

REGULAR MEETING -- Board of Supervisors
Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District
2662 Riva Road, Suite 150
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
July 17, 2018; 8:00 AM

Supervisors Present:	Brian Riddle, Chair 03.17	<i>(Teleconference)</i>	3/4
	Steuart Pittman, Vice-Chair 04.14		3/3
	Vaughn Foxwell, Treasurer 06.17		1/1
	John Colhoun, Member 04.16		3/3
	Gary Palmer, Member 01.18		6/6

Associate Supervisors Present:

	Mike Superczynski, Associate Supervisor 01.15		6/6
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Others Present:

Aaron McCann, Acting 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

Absent: Lisa Barge, AAEDC

The meeting was called to order at 8:14 a.m. by S. Pittman

MINUTES: (Foxwell, Palmer)

- The June minutes were accepted.

REPORTS:

Financial, K. Kirby: (Palmer, Foxwell)

- The District financial reports
- The MDA financial report

MDA, M. Scheffel

- Cover crop sign-up concluded on Tuesday July 17. Preliminary umbers for Anne Arundel: 29 Applicants, 6100 acres, \$459,000.
- MASCD Meeting is at the end of the month – and updated agenda has been emailed. The meeting will be WIP III heavy to meet 2025 goals.
 - State and County have WIP goals
 - AACo. will have their county WIP meeting August 30th 1-3pm, location TBD

Urban, K. Holland

- See attached urban report.
- Discussion on construction site runoff.
- Recommended that urban activities chart be displayed on website
- Reminder of the District's role in the plan process. MDE creates BMP's and proper installation procedures, Engineers create the plan, AASCD approves plans based on MDE set standards, and Inspections and Permits are responsible for installation and enforcement (they are the grantor of the permit and therefore are ultimately responsible)
- Resolution will be presented at the next meeting proposing a collaboration of AASCD with engineers, government, environmental, and citizen groups

NRCS, A. McCann

- See attached District Conservationist report
- EQIP no longer requires DUNS and SAMS except if there is an easement
 - Conservation Easements for NRCS is held at the state level
 - Conservation Easements Programs are offered at the Federal, State, and County levels
- Farmers.gov continues to make website improvement.

Agriculture, J. Superczynski

- See attached agriculture report.
- Discussion on cost effective practices that stabilize crossings, such as animal crossings.
 - Geoweb filled with stone (depends on stream bottom and flow)
- Discussion on the benefits and restrictions of farm ponds based on recent rain pattern.
 - Restrictions: can not be built in a stream & can not disturb 5000 sq. ft. or more of wetland
 - Can be expensive due to piping and excavation

Extension, D. Myers

- New Nutrient Management Advisor, Kayla Griffith, M-W mornings and Th all day
- Newsletter went out, Veg. News will be out next week
- Ag. Plant clinic happens weekly by webinar, an event where all Ag. Extension Agents get together where photos and information are shared about issues happening around the state.
- July 29 – Aug 3, D. Myers will be in Tennessee for a National Ag. Agent Committee Conference
- August 8th – Crops Twilight in Upper Marlboro
- Navy/ Dairy Farm & Parks and Rec still in negotiation. Parks and Rec plan was presented at County Council Plan and it was amended. Navy is now talking about selling 40 acres

to the county instead of leasing with the stipulation that it must be used for recreation and not development.

AAEDC

- J. Colhoun reminded members that AAEDC has received funding from SMADC to purchase more farm equipment for rental. Suggested: Pasture Renovation Equipment.

Public Relations, J. Tiralla

- Coming up next is the Fall Newsletter
 - Will be attending the MASCD Summer Meeting and should be able to get some ideas
 - The role of Urban
- Annual Report will be needed by Cooperator of the Year Dinner
- Updates to website
- Cooperator Retention Letter will happen late August
- Videos on BMPs can begin production in fall

Cooperator Agreements (Foxwell, Palmer)

Shelley Hopkins

Owner/ Operator: Burnett, Sandra. Solomons Island Road, Harwood. 6 Acres. Equine.

SWOPs

David Scheler (Palmer, Foxwell)

Owner: James Wilson. Operator: Steve Hopkins. Sansbury Road, Friendship. 146 Acres. Corn, small grain, soybeans.

Owner: Norma Plotts. Operator: Steve Hopkins. Solomons Island Road, Lothian. 241 Acres. Corn, small grain, soybean.

Shelley Hopkins (Foxwell, Palmer)

Owner: Anne Arundel County Fair. Crownsville Road, Crownsville. Proposed Ag. Structure 36x70x12

Owner/ Operator: Burnett, Sandra. Solomons Island Road, Harwood. 6 Acres. Equine.

Owner/Operator: Mark and Terry Egley. Old Sudley Road, West River. 8.5 Acres. Equine and mixed livestock. Plan updated to get equipment shed 40x60

Old Business

- NSA Shoreline Restoration Kick-Off meeting July 25th at 1:00. J. Czajkowski, K. Holland, and J. Superczynski will be attending
- Handout for reasons for stop work orders
 - Invitation to attend the July 24th inspectors' meeting (Canceled)
- Confirmation that a Farm Plan can be denied
- What will the county do if a building constructed under the exemption is not in compliance with the code as far as it's use? Email with string of responses supplied.

New Business

- Interviews for secretarial position occurred on July 9th. Andrea Sears declined – Mary Ford is scheduled to start August 9th
- Pete Peterson has retired from the MASCD Bylaws & Rules Committee
 - MASCD is looking for a replacement, Wes Tomlinson (Charles SCD) submitted his name as Southern Maryland SCDs representative on the Bylaws and Rules Committee (Unanimous – Foxwell, Pittman, Palmer, Colhoun, Riddle)

Guest Speakers

Alison Cawood and Christine Buckley from Smithsonian Environmental Research Center

- Working to restore oysters in the Rhode River
- Expand the Marylanders grow Oysters Program
 - In collaboration with South River High School and Southern High School
 - Trying to decipher best practices that can be applied state-wide
 - Trying to put a demonstration lease in the river: place for oyster placement, study best practices for oyster restoration given condition, long-term tracking of changing conditions.
- Requesting a Cost Proposal of Plan/ Scope of Work

SET TIME AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

- The meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m. (Foxwell, Palmer)
- The next meeting is August 15, 2018 @ 8:00 a.m.

Closed Meeting

Meeting called to order: 9:46 a.m.

Motion made by: V. Foxwell *Seconded by:* G. Palmer *Members in favor:* J. Coulhoun, B. Riddle *Absent:* Pittman

State Government Article, 10-508(a)(1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

Actions Taken: \$6000 increase for MDA Grant Technician based on the required duties of the position. (*Proposed by* V. Foxwell, *Seconded by* G. Palmer *In-favor:* J. Colhoun, B. Riddle)

Time adjourned: 10:20 a.m.