APPROVED **MINUTES**

 **CARROLL SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISOR’S MEETING**

**September 19, 2019**

Chairman Myron Frock called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Carroll Soil Conservation District Office in Westminster, Maryland. The following were present:

Board Chairman Myron Frock Associate Supervisor Janet O’Meara

Board Treasurer Donald Maring District Manager Matt McMahon

Board Supervisor Chris Weaver District Conservationist Eric Hines

Board Supervisor Stacy Sellers

Area Coordinator Heather Hutchinson

**MINUTES**

Board Supervisor Chris Weaver made a motion to approve the August 2019 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Board Treasurer Donald Maring and was passed.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Board Treasurer Donald Maring gave the Treasurer’s Report, breakdown of District’s Equipment Account and the following list of bills to be approved for payment:

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| MASCD Annual dues | $2,250.00 |
| Grant Planner - Payroll 8/8-21/19 | $1,139.12 |
| Grant Planner - Payroll 8/22-9/4/19 | $1,139.12 |
| W.B. Mason - office supplies | $68.63 |
| Staples - office supplies | $88.50 |
| MD Agricultural Education Foundation - scholarship golf tournament | $500.00 |
| PNC Bank - office supplies and 75 Anniversary party expenses | $1,701.04 |
| Eva's tax and bookkeeping service – Annual audit | $695.00 |
| Gay Teada - 75th Anniversary expenses | $176.79 |
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| TOTAL | $7,758.20 |

Account Breakdown - Reported on balances in accounts.

Board Treasurer Donald Maring moved to approve payment of bills. The motion was seconded by Board Supervisor Stacy Sellers and the motion was passed. A discussion followed regarding how much interest we get in the bank and whether or not having some in a CD would be a good idea. Matt stated that the branch manager at PNC Bank said that she would sit down with us and see if any other accounts would be beneficial for us. Matt brought up that since Ed is no longer here, the only 2 people with credit cards on the account are Myron and Gay. It would be advantageous for Matt to get his own. Myron would have to go over to the bank with Matt in order to make this happen. Matt and Myron will check their schedules and call for an appointment.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Board Chairman Myron Frock reported on the following: Jason Myers spoke with Myron at the 75th Anniversary Party regarding nominating Lippy Brothers for the Governor’s Hall of Fame. After some discussion, Board Treasurer Donald Maring made a motion to nominate Lippy Brothers to the Governor’s Hall of Fame. The motion was seconded by Board Supervisor Chris Weaver and was passed; 75th Anniversary recap, only heard all good remarks; The next Board Meeting will be Thursday, October 17, 2019.

**DISTRICT**

District Manager Matt McMahon reported on the following: Another group, similar to Ecotone, (meeting with them on Tuesday at the County Office Building) is interested in a possible partnership with us and also the County. There is a meeting with them at the County Office Building this coming Tuesday, September 24 to listen to what they have to say. A motion was made by Board Supervisor Chris Weaver to clarify the District’s position, in that we will accept proposals and bids for any organization seeking to do stream restoration or other work through grant funding administered by the District. The motion was seconded by Board Supervisor Stacy Sellers and was passed; In keeping with trying to get credit for practices that are out of their maintenance life, but still meets specs, there is a way for us to get credit for that work. The verifier used to go out and record them, but since there is no longer a verifier for this county, MDA would like our staff to do that when they are out in the field. MDA will do a training on this; Dr. Hillsman sent out a notice for Conservation Excellence Awards. This can be a producer or a staff member. Since this year we weren’t aware of it until later, it was suggested that we just nominate an employee. Matt suggested nominating Stan Pennington. If Stan has done plans for you, please send a little note about him to Matt’s email so he can include it with his nomination. If he wins, he gets to go to Las Vegas; FSA in the process of updating their rates; Envirothon Instruction Day is November 5. Competition is April 21, 2020.

**MACS APPLICATIONS**

Board Supervisor Stacy Sellers moved to officially approve the (8) MACS applications. The motion was seconded by Board Supervisor Chris Weaver and the motion was passed.

**NRCS**

District Conservationist Eric Hines reported on the following: Getting towards the end of the fiscal year. FY19 ended with 28 contracts = $1.5M. Used all local work group funding for $100,000. 43 applications for $4.4M went unfunded; Farm Bill update: This past year was run under the Farm Bill 2014 rules, but now they have to actually take the new Farm Bill and make the rules up. There probably will be a later start to the programs; Liberty Watershed is now a priority watershed for FY2020; Quality Assurance Review is in 2 weeks. Full review and is an entire week long. They need to talk to one Board member and one farmer.

**EQIPMENT**

Board Supervisor Chris Weaver reported on the following: Everything good.

**PERSONNEL**

MDA is holding interviews for Matt’s old position. Myron tried to contact Hans but he never returned Myron’s phone call. The panel for the position is Byron, Heather Hutchinson, David Mister and the HR person. Eric Hoff, from our County, is interested and will be interviewing. Myron feels that Matt should have been on the panel since it is in our office.

**NEW BUSINESS**

District Conservationist Eric Hines asked if the County has any regulation on hemp. Board Supervisor Chris Weaver said that hemp producers have to work through the state and be tied into some university. At the end of the season you have to write what you did and it goes to the university. It’s for the CBD oil and will be hand chopped; Board Treasurer Donald Maring brought up that there are 17 states that cost share the cost of gypsum, which is a tremendous benefit to the soil. Matt will speak to people at MDA regarding cost sharing gypsum, perhaps at the listening session and the MASCD meeting. Chris will send Matt information on gypsum.

At 8:23 P.M., Board Supervisor Stacy Sellers made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Board Supervisor Chris Weaver and the motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Gay A. Teada