APPROVED **MINUTES**

**CARROLL SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

**April 21, 2022**

Chairman Myron Frock called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. at the Carroll County Extension office. The following participated:

Board Chairman Myron Frock  Board Treasurer Donald Maring

Board Vice Chairman Chris Weaver NRCS District Conservationist Eric Hines

Board Supervisor Greg Dell District Manager Matt McMahon

Board Supervisor Stacy Sellers Associate Supervisor Janet O’Meara Area Coordinator Heather Hutchinson

**MINUTES**

Board Vice Chairman Chris Weaver made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 24th Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Supervisor Greg Dell and was passed.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

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

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| Kyocera - monthly copier charge | $5.96 |
| PNC Bank - office supplies & Cooperator of the Year gift cards | $890.96 |
| Landover Farms - Frontier Drill tire | $158.00 |
| Chesapeake Employees Insurance - workers comp insurance | $317.00 |
| Staples - office supplies | $285.74 |
| Western Maryland RC&D - annual contribution | $200.00 |
| Kyocera - monthly copier charge | $5.96 |
| TOTAL | **$1,857.66** |

Account Breakdown - Reported on balances in accounts.

Board Vice Chairman Chris Weaver moved to approve Treasurer’s report and payment of bills. The motion was seconded by Board Supervisor Stacy Sellers and the motion was passed.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

The next Board Meeting will be May 19, 2022, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Extension office.

**DISTRICT**

Summer intern Maddison Foster will be starting on or about 5/17/22. The question was posed if the board would prefer that she attend the 5/19/22 board meeting prior to starting. It was agreed that she should, so her start date will be 5/24/22.

The MASCD coloring contest is underway. The forms are available at the office or by request they can be emailed in pdf form. The prizes will once again be gift cards to Hoffman’s Ice Cream, and Board Vice Chairman Chris Weaver volunteered to donate the money to purchase the gift cards.

Cover Crop Spring Certification is slow coming in.

District Manager Matt McMahon just completed the latest reconciliation report for the BMP verification, correcting 130 line items, and added >260 new BMPs/RIs to our Tracker data. (RIs being practices that don’t actually meet the full BMP standards, but functions in the same manner).

**NRCS**

District Conservationist Eric Hines reported on the following: General ranking period ended on 4/19/22. Rob McAffee is back in his regular position. Sam Engler has left the Baltimore County office to take the position of District Conservationist for Howard and Montgomery Counties.

The Baltimore County District is currently dealing with a case where an individual is attempting to sue their neighbor over grading activities they are doing. The landowner doing the grading was given an exemption for the grading permit on the basis that it was for an Agricultural Activity, but has exceeded the amount of grading agreed to, brought in millings, etc. The individual bringing the lawsuit has filed a FOIA request to get a copy of the conservation plan and is seeking to have the district revoke the exemption and enforce the regulations regarding grading. Eric brought this up as something to be mindful of when landowners in Carroll County seek exemptions for Agricultural structures, etc. Carroll County developed the Standard Plan for SWM on Agricultural Structures last year and spells out the specific criteria of what will be permitted any time it is issued. Board Vice Chairman Chris Weaver asked if a specific time limit was stated on the Standard Plans and made a motion that we set a 1-year limit on all future Standard Plans we issue. The motion was seconded by Board Supervisor Stacy Sellers and passed.

**MDA**

District Manager Matt McMahon reported that he, Eric, and Myron had a zoom meeting with MDA this afternoon to discuss our WIP progress toward the 2025 goals. The main concern is planning acres. We are currently on a good pace, but the problem is that plans fall off when they reach 10 years old. 2022 and 2023 are the years with the largest number of plans set to expire for Carroll County. Matt is running reports on these plans and will assign the ones that will be simple updates to McKenzie. Matt and Eric are also working on a procedure to enable the planners to update plans that don’t require changes in a simpler manner.

At the SSCC meeting this morning, Hans Schmidt reported that over the past quarter, Resource Conservation set a record with 63 agreements totaling $1.3 million, and that the upcoming BPW session will see 89 agreements totaling $2.1. MACS is finalizing an update which will raise the per practice limit from $50K to $75K. Matt asked him if any recent agreements sent down that were capped out should be cancelled and re-applied or if they would be grandfathered in once the new cap takes effect in May. Hans will check and let us know.

**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND - EXTENSION**

District Manager Matt McMahon relayed the following from Bryan Butler:

Extension has hired a new Family and Consumer Science Agent and a Home Horticulture educator who will manage the Master Gardner Program. The office will be fully staffed, and a new Area Extension Director will take over management of the office in October. Extension is helping Carroll County Weed Control distribute flyers on noxious weeds. An Ag Commission tour is set for Carroll and Baltimore Counties on May 11. The office is open and meetings are being held in the facility on a regular basis.

**FSA**

No report

At 7:55 p.m., Board Supervisor Greg Dell made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Board Vice Chairman Chris Weaver and the motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt McMahon, District Manager