

# *Southern Conservation District*

Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 31, 2026  
10:00 AM

The Southern Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, 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, Chair (Teleconference)

Bill Harris, Vice-Chair

Edgar Hendrick, Secretary (Teleconference)

Randy Prince (Teleconference)

Rachel Prince (Teleconference)

Steven Johnston (Teleconference)

Bill Cook

Curtis Murphy

Ron Testerman

Others:

Jesus Nandi Roman, WVCA

Dave Parkulo, SCD

Brian Fry, WVCA

Jeremy Salyer, WVCA (Teleconference)

Open & Welcome:

Curtis Murphy

Bill Cook led in the pledge of allegiance; Ron Testerman led in prayer.

**Committee Meeting Items of Business:**

WV Board of Treasury Investments:

The conversation was tabled for a future meeting.

**Committees – Updates:**

Equipment:

Randall Patton

Dave Parkulo reported that work is planned for Little Whitestick, with the intention of cutting all channels and dams before the state implements new legislation. He noted that all equipment is generally in good condition. Parkulo also stated that work within the district is scheduled to be completed by June 12. He mentioned that one mower may require maintenance due to smoking issues, but confirmed that the remaining equipment is operational and sufficient to continue work at this time.

Building:

Bill Harris

A discussion was held regarding the condition of the building. It was noted that necessary maintenance items will continue to be addressed, including safety-related concerns such as the emergency exit. No major issues were identified at this time, and it was agreed that any additional work would be dependent on budget availability and future needs, such as heating or cooling concerns. Minor maintenance, including replacing interior lighting with LED fixtures, was also discussed as part of ongoing upkeep.

Finance/AgEP:

Curtis Murphy

Discussion focused on AgEP budget considerations and the potential to assist additional participants if more funding becomes available. It was noted that while a variety of practices are being offered, sign-ups will remain limited to one practice per applicant. Spring cross-seeding and nutrient management were discussed, with clarification that approvals may be delayed until appropriate timing for implementation. The Board also discussed the importance of encouraging participants to complete outstanding applications promptly. Concerns were raised about rising fertilizer costs and limited availability, which may affect participation and project completion.

Education & Marketing:

Ronald Testerman

Discussion was held regarding the Appalachian Grazing Conference and related educational and outreach efforts. It was noted that brochures have been distributed and that the Board has approved sponsorship for several attendees, including both supervisors and local farmers. Plans were discussed to set up a booth at the event and coordinate participation throughout the day. Additional opportunities for workshops and demonstrations, including topics such as drone

spraying and no-till seeding, were also mentioned, along with efforts to collaborate with neighboring districts. Challenges with participation in education programs, including limited school engagement and low team turnout for events, were discussed.

Meeting Adjournment:

*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Vice-Chair*

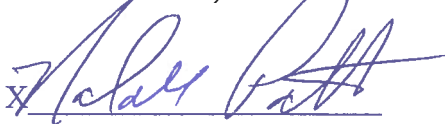
Dates To Remember:

SCD Board Meeting: April 09, 2026, at 10:00 AM @ 463 Ragland Rd, Beckley, WV, 25801

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Respectfully Submitted:

**Randall Patton, SCD Chairman**

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**Edgar Hendrick, SCD Secretary**

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Recorded By: Jesus Nandi Roman, Administrative Specialist