APPROVED **MINUTES**

 **CARROLL SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISOR’S MEETING**

**July 19, 2019**

Chairman Myron Frock called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. at the Carroll Soil Conservation District Office in Westminster, Maryland. The following were present:

Board Chairman Myron Frock Associate Supervisor Lawrence Meeks

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

Board Treasurer Donald Maring District Manager Matt McMahon

Board Supervisor Chris Weaver Soil Conservationist Jennifer Kemp

Board Supervisor Stacy Sellers

Area Coordinator Heather Hutchinson

**MINUTES**

Board Supervisor Stacy Sellers made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Board Vice-Chairman Greg Dell 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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| US Treasury - Bay Trust - 2nd qtr  | $2,378.63 |
| Comptroller of MD - 2nd qtr Bay Trust | $646.45 |
| Ecotone - Dickenson Run/Sams Creek | $731,853.87 |
| Bay Trust payroll | $1,025.50 |
| W.B. Mason - office supplies | $52.48 |
| New Windsor Fire Hall - deposit for 75th anniversary party | $100.00 |
| MASCD - Summer mtg registration - MF,DG and guest | $670.00 |
| MASCD - Awards banquet - JO and spouse | $171.00 |
| PNC Bank - Envirothon snacks, supplies for office, State copier, protection plan | $1,789.87 |
| Salerno's - deposit for 75th anniversary party | $495.00 |
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| TOTAL | $739,182.80 |

Account Breakdown - Reported on balances in accounts.

Board Treasurer Donald Maring moved to approve payment of bills with a correction to the total. The motion was seconded by Board Supervisor Stacy Sellers and the motion was passed.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Board Chairman Myron Frock reported on the following: The next Board meeting will be August 15 at 7 p.m. at the District office; Myron will call Norm Astle regarding the delay in getting people paid for MACS programs.

**DISTRICT**

District Manager Matt McMahon reported on the following: Just wrapped up cover crop sign up, 121 participants for 34,762 acres. Delay termination incentive - Producer has to notify us by April 15 if they are doing this incentive. We will have to go out to check if the cover crop is still standing by the end of April. Other District Managers and myself are concerned about this since there will be a tremendous amount of work on staff to do this. Will be discussed at District Managers meeting and MASCD also. Lawrence Meeks stated that the farmers will have to put more nitrogen down which will cost the farmers more. The delay in getting payments from MDA is a real issue. This should be brought up at the MASCD meeting; Employee evaluation forms for the District have been updated. Goals will be noted on the form for planners and technicians. Matt will try to mirror the State evaluation dates; Matt did a slide show featuring the work being done at Sams Creek and River Valley Ranch; Matt’s old position will be reclassified as Planner 2, which hopefully we’ll see it advertised in the near future; For the MASCD auction, Chris got us stamps and Matt framed them; FSA is finishing up their acreage reporting. Dairy coverage program is continuing, about 60% of eligible people have signed up. Governor Hogan made it that the producers can sign for the highest coverage rate. Deadline is September 20 to sign up. Nationwide conference call on the tariff assistance program next week. Signup going on for CRP/CREP and re-enrollments until Aug 23. Matt is on leave the last week of this month, July 29 – August 2.

**NRCS**

In the absence of District Conservationist Eric Hines, Soil Conservationist Jennifer Kemp reported on the following: Pretty much wrapped up with the EQIP and RCPP. We got 23 contracts for $955,000. 55 applications were unfunded for $3.6M. Those producers can go with MACS or they can wait to see if they get funded next year. Used 100% of Local Fund Group which was $100,000. We did not get any CSP contracts; Next Tuesday Eric is meeting with MDE regarding CAFO permitting. We need to get clearer on what they need for the renewing of the permit process since several of our producers have gotten letters threatening shutting them down and fines. We’re trying to help them get their CNMP’s written. New people have to pay to get their permit; Internship opportunities for college students are available. No pay and all virtual.

**EDUCATION**

Board Supervisor Stacy Sellers reported on the following: 75th Anniversary celebration is September 12 at New Winsor Fire Hall. Salerno’s will be catering a BBQ Pit Party. Lunch is 11:30. Staff is working on a list and will send out invitations soon. Myron would like some of the old slides shown.

**EQIPMENT**

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

**PERSONNEL**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Board Supervisor Chris Weaver made a motion to put a golf team together for Maryland Ag Education for 4 people. The motion was seconded by Board Treasurer Donald Maring and the motion passed.

At 8:02 P.M., Board Vice-Chairman Greg Dell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Supervisor Stacy Seller and the meeting was adjourned.

**MACS APPLICATIONS**

District Manager Matt McMahon emailed the Board to officially approve the (5) MACS applications, which they did.

Respectfully submitted,

Gay A. Teada