

**Monongahela Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 3rd, 2026
Fellowsville Fire Hall
Tunnelton, WV
9:30am**

Attendance:

Supervisors: Chuck Cienawski, Brandon Linton, Bob Spaid, HR Scott, Kirby Clark, Art Mouser (Associate), Mark Myers (Chairman), Andy Price

WVU Extension: Josh Malencia, Carrie See

NRCS: Christopher Toothman, Malori Wachter

DOF: Rudy Williams

WVACD: Heather Duncan (Virtual)

FSA: Andrea Atkinson, April Savage

WVCA: Kaitlyn Jones, Adrienne Hoalcraft, Don Whetzel, Ashley Engram

Visitors: Pat Foly (PCFB), Martin Christ (WV DEP), Rocky Jennings, Samantha Stone (Preston County Commission)

Chairman Myers called the meeting to order at 9:32am.

Samantha Stone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bob Spaid delivered the prayer.

Preston County Commissioner Samantha Stone spoke about the dams in Preston County. She encouraged the district to put together a list of items that she could contribute to financially.

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Pat Foly of the Preston County Farm Bureau wanted to thank the district for their donation to the Farm Bureau. He also informed the group about a baked good auction on September 7th at the Maple Spring Church.

Spaid moved to approve the agenda for 9.3.2026, seconded by Linton. Motion carried.

Spaid moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held 8.6.2026. Seconded by Linton. Motion carried.

Cooperating Agencies

- NRCS Toothman provided a written report. He spoke about payments made in August, the upcoming Bee Fair and Buckwheat Festival, and the search for an individual to perform CEMA 216 soil health testing.
- FSA Savage stated they could not pay for drought at this time. 2027 NAP sign-ups are happening now
- WVDOF Williams reported that two engine crews were out, one in Texas and one in Minnesota. He had a new hire start in July. He spoke about rattlesnakes in Coopers Rock.
- WVU Extension See reported that a paper newsletter is in the works and should be released soon. 2nd cutting has been excellent according to reports. October 12th is the Heirs Property workshop. October 28th is the Pesticide Training. There is a Heifer Development Program information meeting in October. There are 19 days until the Buckwheat Festival. Malencia spoke about a USDA grant for grazing that is up to \$26,000. The Fiber Festival is on September 10th and 11th and is for anything that produces fiber.
- WVACD Duncan reported that they are charging a registration fee for the October Quarterly Meeting (October 28th and 29th). September 28th is the Eastern Area Meeting.

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WVCA Reports

- Watershed Projects Division is continuing to work on flood work in Lewis County. The West Fork Blockage has now been completed. It totaled to just under \$25,000 to remove the blockage. Dams have not been mowed yet.
- Conservation Specialist Jones reminded everyone that AgEP approvals were made at our last meeting. She reported that letters and contracts have been sent out, and that there we a lot of new cooperators this year.
- **Linton moved to approve the following FY27 AgEP Payment:**
 - **Vernon Born – Pasture Division Fence - \$5000**

Seconded by Spaid. Motion Carried.

- Engram provided a written report. Myers and Scott stated they could unlock the doors for the Mon Solid Waste Authority meetings as they would like to use the MCD conference space after office hours.
- Whetzel provided a written report. He stated the Farm Tours are completed, winners have been chosen and will be announced at the WV Conservation Partnership Annual Conference in October. The State AgEP committee meeting is September 30th at 10am.

Solid Waste Authority

- Nothing to report for Preston County – they are still looking for a new representative.
- Scott reported Monongalia County SWA appointed their new board member.
- No Marion report was provided at this time.

Linton moved to approve the financial statements and file them for audit, seconded by Spaid. Motion carried.

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Funding Requests

- Support for Helpful Harvest Food Program was discussed, no action taken.
- **Cienawski moved to support WV DEP Northern Basin Watershed Gathering for \$100, seconded by Spaid. Motion carried**

Invoices

- **Spaid moved to pay J.T. Fire & Safety \$81.00 for servicing and inspecting the fire extinguishers, seconded by Price. Motion carried.**

Old Business

- **Price moved to approve Becky Williams as the caterer for the Annual Banquet, seconded by Scott. Motion carried.**
- Invites were discussed for the annual banquet.
- Letters were received from Komax, the company the district uses for their printer, that they are filing for bankruptcy. Linton and Myers asked Engram to research other printers that could be used and to present them at the next board meeting.

New Business

- Myers spoke about the lease renewal. No action taken at this time regarding the lease. Board decided to hold a special meeting on Tuesday September 15th to discuss the lease.

Chairman Report

- Myers attended the Farm Tours as well as the Envirothon Meeting. He stated that Envirothon needs help at the state level for those willing to help.

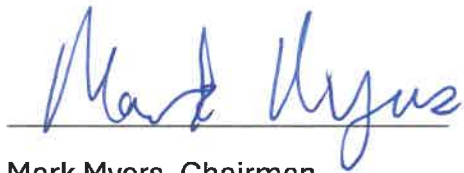
Committee Reports

- Cienawski plans to remove Mark Teets from the CoAdmin account, add Kirby Clark, and give Engram read only access.

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- Linton reported that the lawn care guy has been coming to mow and has started spraying the weeds in the garden beds.
- Clark spoke about the location of the 5-ton lime spreader and asked if there was a way to have it in a more centrally located area. Scott mentioned that most people who rent the 5-ton spreader reside in Preston County, so it is most convenient for it to be located there.
- Cienawski inquired about the dams getting mowed.
- Price reported that the Bee Fair is September 18th-19th and the Seed Swap is in November.

Spaid adjourned the meeting at 11:23 AM.

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Mark Myers, Chairman

A handwritten date "9-15-26" in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

Date

