

TYGARTS VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Grassland/AgEP Committee Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2026, 9:00 AM, TVCD Office in Philippi, WV & via Teams

ATTENDANCE & CALL TO ORDER

Supervisors Present: James Dean (Chair), Delbert Vandevander (Treasurer), James Nester, Sarah Cunningham

WVCA Partners Present: Ben Heavner, James Helmondollar, Haley Cunningham, Amber Higgins. **Via Teams:** Erin Coda

Board Chair Dean called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Nester led the Pledge of Allegiance; August 3, 2026 Grassland/AgEP Committee Meeting Agenda presented for approval.

Motion to approve agenda as presented was made by Nester, seconded by Vandevander. Motion carried.

FY27 AgEP FUNDING ALLOCATION

- Committee reviewed AgEP funding formulas and allocation methods for FY27 as well as formula results for all approved practices
- Members reviewed each practice's cutoff line and applicant ranking
- Adjusted allocations totaled \$81,906.60, slightly below the available \$82,079.70
- Committee reviewed historical over-allocation and noted payouts are often lower due to cancellations and non-completions
- Members agreed to over-allocate funds to approve one additional eligible applicant per practice; total over-allocation \$7,007.70
- Contract deadlines, cancellation timelines, and rules for reallocating canceled agreements were reviewed

FY27 AgEP CONTRACT APPROVALS

LIME		Heavy Use Area Protection		Watering System		Pollinators	
Boyce	Brett	Duckworth	Alicia	Turansky	Frank J	Hornbeck	Caroll
Summerfield	David	Boice	Richard W	Sheldon	Nolan	Gooden	Darrel
Rogers	April	Circle W Farms		Marteny	Shana	Arisman	Benjamin
Payne	Cameron	Bolyard	Todd	Cunningham	Timothy	Carr	Walter Glenn
Vanscoy	Eric	Hamner	Steve	Cvechko	Michael	Pollination	
Strader	Michelle	Hamner	Christopher P	Holsberry	Philip		
Cvechko	Michael	Schubert	Hanuman	Gillespie	Thomas	Vanscoy	Eric
Carpenter	Shasta P	Yoakum	Marsha	Williams	James M	Cogar	April
Thornhill	Matthew T	Ward	Creed	Kennedy	William M	Small Scale Soil Amendment	
Hovatter	Gene	Hull	Robert N				
Gillespie	Thomas	The Charm Farm LLC		Frost Seeding		Schubert	Hanuman
Kennedy	William M	Hays	Travis	Marteny	Shana	Appalachian Acres Inc.	
Sheldon	Nolan	Thornhill	Matthew T	Dean	Portia		
Cogar	April	Delaney	Bob	Hays	Travis	Invasive Species Mgmt	
Kelley	David K.	Turansky	Frank J	Suder	Alan M		
Harper	Wayne	Lambert Jr	William			Hile	Jeremy
Swartz	James	Warner	Marvin			Harper	Wayne
Sickler	Lisa			Urban Ag		Siebert	Richard
Payne	Todd			Appalachian Acres Inc.		Hamner	Christopher P
Jackson Farm				Arisman	Benjamin	Tucker	Brent
Howes	Mark			Gordon	Barbara L	Hissam	Kevin
Mayle	Kenneth					Rogers	April
						Tucker	Kody
						Yoakum	James A

Motion to approve the FY27 funding allocation and contract approvals listed above, with canceled applications to be replaced by the next eligible waitlisted applicant without waiting for a meeting, was made by Nester, seconded by Vandevander. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:55 AM was made by Nester, seconded by Vandevander. Motion carried.

(Minutes compiled and prepared by Amber Higgins, WVCA Administrative Specialist)