

APPROVED

**MINUTES
CARROLL SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING *VIRTUAL*
July 23, 2025**

Board Chairman Greg Dell called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following participated:

Board Chairman Greg Dell	Board Supervisor Kim Crone
Board Supervisor Janet O'Meara	District Manager Matt McMahon
Board Supervisor James Leppo	District Conservationist Samantha Cox
Western MD RC&D Director Peg Shaw-McBee	

Western MD RC&D Projects/Operations Director Peg Shaw-McBee introduced herself to the group and gave a brief overview of current projects.

MINUTES

Board Supervisor Kim Crone made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2025, Board Meeting. Board Supervisor Janet O'Meara seconded, and the motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT

Board Treasurer Kim Crone cited the Financial Report, breakdown of District's Equipment Account and the following list of bills to be approved for payment:

PNC-4070	968.08
Any Bange-expense reimbursement	18.36
Patrick Ransom-expense reimbursement	9.18
Carroll Soil Conservation District - Envirothon Expense Transfer	840.68
Advanced Business Systems- Plotter	369.32
Kyocera Document Solutions- Copier	4.68
TOTAL	2,210.30

Account Breakdown -

Board Supervisor Donald Maring moved to approve the Treasurer's report and payment of bills. The motion was seconded by Board Supervisor James Leppo, and the motion was passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Due to multiple schedule conflicts with August 21st, the next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 19th, at 7:00 p.m. at the District office.

DISTRICT

District Manager Matt McMahon reported on the following:

District Secretary Kayla Hartman and her husband welcomed their new daughter, Nora Rose on July 14th.

The application period for the 25/25 Cover Crop Program just wrapped up. Carroll finished with 100 applications.

The Agriculture Work Group that Janet and Matt have participated in is wrapping up its meetings, the last one being on August 5th. Matt and Janet will not be able to attend as that is during the MASCD Annual Meeting.

Everyone that plans to participate in the MASCD Annual Meeting at Rocky Gap has been registered.

MDA

District Manager Matt McMahon passed along the following:

MOUs have been completed and delivered to all SCDs for Board approval. June 30th marked the end of Progress Year 2025. Elizabeth Hoffman sent out a correspondence requesting that all SCWQPs and applied BMPs be entered into Conservation Tracker as soon as possible and no later than August 1st. The Maryland Nutrient Management Certification Exam will be held on August 1st at MDA Headquarters.

MDA's Annual Agricultural Nutrient Management Update Training will be held on December 4, 2025. More details will follow closer to the date. Supervisors should have received a survey via e-mail in July. Loretta Collins (State Committee Executive Secretary) is looking for feedback directly from supervisors to guide discussions at the MASCD meeting in August. Loretta asks that you complete the survey regardless of your ability to attend the meeting in Rocky Gap. Forest Clearing Workgroup continues to work on guidance for county governments and Districts with input from District Managers, MDE and DNR regarding forest clearing for ag production as it relates to requirements for stormwater management, erosion and sediment control, and the Forest Conservation Act.

NRCS

District Conservationist Samantha Cox gave the following report:

Financial Assistance:

- 25 FY2025 Contracts for \$3,180,272.53
- 1 more additional preapproved application for an ag chem facility
- 119 Active Contracts \$10,064,979.38
- Active IRA contracts from previous FY- modifications are on pause for increase in funds for cost over runs as evaluation of OBBB to rescind IRA \$
- CREP offers for re-enrollments (48 contracts eligible, 43 offered) were accepted along with 5 new offers. Plans due to FSA by September 19th.

Local Updates:

- Carroll Soil Piney Run Dam Rehab Agreement Signatures from Matt and Greg.
- Pollinator ID and planning training held last week at two of our producer's farms for 30 field staff from the MD Conservation Partnership.
- Gunpowder Watershed Partnership Meeting

Collaboration between stakeholders in the watershed to help clean up the water and improve aquatic ecosystems, habitat, recreation opportunities etc.

Future Planning:

- Critical Vacancy announcements

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND – EXTENSION

No report.

FSA

No report.

At 8:30 p.m., Board Supervisor James Leppo made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Board Supervisor Janet O'Meara, and the motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt McMahon, District Manager