

REGULAR MEETING -- Board of Supervisors
Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District
2662 Riva Road, Suite 150
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
January 17, 2018; 9:30 AM

Supervisors Present:	Steuart Pittman, Acting Chair Vice-Chair 04.14	9/10
	Brian Riddle, Treasurer 03.17	7/10
	John Colhoun, Member 04.16	10/10
	Vaughn Foxwell, Member 06.17	8/8

Associate Supervisors Present:	Mike Superczynski, Associate Supervisor 01.15	1/1
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Others Present:	Heydsha Cordero, Soil Conservationist, NRCS
	Mike Scheffel, Area Coordinator, MDA
	Dave Myers, UMD Extension
	John Czajkowski, District Manager, SCD
	Joe Superczynski, Senior Ag. Soil Conservation Specialist, SCD
	Keli Kirby, Office Manager, SCD
	Jamie Tiralla, Publicist
	Gary Palmer

Absent:	Lisa Barge, AAEDC
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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Acting Chair Steuart Pittman.

MINUTES: (Foxwell, Riddle)

- The December minutes were accepted.

REPORTS:

Financial, K. Kirby: (Riddle, Foxwell)

- The District financial reports
- The MDA financial report

Waiting for one more firm to give bid before deciding on what accounting firm to contract with

MDA, M. Scheffel

- New Deputy Secretary Julie Oberg
- J. Czajkowski attended the District Manager Meeting. New MACS requirements were discussed with additional nutrient management information requirements.

- D. Scheler will meet with Alisha and Adam at MDA headquarters to reconcile the BMP verification.

Urban, K. Holland

- See attached urban report.

NRCS, H. Cordero

- See attached report
- FY18, \$11.6 million was allocated to NRCS Maryland Programs
- State Conservationist, Dr. Terron Hillsman, will be acting in National Headquarters as the Director of Legislative and Public Affairs. Odessa Armstrong will be acting in his place until March 3rd and Rob McAfee will be acting until April 29th

Agriculture, J. Superczynski

- See attached agriculture report.

AAEDC, L. Barge

- Arundel Ag Connect will be held at Greenstreet, 6p-8p, on Thursday, January 18th. Open to ALL farmers.
- At the next Agritourism Meeting, the draft checklist for Agritourism is to be reviewed.

Public Relations

- Talk about expanded marketing in February i.e. Chesapeake Harvest, STEM Program for Agriculture
- Link to Maryland Extension and AAEDC Calendar of Events

Cooperator Agreements (Colhoun, Riddle)

Shelley Hopkins

Owner/ Operator: James Beall. Grays Road, Lothian. 41.59 Acres. Grain Crops.

Owner/ Operator: Douglas Beall. Grays Road, Lothian. 41.59 Acres. Grain Crops.

SWOPs (Foxwell, Riddle)

David Scheler

UPDATED Owner/Operator: John Ball. Franklin Gibson Road, Tracys Landing. 138.2 Acres. Corn, small grain, soybeans and hay.

Eileen Beard

Owner/Operator: Alison Asti and Tracy Asti Bienemann. Moreland Lane, Lothian. 22 Acres. Equine.

New Business

- Discussion held on the proposed MOU with Anne Arundel County, highlighted the proposed staff change, year to year renewal, and notice time for contract changes. AACo. has MOU for revisions.

- Vote on Board positions: S. Pittman nominated B. Riddle for the position of Chair and volunteers to stay on as Vice-Chair. V. Foxwell volunteered for the position of Treasurer. B. Riddle appointed Chair. S. Pittman will remain as Vice-Chair. V. Foxwell appointed Treasurer. This will remain with the possibility to review positions when new Board Member is appointed. (Riddle, Foxwell, Colhoun)
- Discussion on the use of Bills.com for streamlining the process and documentation of paperwork lifecycle.
- Discussion on using the District Funds to supplement the Per Diem supplied by MDA to the Board Members. M. Scheffel confirms this is allowed, other district also supplement their members and the amount we supplement fall within the same range other districts utilize.
- Discussion held on using District funds to supplement employee's salary. K. Kirby voiced her concern that the Board has made many proposals in the past on how to handle bonuses and to date, none have been put into place. M. Scheffel explained that MDA allows supplementation as employees in our positions are paid under what other agencies allow for comparable positions. He further shared that other districts take this into account when calculating salary supplements and have a history of supplementing between \$2,500- \$7,500. M. Superczynski pointed out that "step" increases were unavailable to the employees at AASCD, so many employees are getting paid at entry level when their skill set is beyond that. A proposal of salary supplements was made by K. Kirby. The board will revisit this topic in February.
- Election on Associates Members. The number of Associates will be 2 members. M. Superczynski was re-elected to his position. G. Palmer will be joining the Board as the new Associate Member. (Pittman, Riddle, Foxwell)
- Review District Personnel Policy regarding employment of relatives
- Concern over Solar Farming in South County/ Kinder Farm, community meeting tonight. Optimal community scale is 14-20 acres. 8 month moratorium so there is time to put zoning rules into place.
- St. Mary's SCD Annual Cooperators Dinner Friday February 2: M. Superczynski, B. Riddle, J. Colhoun, and G. Palmer volunteered to attend.
- February 14th, Dwight Dotterer and J. Czajkowski will be attending Anne Arundel County Capabilities Assessment Workshop to give a report on what can be done with the agricultural community in case of an emergency.
- Declined donating to Farm Bureau Scholarship, would like to keep outreach in the local community.

Training

Maryland Public Television, Maryland Farm and Harvest episode 507 includes footage of the National Envirothon hosted by Maryland. <http://video.mpt.tv/show/maryland-farm-harvest/>

SET TIME AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

- The meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m. (Riddle, Foxwell)
- The next meeting is February 21, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m.