**APPROVED MINUTES**

 **CARROLL SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

**March 24, 2022**

 Chairman Myron Frock called the meeting to order at 7:08 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

 Area Coordinator Heather Hutchinson

**MINUTES**

Board Vice Chairman Chris Weaver made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17th 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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| Staples - office supplies  | $253.73 |
| WB Mason - office supplies | $73.85 |
| MD Ag Council – tickets for Supervisors |  $400.00  |
| Greg Dell – reimbursement for ticket |  $100.00  |
| Selective Insurance - bond for Board members | $150.00 |
| Carroll County Commissioners - Postage |  $126.29  |
| American Farm Publications - Delmarva Farmer | $68.90 |
| Kyocera - copier charge | $3.32 |
| PNC Bank - supplies | $1,488.34 |
| Michael Tracey - parts for no-till drill | $240.52 |
| TOTAL | $2,904.95 |

Account Breakdown - Reported on balances in accounts.

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

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

The next Board Meeting will be April 21, 2022, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Extension office.

Board Vice Chairman Chris Weaver inquired on the status of the Warm Season Grass Drill for sale by Pheasants Unlimited that we had made an offer on. It has not been sold yet. The board discussed the possibility of making another offer if there was enough interest to make it worth purchasing. It was stated that most of the Warm Season Grass plantings it would be used for are small acreage and that charging the typical per acre rate used for the other drills would not justify the expense. District Manager Matt McMahon was asked to check with the staff and some cooperators to get an idea of the potential interest in renting this type of drill and the possibility of allowing it to be rented out in other neighboring counties.

**DISTRICT**

District Manager Matt McMahon reported on the following: Staff is back working in office with some telework being permitted on request, similar to approving leave. Cover Crop Spring Certification period has started. MDA will be using Remote Imaging for Spring Spot checks asking the District to check any that are unclear. The 22/23 program will likely have a similar budget as this past year. The Technical Advisory Committee met this morning. Applications will be mailed out again. The point was stressed that MDA needs to send applications to everyone who has participated in the past several years and not just this past year, as many cooperators dropped out this year.

*\*\*Two personnel issues were discussed in Executive Session\*\**

The matter of holding future meetings at Extension or back at the District office. Board Supervisor Greg Dell made a motion to continue meeting at Extension. Board Vice Chairman Chris Weaver seconded and the motion passed.

**NRCS**

District Conservationist Eric Hines reported on the following: Local Work Group funding was completed. Carroll ended with 7 contracts totaling $102K. We are now in the process of ranking applications for general funding. Rob McAffee is still the Acting State Conservationist. Sam Englar has left the Baltimore County office to take the position of District Conservationist for Howard and Montgomery Counties.

**MDA**

The MASCD Board of Directors met on Tuesday 3/29. The main topic of discussion was the progress on WIP goals. With the 2025 deadline fast approaching, MDA is developing strategies to help close some of the gaps in certain areas. Cover Crop is one of the main goals, with 476,000 acres needed annually to stay on pace. Conservation Plans are another main goal along with buffers. The state is currently at approximately 82% of its goal for planned acres. 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 generating reports for the planners showing which plans are set to expire and encouraging them to get them updated.

**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND - EXTENSION**

No report

**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