

APPROVED

**MINUTES
CARROLL SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
January 16, 2025**

Board Supervisor Greg Dell called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Carroll Soil Conservation District office. The following participated:

Board Supervisor James Leppo	Board Supervisor Greg Dell
Board Supervisor Janet O'Meara	District Manager Matt McMahon
Board Supervisor Kim Crone	NRCS Soil Conservationist Jennifer Kemp
UMD Extension Agent Bryan Butler	Associate Candidates Brian Rasche and David Swain

MINUTES

Board Supervisor Janet O'Meara made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2024 Board Meeting. Board Supervisor James Leppo seconded, and the motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT

Board Supervisor Greg Dell cited the Financial Report, breakdown of District's Equipment Account and the following list of bills to be approved for payment:

Instasign-Cooperator of the year sign	191.52
Advanced Business Systems-plotter ink	182.50
PNC-4070	22.17
PNC-3498	211.62
Advanced Business Systems-plotter	369.32
Commissioners of Carroll County-Nov Postage	45.74
MASCD-Envirothon 2nd Installment Dues	1,500.00
Lamb Awards-Custom Plaques	397.50
Kyocera-Copier	2.68
Stan Pennington-40 year Award	400.00
Bryan Snyder-35 year Award	350.00
TOTAL	3,673.05

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 February 20th, at 7:00 p.m. at the District office.

DISTRICT

District Manager Matt McMahon reported on the following:

The MASCD Winter Meeting is February 3rd and 4th in Annapolis. Greg, Janet, Jamie, and Kim are registered to attend the meeting on the 3rd.

Matt asked Associate Supervisor candidates Brian Rasche and David Swain to introduce themselves to the board. The dates for the 2025 Carroll Envirothon are March 11 for Instruction Day, and April 15 for Competition Day. SSCC met this morning and went over the work plan and agenda items for 2025. District Secretary Jaycey Miller gave her two weeks' notice of resignation yesterday (1/15), her last day will be 1/31. Matt has already filed the paperwork with the County to re-fill the position and will post the job next week.

MDA

District Manager Matt McMahon passed along the following report from Hans Schmidt given at this morning's SSCC meeting: 2 more cases of HPAI have turned up, one in Caroline County and one in VA. The first applications for Food Processing Residuals application have been received. Governor Moore's proposed budget did not include any new funding for the MACS program. It was determined that the existing funds should be able to carry the program through FY 26. This underscores the importance of Board members attending the MASCD Winter Meeting and speaking with our legislators on the importance of keeping the MACS program funded.

NRCS

Soil Conservationist Jennifer Kemp gave the following update:

The district will be hosting a Soil Health workshop at Extension from 9:00 to 12:00 on February 20th lunch will be provided. Topics will include- soil health basics, strategies for soil health, gap planting, cover crop yield drags, recap 2024 growing season, and farmer discussion- if anyone knows of any producers that would like to participate, please let Sam or Matt know.

110 Active Contracts currently

EQIP Round 2 Sign Up Deadline February 7th

CSP Round 2 Sign Up Deadline also February 7th

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND - EXTENSION

UM Extension Agent Bryan Butler gave the following report: new Nutrient Management plan writer Lucy Hayes started last month and will be writing plans very soon.

The Mid-Winter Meeting was held on January 9 and went very well.

FSA

District Manager Matt McMahon passed along the following from Acting CED Charles Bennett: ARC/PLC and Dairy Program sign-ups are now underway.

Equipment

Board Supervisor Greg Dell reported that the drills are both done for the season and moved into their shop where they will be serviced soon.

At 7:38 p.m., Board Supervisor Janet O'Meara made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Board Supervisor James Leppo, and the motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt McMahon, District Manager