

REGULAR MEETING -- Board of Supervisors
Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District
2662 Riva Road, Suite 150
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
May 16, 2018; 8:00 AM

Supervisors Present:	Steuart Pittman, Vice-Chair 04.14	1/1
	Vaughn Foxwell, Treasurer 06.17	10/11
	John Colhoun, Member 04.16	1/1
	Gary Palmer, Member 01.18	4/4
Associate Supervisors Present:		
	Mike Superczynski, Associate Supervisor 01.15	4/4
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	
	Kevin Holland, Sr Urban Soil Conservation District Specialist, SCD	
Absent:		
	Brian Riddle, Chair 03.17	1/2
	Lisa Barge, AAEDC	

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by S. Pittman.

MINUTES: (Foxwell, Colhoun)

- The April minutes were accepted.

REPORTS:

Financial, K. Kirby: (Foxwell, Palmer)

- The District financial reports
- The MDA financial report

G. Palmer queried how the price for public information was calculated and how we compare to county and other district fee system.

CLA scheduled to do "audit" third week in July and should be available to answer Board questions at the July meeting

MDA, M. Scheffel

- MACS 1.6 million funds approved to complete contracts from FY18
- Cover Crop sign-up for FY 18 -19 Program begins June 21
 - There is a new form requirement for cover crop project, not for capital project, part
- Upcoming WIP 3 process to begin with area meetings:
 - Anne Arundel Agriculture sector will be August 30, 1:30-3:30, location unknown
 - Meeting will allocate work to each area to reach set goal
 - June 18th will be the Southern Maryland Meeting to include ALL sectors, location unknown

Urban, K. Holland

- See attached urban report.

NRCS, H. Cordero

- See attached District Conservationist report

Agriculture, J. Superczynski

- See attached agriculture report.
- *New Employee Status: Nathan Holsey has experience in GIS, some AutoCAD, farm experience (chicken farm on Eastern Shore), Bachelor's Degree in Geography. His start date is June 7th.*
- *Envirothon feedback*
- *Camp Letts Status: New Farm Manager is improving grounds, new BMP's and grass looks good.*

Extension, D. Myers

- Spring Newsletter is out, electronic version is very interactive with many links and photos being videos
- May 23rd – Strawberry Twilight
- May 26th – Southern Maryland Beef Quality Assurance Control Workshop for Certification
 - Beef Producer Short course was well received in Central Maryland and Frederick, so it will now be offered in Southern Maryland
- If Southern Maryland is granted a killing facility, forecasted 10,000 animals needed annually to process to make it successful
- Cover Crop Management Workshop in June
- August 8 – Crop Twilight
- June 27 – Field Day in Lower Eastern Search at Research and Education Center
- Discussion on proper disposal of pesticide containers

AAEDC, S. Pittman for L. Barge

- Ag Commission meeting was a few weeks ago and since then there has been many Solar Meetings and solar on farms.

- Will solar on farms be allowed by special exception where there is public input, or will it be conditional based on visibility?
- Subcommittee on Farm Stays, similar to a Bed 'n' Breakfast
- Subcommittee on Upper limits, discussion held.
- Subcommittee on alcohol: wineries and breweries and possible future distilleries.

Public Relations, J. Tiralla

- Baltimore Business Journal – Thanksgiving Farm interviewed for article and mentioned AASCD
- Cooperator Renewal Letters, discussion held on what the letter asks, target audience, and getting the letter on a regular schedule for distribution.

Cooperator Agreements (Foxwell, Palmer)

Eileen Beard

Owner/ Operator: Hunter and Chris Messineo. Old Birdsville Rd, Harwood. 14.41 Acres. Crops, 2-year conversion to Equine. Proposing 36' x 48' 5 stall barn and 30' x 40' equipment shed.

Shelley Hopkins

Owner/ Operator: Mark and Theresa Egley. Old Sudley Road, West River. 8.5 acres. Equine and Misc. livestock

SWOPs (Palmer, Foxwell)

Aaron McCann

Owner/ Operator: Billy Ford. Muddy Creek Rd, Harwood. 20.8 Acres. Grain

David Scheler

Owner: William Hall Operator: Stephen Hopkins Solomons Island Road, Lothian. 186 acres. Corn, small grain, soybeans

Owner/Operator: Francis Windsor. Wrighton Road, Lothian. 176.5 acres. Corn, small grain and soybeans.

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Old Business

- MOU with County update: Dan Kane was sent the updated MOU, and nothing has moved forward.
 - County Executive is trying to pass a bill that consolidates power of commissions and quasi-government agencies, so the county can appoint the Boards. In addition, it will standardize some processes between these agencies.

- Update on Key School athletic complex: Key School was fined by the County. They will be submitting a new Erosion and Sediment Control Plan. Discussion held.
 - It seems the initial issue may have been caused by a previously undiscovered pipe discharging water. Unsure how big of a role this played in the initial issue.
 - K. Holland explains the process of Urban Plan approval and Red Line plans/ revisions procedures. AASCD responsibilities end after plan review, beyond review it is I&P's responsibility to enforce procedures.
 - Discussion on the contractor's obligation to repair failing installed sediment controls. Are there pro-active measures AASCD can recommend? MDE supplies a manual with a selection of tools/recommendations that engineers can choose from based on client's needs, resources, and size of project.
 - Discussion on Galesville Fire Department Sediment Erosion Issue. The clearing was to allow access to install sediment and erosion controls, there is speculation that there may have been unneeded additional clearing done.
 - Phone Apps and phone numbers that can be used to notify county of sediment erosion control concerns
 - Crofton High School discussion. Concern over contiguous properties, including: Cardinal Field, Middle School, Crofton Park feeding into the same bog/ wetland basin.
- *New employee hired to replace Lou- covered under Ag Report*

New Business

- MASCD Summer Meeting: package has been sent, explanation of agenda.
- *Bulkhead at Greenbury Point Status: no feedback has come from RC&D unsure if the Navy has decided. J. Czajkowski will contact RC&D.*
- *Confirmation on which Board members will be attending Charles SCD Cooperator of the Year Award Dinner/ Open House.*

Training

- History of Soil Conservation www.nrcs.usda.gov/hhb

Supervisor's Discussion

- G. Palmer raised the question about the policy of tuition reimbursement. We have two employees currently taking classes. One employee's classes are being prepaid, while the other's is being reimbursed after the class. Concern over employees filing grievances for inconsistencies in application of policy. This will be revisited in June meeting.

SET TIME AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

- The meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m. (Foxwell, Palmer)
- The next meeting is June 20, 2018 @ 8:00 a.m.