APPROVED **MINUTES**

 **CARROLL SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

**May 19, 2022**

 Chairman Myron Frock called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Carroll County Extension office. The following participated:

Board Chairman Myron Frock  Board Treasurer Donald Maring

Board Supervisor Stacy Sellers NRCS District Conservationist Eric Hines

Board Supervisor Greg Dell District Manager Matt McMahon

 Associate Supervisor Janet O’Meara UME Extension Agent Bryan ButlerArea

 Intern Madisson Foster

Summer Intern Madisson Foster introduced herself to the board. She will begin work on Tuesday, May 24th and will work Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays through the end of July.

**MINUTES**

Board Supervisor Stacy Sellers made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21st Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Supervisor Donald Maring 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 | $7.51 |
| PNC Bank - office supplies & sympathy items | $460.73 |
| W.B. Mason - office supplies | $117.52 |
| Tri-State shredding - old files  |  $140.00 |
| Greg Dell - 1st qtr Supervisor Expenses | $187.02 |
| Donald Maring - 1st qtr Supervisor Expenses | $284.63 |
| Stacy Sellers - 1st qtr Supervisor Expenses | $180.00 |
| Chris Weaver - 1st qtr Supervisor Expenses | $280.53 |
| Myron Frock - 1st qtr Supervisor Expenses | $275.85 |
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| TOTAL | **$1,933.79** |

Account Breakdown - Reported on balances in accounts.

Board Supervisor Donald Maring 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 June 16, 2022, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Extension office.

**DISTRICT**

District Manager Matt McMahon reported that he will be conducting Mid-year evaluations for District Staff as well as MDA employees Missy Edmonds and Noah Schaeffer, along with Annual Reviews for Eric Hoff and McKenzie Somers in the month of June. The District was given permission to utilize a portion of the unspent rent funds from the County to purchase a GPS Survey unit, for which Matt completed the order today. Cover Crop Spring Certifications have started coming in. During the SSCC meeting this morning there was a discussion on approving a process to streamline the updates for plans set to expire with no changes. We are waiting for more details from NRCS and MDA.

**NRCS**

District Conservationist Eric Hines reported on the following: The next EQIP general ranking period ends on 6/3/22. Rob MacAffee is back in his regular position. The new Acting State Conservationist will start 6/1/22.

**MDA**

District Manager Matt McMahon reported that the 30% Covid increase for MACS practices has been extended until 12/31/22. Acting Area Coordinator Byron Petrauskas stated at the recent MDA employees meeting that his goal is to have the paperwork for all remaining vacancies submitted to HR by the end of May, and then another statewide recruitment will take place in June for additional planners and technician positions. MDA will also be hiring 2 full time training coordinators, one for planners and one for technicians

**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND - EXTENSION**

Bryan Butler reported that the office is now fully staffed, and the new Area Extension Director will take over management of the office on October 1st. Bryan will then resume his old position, which he hopes will remain in Carroll County. The Nutrient Management program is struggling to keep up due to new mapping regulations from the University that are slowing things down quite a bit and a great deal of turnover. David Ruppert is the new Program Coordinator.

**FSA**

District Manager Matt McMahon relayed that crop reporting deadline is 7/15/22.

There were concerns raised about the recent moldboard plowing of the former Rosen Farm on Uniontown Road, which is now owned and operated by Abner Ebersol, an Amish farmer. Mike Tracey is Mr. Ebersol’s planner, and Matt and Eric will make sure this, and any other new practices are addressed in an updated Conservation Plan including updating soil loss calculations to include plowing for tobacco or other crops.

At 8:25 p.m., Board Supervisor Greg Dell made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Board Supervisor Stacy Sellers and the motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt McMahon, District Manager