

APPROVED

**MINUTES
CARROLL SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
December 18, 2025**

Board Chairman Greg Dell called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. The following participated:

Board Chairman Greg Dell	Board Supervisor Kim Crone
Board Supervisor Janet O'Meara	District Manager Matt McMahon
Board Supervisor James Leppo	District Conservationist Sam Cox
Board Supervisor Donald Maring	Associate Supervisor Bryan Rasche
Western Area Coordinator Keith Potter	FSA CED Amy Bange
Administrative Assistant Kayla Hartman	

MINUTES

Board Supervisor James Leppo made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2025 Board Meeting. Board Supervisor Donald Maring seconded, and the motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT

Board Treasurer Kim Crone cited the Financial Report, breakdown of District's Equipment Account and the following list of bills to be approved for payment:

PNC- 4070	809.16
PNC- 3498	46.91
W. B. Mason Co., Inc.- Office Supplies	104.31
MD Department of Agriculture- Stan Course	30.00
Advanced Business Systems- Plotter	394.12
MD Department of Agriculture- Faithlynn Course	30.00
Commissioners of CC- August/Sept. Postage	119.64
TOTAL	1,534.14

Account Breakdown -

Board Supervisor Donald Maring moved to approve the Treasurer's report and payment of bills. The motion was seconded by Board Supervisor James Leppo, and the motion was passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15th, at 7:00 p.m. at the District office.

DISTRICT

District Manager Matt McMahon reported on the following: The MASCD Winter Meeting will be held February 9th at the Westin Annapolis, with the Legislative Breakfast and follow up on February 10th. Registration is due by January 17th, and any hotel reservations need to be made by January 9th. Please let Matt know ASAP if you plan to attend.

Taste of Maryland will be held on Thursday, February 5th at Live! Casino & Hotel Maryland at Arundel Mills. Reservations must be post marked by January 10th.

Cover Crop Fall Certification has wrapped up. We finished with roughly the same number of applications as last year, with a bit less acreage reported.

Administrative Assistant Kayla Hartman shared an example of the District Newsletter that she has been working on. Upon review, it was suggested to add a page at the end with the names and contact information for the Board and office staff. It was agreed that the newsletter will be sent out quarterly via the office email, with printed copies available up front, and the option to request a printed copy through the mail.

MDA

Western Maryland Area Coordinator Keith Potter reported that he and District Manager Matt McMahon were completing Performance Evaluations for the MDA staff today. MDA is in the process of developing a Planner Workbook similar to the workbook currently being used by MDA technicians to track their productivity and development.

SSCC

No report (meeting was taking place at the same time)

NRCS

District Conservationist Sam Cox gave the following update:

Local Updates

Construction on going, cold weather concreting guidelines need to be followed

Requests for Assistance: 5 in the past month, new operators for forestry, grazing, high tunnels and buildings.

Financial Assistance

CSP certifications, modifications and payments

Payments submitted by 12/19 to meet end of year deadlines

New FY2026 programs forth coming. Regenerative Agriculture to focus on soil health practices and whole farm planning.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND – EXTENSION

No Report, Board Supervisor Janet O'Meara reminded those present that the Mid Winter Meeting is scheduled for January 15th.

FSA

CED Amy Bange gave the following update:

- FSA fall acreage reporting with the deadline of December 15, 2025, has been extended until February 2, 2026, for all crops that are reported from October 1, 2025, through January 31, 2026.

This is due to the recognition of the extra heavy workload the county offices are faced with including farm record data that will be updated for upcoming program changes and new programs rolling out.

- Due to the farm record data, the is being updated, farm transfers and reconstitutions are on hold until further notice.

- We are still accepting applications for Livestock Forage Program (LFP) and Supplemental Disaster Relief Program (SDRP) Stage 1. SDRP aids producers for necessary expenses due to losses of revenue, quality or production of crops due to weather related events in 2023 and 2024. Starting November 24, 2025, the Stage 2 SDRP program opens with the deadline for both Stages 1 & 2 April 30, 2026.

- Most CRP and ARC/PLC payments have been made. There are a few that need some issues resolved before the payments can be made.
- We are providing Market Assistance Loans (MAL) to producers who want to use their on farm stored grain as collateral to get a loan for their expenses until they sell their commodities.
- We are providing Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL) to producers who want, on farm, storage for their commodities. The most popular of these loans are grain bins and hay storage sheds, but we have fact sheets that have the full list of eligible commodities that also includes equipment for fruit and vegetable producers.
- Anyone interested in an MAL or FSFL can contact FSA for more information.

At 10:35 a.m., Board Supervisor Janet O'Meara made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Board Supervisor Kim Crone, and the motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt McMahon, District Manager