

MINUTES
CARROLL SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MEETING
January 24, 2019

Chairman Myron Frock called the meeting to order at 7:05pm at the Carroll Soil Conservation District Office in Westminster, Maryland. The following were present:

Board Chairman Myron Frock
 Board Vice-Chairman Greg Dell
 Board Treasurer Donald Maring

Acting District Manager Matt McMahon
 District Conservationist Eric Hines
 Western Maryland Area Coordinator
 Heather Hutchison

MINUTES

Board Vice-Chairman Greg Dell made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes after changes are made. 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.

Frederick County EAC - Forage & Livestock Conference - MT	\$20.00
Frederick County EAC - Forage & Livestock Conference - EH	\$20.00
Comptroller of MD - State W/H for Oct-Dec 2018 - Bay Trust Grant	\$655.27
Staples - Office Supplies	\$370.54
Carroll County Public Schools - Envirothon	\$828.60
PNC Bank - Cooperator Luncheon, Envirothon Canopy, etc	\$687.04
Delmarva Farmer - Subscription	\$37.00
NS - fingerprinting for access to Federal system	\$20.00
4th qtr 2018 Supervisor expenses - MF	\$296.16
4th qtr 2018 Supervisor expenses - GD	\$284.73
4th qtr 2018 Supervisor expenses - DM	\$215.99
4th qtr 2018 Supervisor expenses - CW	\$207.26
4th qtr 2018 Supervisor expenses - SS	\$305.97
Carroll County Times - subscription	\$68.25
MASCD - Winter Board Mtg - Legislative - MF, CW, DM, GD	\$161.00
MASCD - Winter Board Mtg - Legislative - JO	\$29.00
TOTAL	\$7,482.42

BUDGET

None.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Myron Frock reported on the following: District's 75th anniversary is this year, Nov 2019. Is there interest in having a luncheon, banquet, newsletter, etc? This should be brought up to the staff also; Carroll Cost Share status: Two extensions are requested. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Greg Dell to extend the completion deadline to May 31, 2019 on both of them. The motion was seconded by Board Treasurer Donald Maring and was passed; Myron will get a van to go the Legislative Meeting. Meet at the SCD office on February 14 at 7:10; What issues should be brought to the Legislators? The next Board meeting will be February 14 after the Legislative meeting, when back at the office.

EDUCATION

In the absence of Board Supervisor Stacy Sellers, Acting District Manager Matt McMahon reported on the following: On January 31, 2019 there will be a Pilot program for Technicians put on by Rob Weaver and Eric Hines. This is a refresher course for technicians from Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Cecil. Eric, Rob, Patty, Warren, and Terry will be presenting. Every District is pitching in \$100 to cover lunch for about 40 people. Would it be possible for Carroll to do the same? Board Vice-Chairman Greg Dell made a motion to approve the payment of \$100 to Baltimore County for payment of the food. The motion was seconded by Board Treasurer Donald Maring and was passed; The Envirothon: Heather Schoppert sent out new donation request letters and has been successful with getting new donations to come in. Expenses are going up though and the donations that we receive don't cover the cost. Bryan and Matt will meet with Ted McNett at the School District to see if the costs can be lowered. The buses and teacher salaries are high. Some ideas that were kicked around were maybe a small fee to be charged or have the students pack lunches?

EQUIPMENT

In the absence of Board Supervisor Chris Weaver, Acting District Manager Matt McMahon reported on the following: The District received the new Dodge pickup from the County. Stan Pennington will be primary for driving it.

PERSONNEL

None.

AGENCY REPORTS

MDA

Western Maryland Area Coordinator Heather Hutchison reported on the following: Currently interviewing for 8 positions. The District Manager positions for Carroll and Talbert should be posted in February. Heather asked if the Board was still thinking of pursuing the position as a District position. Myron replied that when we met with the Budget person at the County, she informed us that there is no money for anything extra from the County.

NRCS/USDA

District Conservationist Eric Hines reported on the following: The Shutdown – Field NRCS staff has been working and is funded through prior year funds. They will be cutting 10 people at the State Office. IT and some admin have been furloughed. FSA had been closed since 12/21/18 but is now back. Market facilitation program has been extended to February 14. The Farm Bill has been approved, but policy and guidance hasn't been done yet. Still doing planning and applications; Reservoir Technical Group meeting. In the middle of the Reservoir Technical Plan; Remember at the winter meeting we're bringing forth all the resolutions for MACS – Increase ceiling rates and higher soil loss rates. Eric spoke with other districts and they are all on board; The new Nutrient Management person at Extension has quit. They are in the process of hiring someone else.

NEW BUSINESS

Acting District Manager Matt McMahon reported on the following: Complaints – 1.) There was a meeting with CMG, County and District staff regarding soil disturbance. Bryan's sediment control measures will stay in effect for the original property ONLY and Bryan will continue to check on them. The farm plan for the newly acquired land will be updated but only for the areas still actually being farmed. Any portion of the property with activities directly related to the greenhouse operation will not be covered. Anything directly tied in with

the greenhouse is outside the scope of the farm plan. It is not an agricultural practice. He needs to get a site plan and everything must be submitted through Development Review; 2.) Baumgardner Road – The material haulers caused ruts and other damage to the drainage swale, causing drainage problems. In a later follow-up visit by Terry, the damaged areas were smoothed out. Matt went there on 1/23/19 and noticed that there is debris in several areas along the drainage swale but seemed to be flowing ok for now. The property owners refuse to allow anyone to access it. 3.) 2018 MACS status reviews – Carroll had the highest number to do and finished them all before the first request. Unfortunately, there was an unsatisfactory review – C.S. - with having equipment in his waste storage building. Also, the safety fence is collapsed around the manure pit. Norm Astle sent a letter letting him know the amount of money he'll have to pay back. C.S. called MACS to ask for an extension and Norm gave him an extension to Feb 11. The District will have to go out to verify that the equipment is out after the extension has passed; 4.) P.C. has sheep in the manure pit. He was supposed to have removed the cattle from the old barnyard and still has cattle there. Turned feeding area into a shop. Doesn't have animals in it; Ecotone – Wilt Rd is under construction. Bryan is checking on them. Sam's Creek construction will start in spring. D.R. is a concept plan currently; Thank you all for this opportunity.

MACS APPLICATIONS

Board Vice-Chairman Greg Dell moved to officially approve the (4) MACS applications. The motion was seconded by Board Treasurer Donald Maring and the motion was passed.

At 8:50 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,



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