a written report highlighting all annual BRIM paperwork had been submitted and Rexroad had been by to replace air filters for winter. The policy for getting the parking lot treated during the winter was discussed including what product is being used to treat ice. Cienawski will speak to Billy Ray about being more proactive and pretreating the parking lot if a storm is called for.

Solid Waste Authority:

- Jean Conley reported Marion County Solid Waste Authority has an oil and gas company interested in leasing land near the old landfill pad. She praised Jim McDonald for buying the adjoining properties.
- Myers reported the vote for Monongalia Solid Waste Authority to purchase a new property in Osage did not pass. They would work in January on a plan of work.
- Hoalcraft will reach out for a Preston County Solid Waste report.

Whetzel provided a written report highlighting the state AgEP meeting scheduled for December 15th where the AgEP allotment will be discussed. He provided the board with a DEP air quality outreach sheet. He reported the new PVCD AS is scheduled to start on December 15th.

Cienawski inquired about the status of the Upper Buffalo 39 seepage.

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Myers moved to pay CTL Engineering Invoice #160260 for \$1,200, seconded by Cienawski. Motion carried.

Spaid move to approve reimbursing Mark Myers for \$47.37 for refreshments for the mushroom workshop, seconded by Cienawski. Motion carried with Myers abstaining from the vote.

New Business:

- Farm of the Year candidates were discussed. Toothman and Jones were both asked to consider some options. Spaid will speak to the Stemples about running as a nontraditional candidate.
- **Spaid moved to reschedule the January board meeting for January 8th, seconded by Linton. Motion carried.**

Committee Reports:

- Alexis from Mills Group spoke to the board about additional funding being needed for the bathroom remodel. She reported the bathrooms weren't included in the original project, so additional funding was needed due to a change in the scope of the project. Past bathroom issues were discussed. The scope of the bathroom remodel project was discussed. **Spaid moved to not pay the scope change fee and to proceed with the bathroom remodel project without Mills Group, seconded by Myers. Motion carried.**
- Teets reported Scott was stepping down as the head of the safety/building/grounds/equipment committee for personal reasons. Teets appointed Brandon Linton as the new committee chair. Linton will take the lead on working with contractors for the remodel. Epoxy for the bathroom floors was discussed.

Myers moved to enter executive session at 12:36pm to discuss sensitive financial information, seconded by Cienawski. Motion carried.

Spaid moved to come out of executive session at 2:22pm, seconded by Price. Motion carried.

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Myers moved to allow Hoalcraft to monitor the GF and CDO bank accounts and report any outgoing checks to the bank, seconded by Price. Motion carried.

Price moved to freeze the CDO and GF accounts at First United Bank, seconded by Spaid. Motion carried.

Spaid moved to contact the district lawyer regarding the unauthorized bank transaction, seconded by Linton. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:32 PM.

Mark Teets

Mark Teets, Chairman

1/8/26

Date

