

REGULAR MEETING -- Board of Supervisors
Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District
2662 Riva Road, Suite 150
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
April 18, 2018; 8:00 AM

Supervisors Present:	Brian Riddle, Chair 03.17	9/12
	Steuart Pittman, Vice-Chair 04.14	10/12
	Vaughn Foxwell, Treasurer 06.17	9/10
	John Colhoun, Member 04.16	12/12
	Gary Palmer, Member 01.18	3/3
 Associate Supervisors Present:		
	Mike Superczynski, Associate Supervisor 01.15	3/3
 Others Present:	Heydsha Cordero, Soil Conservationist, NRCS	
	Mike Scheffel, Area Coordinator, MDA	
	Dave Myers, UMD Extension	
	Lisa Barge, AAEDC	
	John Czajkowski, District Manager, SCD	
	Joe Superczynski, Senior Ag. Soil Conservation Specialist, SCD	
	Bonnie Griffie, Secretary, SCD	
 Absent:	Keli Kirby, Office Manager, SCD	
	Jamie Tiralla, Publicist	

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by B.Riddle.

MINUTES: (Foxwell, Palmer)

- The March minutes were accepted.

REPORTS:

Financial, K. Kirby:

- The District financial reports
- The MDA financial report
 - *February Approval*
 - *March Approval*

MDA, M. Scheffel

- General Fund and Chesapeake Trust Fund MOU's are due by April 30th.

- Governor's budget was passed and accepted. MACS Capital Budget was passed at \$8.5 million, Chesapeake Bay Trust Fund was passed at \$52.9 million, and Cover Crop was at \$22.5 million.
 - Approximate \$1 million of the MACS Capital Budget will be used to make up last years shortfall.

Motion to approve February and March financials (Foxwell, Palmer)

Urban, K. Holland

- See attached urban report.
- Key School violation discussion. MDE gave the school a list of violations in February. I&P issued a stop work order.
 - The meeting I&P held with AASCD last week covered compliance and enforcement, it did not challenge the plan. The meeting did not specifically address the Key School, but all sites in general.
 - The current practices do not protect against extreme rain events, practices are mandated by MDE, would AASCD be able to design a practice that can handle these events/ or decrease the sediment runoff? This will be a consideration once we complete some fact- finding on the occurrence of the event – was it a design issue, a maintenance issue, excessive disturbed area, or rare rain event?

NRCS, H. Cordero

- See attached report
- The SAMS and DUNS number no longer required for NRCS programs
 - MDA is not requiring it through October only
- NRCS has cost-share for a pollinator habitat through EQIP and CSP, pays per acre
 - How can AASCD promote this program – Annapolis Green, Bee City, Newsletter
- Anne Arundel County was chosen to go to NRCS Cycle Time Study 4/16-5/11
 - To track amount of time spent on promoting program and administrative factors

Agriculture, J. Superczynski

- See attached agriculture report.
- Discussion on re-engagement of farm plans
 - There is a large backlog of plans due to staffing resources, new Ag. Structure laws, programs encouraged through other agencies
 - It was decided a postcard should be sent out to contact farmers out of date or whose plan will lapse in 2 years

Extension, D. Myers

- D. Myers is transitioning back to 100% Agent after completion of training the new Program Manager
- This year D. Myers goal is to increase his presence through webinars, YouTube postings, podcasts that will introduce watchers to farming and planting, and Monday Ag. chats
- Would like to work with the County and AASCD to promote Ag on the Naval Dairy Farm

- Search going for a nutrient management advisor and weed control specialist
- Discussed trip to Liberia
- 8/8/2018 Twilight Tour in Upper Marlboro

AAEDC, L. Barge

- Rockhold Creek Park – delayed until FY 19 due to budget concerns/ additional building renovations/repairs
 - Construction predicted to start in August 2018 and completion in May 2019
- Spent \$15,000 for tire removal program this year. Removed 248 tons of ag scrap tires off AA Co. farms in last 4-5 years. Looking for grant funds. Program discussed.
- 4/19/2018 – Ag Commission Meeting @ 8:30
- Veteran’s Composting has all County approval needed to start business
- Greenstreet Gardens was selected to host the Buy Local Challenge Event

Public Relations, J. Tiralla

- See attached public relations report.

SWOPs (Pittman, Foxwell)

Eileen Beard

UPDATE Maryland Therapeutic Riding. Sunrise Beach Rd., Crownsville. 26Acres. Equine. Addition of 48’ x 70’ Equipment Shed

Old Business

- Discussion of MOU with the County. Changes made by AASCD: added AASCD obligations to the County; another position/ Soil Specialist; transfer of benefits between AASCD and County when accepting jobs at the partnering agency; removed the date to renew every year; and discussion on adding promotional positions into the MOU allowing growth in staff and retention and if the purpose of the Board should be mentioned.
 - B. Riddle proposes that AASCD meets with D. Kane, Director of I & P, to discuss changes/request made on MOU
 - Motion made for John to move forward with I & P and get this approved (Foxwell, Palmer)
- Agricultural Census update - Dale Hawks, USDA Statistics Services, stated that the surveys have no impact on the financial contribution to the County.
 - MDA finds value in the census so there is accurate information reflected on the Chesapeake Bay Model which help with Chesapeake Bay Watershed goals. It has no funding impact but allows for prediction of issues/ opportunities.
- Navy Project update– deadline extended to end of April. Glenn Gas and RC & D have been contacted, and proposal submitted. Staff will be needed for inspection and as-built.

- New Vehicle update – Ford Escape has worst SUV crash rating. The smaller car can be used as a trade-in. Payment goes directly to the dealer. The quoted price for the Escape was \$26,000 through fleet pricing. J. Czajkowski is approved to investigate the price of an Explorer, base price estimated to be \$32,000. It was decided to move forward with the Escape.

New Business

- Langton Green is requesting in-kind donations for operational use. Langton Green is a non-profit organization that works with handicapped adults to teach them farming skills. Donation request was denied as it does not directly fulfill our mission.
 - Homestead offered to donate vegetable trays for the high tunnels.
 - If there are BMPs that we could help fund that align with our mission, then those would be considered.
 - It was suggested that a budget be set aside for donations, if this was an avenue that the board would like to explore in the future.

SET TIME AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

- The meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m. (Pittman, Foxwell)
- The next meeting is May 16, 2018 @ 8:00 a.m.