

Capitol Conservation District

418 Goff Mountain Rd. Suite 102

Cross Lanes, WV 25313

April 22nd, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes

Terry Hudson-Chairman
Diane Lumadue-Secretary
Sally Shepherd-Supervisor (virtual)
Jenna Budd-NRCS
Dawn Lemle-District Employee
Jeremy Salyer-WVCA Area Director (virtual)

Clyde Bailey-Vice Chair
Cynthia McGill-Associate Supervisor
Rick Sams-Associate Supervisor
Natalie Salmon-WVCA Admin
Dylan Johnson-WVCA Conservation Specialist (virtual)

CALL THE BOARD MEETING TO ORDER 9:02 a.m.

(M)-Approval of March 2026, Board Meeting Minutes

- Clyde Bailey made a motion to accept the Board Meeting Agenda.
- Diane Lumadue 2nd motion.
- All in favor. Motion carried.

(M)-Approval of April 2026 Board Meeting Agenda

- Clyde Bailey made a motion to accept the Board Meeting Agenda.
- Diane Lumadue 2nd motion.
- All in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS/INVOICES

1. (M) Co-Administered Funds Report, District Financial Report, Supervisor Per Diem & Travel. Bills to be paid as funds permit and coordinated by office staff and filed for audit.
 - Diane Lumadue made a motion to accept the financials, file for audit.
 - Clyde Bailey 2nd motion.
 - All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. (D/M)-New Cooperators

- Rory Rodrigue Kanawha County
- Anita Shamblin Kanawha County
- Richard Hayes Kanawha County
- Emily Neff Kanawha County
- Darian Thompson Kanawha County
- Sarah Sigmund Kanawha County
- Ronald Miles Kanawha County
 - Clyde Bailey made a motion to approve new cooperators.
 - Diane Lumadue 2nd motion.
 - All in favor. Motion carried.

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2. (D/M)-New FY26 AgEP Applications

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| ○ Rory Rodrigue | Pollinator Planting | \$225.00 |
| ○ Anita Shamblin | Urban Ag | \$500.00 |
| ○ Richard Hayes | Urban Ag | \$500.00 |
| ○ Emily Neff | Urban Ag | \$500.00 |
| ○ Darian Thompson | Urban Ag | \$500.00 |
| ○ Sarah Sigmond | Urban Ag | \$500.00 |
| ○ Ronald Miles | Nutrient Management | \$1,000.00 (qualifies for \$3,400.00) |
| ○ Bridget Bailey | Heavy Use Protection | \$1,500.00 |
| ○ Zachary Boyko | Urban Ag | \$500.00 |
| ○ Richard Durham | Pasture Reseeding | <u>\$250.00</u> |
| | | <u>\$5,975.00</u> |
- Diane Lumadue made a motion to approve new applications.
 - Clyde Bailey 2nd motion.
 - All in favor. Motion carried.

3. (D/M)-AgEP Payment Approvals

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| ○ Lisa Jordon | Urban Ag | \$500.00 |
| ○ Angela Hill | Urban Ag | \$500.00 |
| ○ Angela Hill | Pollination (Nucs) | \$300.00 |
| ○ Alan Freeman Comer II | Urban Ag | \$500.00 |
| ○ Sally Shepherd | Invasive Species | <u>\$1,000.00</u> (need a signed Landowner Agreement) |
| ○ | | <u>\$2,800.00</u> |
- Clyde Bailey made a motion to approve payments.
 - Diane Lumadue 2nd motion.
 - All in favor. Motion carried.

4. (D/M)-WV State Conservation Camp Sponsorship (\$275.00 per camper)

- Clyde Bailey made a motion to sponsor one camper.
- Diane Lumadue 2nd motion.
- All in favor. Motion carried.

5. (D/M)-FY 27 Annual Plan

- Diane Lumadue made a motion to approve plan once pictures are updated.
- Clyde Bailey 2nd motion.
- All in favor. Motion carried.

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REPORTS

1. **AgEP Report:** The position for CCD's Conservation Specialist posted online
2. **NRCS Report-Jenna Budd:** See Report
3. **WVCA Report-Jeremy Salyer:** See Report
4. **WVCA Watershed Report-Jacob Lavender:** Not Present
5. **Solid Waste Authority-Terry Hudson:** Meeting yesterday; Trying to locate utilities on property; Want to provide at least sewage & water; Kanawha County Spring Clean Up was 4/11 & 4/25
6. **GKRCD Report-Terry Hudson:** Waiting on approval for numerous grants; Working closely with Nationals
7. **District Employee shared/NRCS Report-Dawn Lemle:** Field visits; Outdoor classrooms; Outreach; Still have seeds to give away; Continuing workshops with new ones planned; Will be hiring for TA grant soon
8. **Supervisor Reports:**
 - Clyde Bailey- 20th Dam Cleanup; 24th Dam Cleanup; 25th Construction Expo; Appalachian Grazing Conference Meeting; State Fair Committee Meeting; CCD Board Meeting**

Valerie Thaxton- Not Present

Sally Shepherd- Master gardeners attended a biochar kiln burn on the Shepherd farm with WV SU research professor Amir Hass presenting the hows and whys. A burn permit has been obtained from Division of Forestry. BioCharged soil amendment from existing static piles are being provided to the gardeners to trial in their gardens. Samples of existing onsite "BioCharge" static piles were sent to the Nutrient Testing Lab for analysis of retained nutrients. Plans are being made with a Home-Schooling group to have students learn through kiln burn demonstration visits to the farm. An article of Cornell U is attached that suggests that manures can fill the nutrient void created by fertilizer scarcity caused by closure of The Straits of Hormuz, while also rebuilding health of soils loss through chemical fertilizer use with carbon content, improved microbial life, moisture retention, etc. The addition of biochar to the manures is notable because it prevents leaching of nutrients by holding them in the soil where plants can use them and can also stabilize manure and prevent nitrogen loss when urea reacts with water to create ammonia, a volatile gas that transports nitrogen back to the atmosphere. The oxygen presented by the biochar helps speed the compost process so less turning for aeration etc. Sally believes this adds value to the Capitol Districts work in researching "BioCharge"

Diane Lumadue- April: 15th NACD Meeting; 22nd CCD Board Meeting; 29th EPA Dam Visit

Terry Hudson- March; 27th State RC&D Meeting in Flatwoods; 31st KCWSA Monthly Admin; April: 8th GKRCD Meeting; 15th NACD Grant Meeting; 21st KCSWA Board Meeting; 22nd CCD Board Meeting

Richard Sams-Associate- Nothing to Report

Richard Durham-Associate- March: 20th Picked up trash at Dam #13; April: 1st Gave out seeds at Elk River Community Center; 2nd Picked up more seeds at CCD Office

Cynthia McGill-Associate- Nothing to Report

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Need to have HEAP Meeting; Lime Spreader is still located at Clyde Bailey's; MOU needs to be prepared between Clyde Baily & District for Lime Spreader

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENTS (5 MINUTE LIMIT)

Ridenour Lake new trails ribbon cutting is scheduled for June 20th

Meeting Adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Finance Committee Meeting held at 8:30 am

Next Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 20th, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.