

APPROVED

**MINUTES
CARROLL SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
November 20, 2025**

Board Chairman Greg Dell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.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
SSCC Executive Secretary Loretta Collins	Associate Supervisor Bryan Rasche

MINUTES

Board Supervisor Kim Crone made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2025 Board Meeting. Board Supervisor James Leppo 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-3498	0.00
PNC-4070	22.65
Kyocera Document Solutions Mid-Atlantic- Copier	6.30
Jamie Leppo-FY25 Q4 Exp	537.80
Greg Dell-FY25 Q4 Exp	719.20
Donald Maring-FY25 Q4 Exp	417.40
Kim Crone-FY25 Q4 Exp	478.00
Janet O'Meara-FY25 Q4 Exp	613.80
Advanced Business Systems & Supply, LLC-Plotter	394.12
NACD-Investment	775.00
MD FFA Foundation, Inc.-Donation	250.00
MASCD/Envirothon-2025 Dues	1,000.00
Kyocera Document Solutions Mid-Atlantic- Copier	12.60
TOTAL	5,226.87

Account Breakdown -

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 18th, at 10:00 a.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.

Cooperator of the Year nominations were emailed to the board previously. After discussion, Board Supervisor James Leppo made a motion to nominate Joe Cook and Family as the Cooperators of the Year. Board Supervisor Janet O'Meara seconded, and the motion passed. Reservations for the Holiday luncheon need to be made ASAP, as most places will be booking up as the holidays draw near. A number of possibilities were discussed, and the board requested that Matt contact a few more to see who has a private room/section that we could use on that date. Matt will make more calls and get back to the board.

MDA

See SSCC Report

SSCC

Executive Secretary Loretta Collins reported the following:

Supervisor Appointments:

- Baltimore County: Walter "Toby" Mays, III
- Carroll: Janet O'Meara
- Harford: Richard Holloway, Jr.

Admin:

- Dec 18 All-Day 2026 Workplan meeting @ MD Farm Bureau (Davidsonville, MD) In-person only
- MDA definition of agriculture: Harrison Palmer, Executive Secretary of the MD Ag Commission, provided context for the draft definition of agriculture being reviewed by stakeholders. The most recent version is below. (*emailed to the board*) The Commission is aiming to finalize the draft on Dec 10 and send to Secretary Atticks. The finalized definition will serve as guidance for MDA and other agencies. It is not intended to be codified in statute. Please send any feedback prior to the Dec 10 meeting directly to Harrison Palmer (Harrisonb.palmer@maryland.gov) or Gordon Kretser (gkretser@chesapeakevalleyseed.com).

Quick Review: District Board Officer Elections and Attendance Requirements (Summary emailed to supervisors)

Remember: Approved Meeting Minutes are available on the [SSCC Website](#)

Next Meeting (In-person only): Dec 18, 9:30AM-3:30 PM at MD Farm Bureau in Davidsonville, MD

NRCS

Financial Assistance:

FY 2026 program planning underway- no updates yet on financial allocations for the state.

Payments for construction and CSP underway processing the backlog.

IRA modifications can not proceed at this time because of the OBBB.

Application Deadline of January 15th 2026.

Local Updates:

CSP annual certifications and payments

CAFO public comment period has closed and EPA is working on compiling comments and reviewing.

Eric Hines' surgery went well; he is on leave until January 2nd. Brad Michael is acting

Back to attendance reporting every day.

Construction- ag wastes, troughs, grazing practices

We can only pay the amounts in the contract otherwise we have to ask permission from the program and it is not a guarantee. We need contractors and farmers to understand that when working on projects. If something is not in the design or it is not the amount in the design and contract, we can't pay for it.

CREP- planning. Eligibility for a field is determined by FSA software. We are working with the state office on this issue of technical guidance in the field vs. what software says but the eligibility determination relies on FSA.

Trainings and Updates:

Nutrient Management Update at New Midway Firehall December 4 th .

Mountains to Bay Grazing Alliance Conference- December 9th WMREC

Precision Ag Technology Conference- February 26th Annapolis

Carroll County Mid-Winter Meeting- January 15th

Fruit and Veggie Grower's Meeting- January 21st at Hereford Firehall

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND – EXTENSION

No Report

FSA

District Manager Matt McMahon passed along the following update from CED Amy Bange:

The USDA called 2 people per FSA office back to work during the government shutdown to make payments in the Agricultural Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage (ARC/PLC) Program and to allow producers to apply for Market Assistance Loans.

During this time, FSA also took time to do some map updates. If a map had the same crop planted in contiguous strips, they have been merged to make acreage reporting go a little smoother.

FSA is currently in the middle of fall acreage reporting with the deadline of December 15 th . We know that producers have reported their cover crops to MDA, but FSA also records cover crops in addition to small grains planted in the fall. It is the producer's responsibility to ensure that FSA gets their information.

We are still accepting applications for Livestock Forage Program (LFP) and Supplemental Disaster Relief Program (SDRP) Stage 1. SDRP provides assistance to 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.

CRP software just came back online for the FSA offices on November 20 th , so we are hopeful that the CRP payment will soon be made available.

At 8:23 p.m., Board Supervisor James Leppo 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