APPROVED **MINUTES**

 **CARROLL SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISOR’S MEETING**

**April 18, 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 Board Supervisor Stacy Sellers

Board Vice-Chairman Greg Dell Associate Supervisor Janet O’Meara

Board Treasurer Donald Maring Acting District Manager Matt McMahon

Board Supervisor Chris Weaver Soil Conservationist Jennifer Kemp

Area Coordinator Heather Hutchinson

**VISITORS:** Gavin and Lori Bullock. The Bullock’s came to the meeting to make their case that what they’re doing, harvesting of soil, should be considered an agriculture operation. After the topsoil is removed, they disk it, put in rye or oats, fertilize it and then in the fall the farmer comes back and does cover crop. They disagree that they’re doing surface mining. Board Chairman Myron Frock went over the rules and said that the Board will have to check with legal to see what the determination is. Matt McMahon said that State Committee stated that removal of soil is not an agricultural operation and Jennifer Kemp said that NRCS does not consider it to be ag either. Soil Conservation is willing to write a conservation plan for the farm but harvesting of top soil will not be in it.

**MINUTES**

Board Supervisor Chris Weaver made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Board Supervisor Stacy Sellers 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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| Supervisor Expenses - 1st qtr 2019 - MF | $316.68 |
| Supervisor Expenses - 1st qtr 2019 - GD | $120.66 |
| Supervisor Expenses - 1st qtr 2019 - DM | $266.92 |
| Supervisor Expenses - 1st qtr 2019 - CW | $209.00 |
| Supervisor Expenses - 1st qtr 2019 - SS | $205.52 |
| Staples - office supplies | $469.74 |
| W.B. Mason - office supplies | $135.59 |
| Chesapeake Employers Insurance | $420.00 |
| Bay Trust payroll 3/7-20/19 | $1,091.87 |
| Bay Trust payroll 3/21-4/3/19 | $1,010.23 |
| PNC Bank - Office supplies | $84.34 |
| PNC Bank - office chair - GT | $44.74 |
| Ecotone - Meadow Branch design | $17,010.00 |
| Ecotone - Dickenson Run mobilization & stream construction | $370,433.39 |
| Ray Sheely - John Deere drill | $21,500.00 |
| Dept of Unemployment Insurance - Bay Trust grant | $25.50 |
| US Treasury - Bay Trust grant | $2,059.67 |
| Comptroller of MD - Bay Trust grant | $561.66 |
| Eva's Tax & Bookkeeping - Bay Trust payroll for 2018 & 1099's | $670.00 |
| Brethren Mutual Insurance - adding JD drill | $184.00 |
| Carroll County Government - postage - 1st qtr 2019 | $88.85 |
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| TOTAL | $416,908.36 |

Account Breakdown - Reported on balances in accounts.

Board Treasurer Donald Maring moved to approve payment of bills. The motion was seconded by Board Supervisor Chris Weaver and the motion was passed.

**BUDGET**

None.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Board Chairman Myron Frock reported on the following: Dispute from landowner on Bark Hill Road; Went to MASCD Board Meeting. Highlights were: Harford District’s 75th anniversary is Sept 8, 2019. 2019 Annual Meeting will be at Turf Valley Aug 5-7, working on have a crab feast the first night. 2020 Annual Meeting will be back at the Hyatt in Cambridge, MD. WIP Meeting coming up in Hagerstown; Was with Heather Hutchinson and Momoh for the interviews for the District Manager position – 4 people total were interviewed; Matt, Myron and Gay met with Lynn Karr regarding giving back the rent that was not collected by NRCS. We requested that $4,000 be kept back to put towards the Envirothon expenses and the County agreed. What do you think about writing another letter to request that we get to keep $21,000 of the rent that we didn’t spend this year, and use it towards the drill?; The next Board meeting will be May 16, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the District office.

**EDUCATION**

Board Supervisor Stacy Sellers reported on the following: Envirothon is Tuesday, April 23; Coloring contest is on Facebook, website and in the lobby of the office.

**EQIPMENT**

Board Supervisor Chris Weaver reported on the following: 2011 1590 John Deere drill is running pretty well. Board Supervisor Chris Weaver made a motion to buy a manual for the drill from Finch’s for $53.00 plus $13.95 shipping. The motion was seconded by Board Supervisor Stacy Sellers and was passed; Invoice sent to Carroll County for rental of the Gator.

**PERSONNEL**

Board Vice-Chairman Greg Dell reported on the following: Does anyone want to get involved in MASCD? Positions are available; Job openings; Conservation Plan review progress.

**AGENCY REPORTS**

**MDA/DISTRICT**

Acting District Manager Matt McMahon reported on the following: Matt attended the MACS Technical Advisory Meeting. Highlights were: Resolution was put forth that was discussed last month regarding getting caps raised on waste storage structures & dollars per tons saved for waterways. Everyone supportive but didn’t come to any conclusions. With NM regs being stricter on smaller operations, those operations will need smaller waste storage structures. As long as NM plan is current at time of application, they’re good for the duration of the agreement. A lot of consultants are only writing one-year plans. Matt went over the list of bills that Lindsey sent him that passed or didn’t pass that we were on record as supporting; Ecotone – Wilt Rd. Grading, stream work and shallow water impoundment is complete. Planting crew should be wrapped up by end of month. Have to make sure that the condition of Wilt Rd is ok by the County. Reminded Jackie at Ecotone that we will need the as-built before the next payment will be paid. No work has been started on Sam’s Creek yet; Biomass verifications are happening by the end of next week; FSA info – 33 counties in PA were declared a disaster along with counties next to them, which we happen to be one of them. Producers can apply for emergency loans; Unsatisfactory status review for P.C. MACS was notified in January. Follow-up was also brought to Norm’s attention; Extension will be hiring Statewide Weed Scientist and new NM writer.

**NRCS/USDA**

In the absence of District Conservationist Eric Hines, Soil Conservationist Jennifer Kemp reported on the following: Eric got the Local Work Group money ($100,000) and has been writing contracts; 1 contract obligated so far; 2nd round of applications – 71 totaling 4.1M. Not much money available though; No RCPP money this year. Used up last years money; Late getting started.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Board Associate Supervisor Janet O’Meara reported on the following: We should figure out a date for holding the 75th Anniversary celebration. Possibly the 1st week of September, after Labor Day, at the Farm Museum. Matt will follow up.

**MACS APPLICATIONS**

Board Supervisor Chris Weaver moved to officially approve the (9) MACS applications. The motion was seconded by Board Supervisor Stacy Sellers and the motion was passed.

At 8:35 P.M., Board Vice-Chairman Greg Dell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Treasurer Donald Maring and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gay A. Teada