

REGULAR MEETING -- Board of Supervisors
Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District
2662 Riva Road, Suite 150
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
August 15, 2018; 8:00 AM

Supervisors Present: Brian Riddle, Chair 03.17 4/5
Steuart Pittman, Vice-Chair 04.14 4/4
Vaughn Foxwell, Treasurer 06.17 2/2
John Colhoun, Member 04.16 4/4

Associate Supervisors Present:
Mike Superczynski, Associate Supervisor 01.15 7/7

Others Present: Aaron McCann, Acting Soil Conservationist, NRCS
Mike Scheffel, Area Coordinator, MDA
Lisa Barge, AAEDC
Brittany Rawlings, AAEDC
John Czajkowski, District Manager, SCD
Joe Superczynski, Senior Ag. Soil Conservation Specialist, SCD
Keli Kirby, Office Manager, SCD
Mary Ford, Secretary, SCD

Absent: Gary Palmer, Member 01.18 6/7
Dave Myers, UMD Extension
Jamie Tiralla, Publicist

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by B. Riddle

Introduction of newly hired secretary, Mary Ford.

MINUTES: (Foxwell, Pittman)

- The July minutes were accepted.

REPORTS:

Financial, K. Kirby: (Pittman, Foxwell)

- The District financial reports
 - Will now include a report for Anne Arundel County Fund expenditures
- The MDA financial report
- J. Czajkowski was approved as sole signer only for Nathan Holsey's / MDA Grant Technician Position payroll checks (Foxwell, Pittman)

MDA, M. Scheffel

- WIP III Presentation
 - Goal is to reduce Nitrogen, Phosphorus, and sediment going into the bay.
 - Trends show a reduction by 30 million pounds of nitrogen per year going into the bay
 - Model numbers are calculated using monitoring tools that are specialized for each sector along with some science based assumptions
 - It is yet to be seen if the release of the Conowingo Dam will have an impact
 - Maryland is making great progress towards the goal; which is important, as we have a bigger impact on bay health than states not directly touching the bay
 - Maryland has met our phosphorus goal, but need to work more on nitrogen goal
 - BMP Verification and Credit explained, 71% of all applied BMPs are still meeting standards. The majority of the other 30% no longer exist.
 - RI – Resource Improvements explained, farmer installed bmp's that do not meet NRCS standards. This is believed to be low-hanging fruit that will help us meet goals.
 - The staff can make an impact by increasing the number of planned acres; this leaves AASCD an opportunity to advocate for much needed staff.
 - Local WIP III Meeting at MDA on September 30th @ 1:30pm.
- *SMADC funds not received for new rental equipment as equipment already exists that is not being used. Numbers could not be supplied that supported the need for requested equipment.*
 - *L. Barge would have liked to request Mobile Poultry Processing Unit, slaughtering of animals is not permitted on properties in Anne Arundel County*
- *Solar Regulation is being introduced September 4th to County Council*
- *Discussion on how we can inquire additional staff through additional MDA, NACD, or county funding.*

Urban, K. Holland

- See attached urban report.

NRCS, A. McCann

- Waiting for the release of the Farm Bill to see what programs will be available this year
- Full-time Soil Conservationist /Planner will be hired for Anne Arundel County
- Chesapeake Bay Grant through USDA-NRCS, 4 planner positions are open in Maryland, grant proposal due date is September 1st
- Emergency Conservation Program & Emergency Watershed Protection Program Funding is available for areas in need following recent weather events. ECP is granted through FSA.
- Heydsha's return is scheduled for September 4, 2018
- See attached District Conservationist report

Agriculture, J. Superczynski

- See attached agriculture report.

AAEDC, L. Barge

- L. Barge extended an invitation to place an article representative of AASCD in her newsletter
- 800 Ag Survey's were mailed and there was ~ 10% response rate
 - Of the 10%, about 25 needed information on/assistance with permitting, farmers market, business plans, and equipment rental program
 - For educational requirements, Nutrient Management Training was the most requested
- Ag Service Provider Forum was successful last year, so this year county departments such as Inspections & Permits will be asked to participate.
- Rockhole Creek, waiting for a construction date
- Ag Education Day is Oct. 14th (rain date Oct. 21st) @ Y Worry Farm
 - Event Insurance seems to be a hindrance in acquiring vendors

Cooperator Agreements (Pittman, Foxwell)

David Scheler

Owner/ Operator: Jason Kim. Solomon's Island Road, Tracy's Landing. 30 Acres. Orchard.

SWOPs (Pittman, Foxwell)

David Scheler

NEW Owner: William Learch. Solomons Island Road, Lothian. 130.8 Acres. Corn, small grain, soybeans, pasture, cattle.

Shelley Hopkins

UPDATED Anne Arundel County, Shady Oaks Turf Farm, Inc. Sudley Road, West River. 367.4 acres.

New Business

- Conservationist of the Year
 - Candidates: V.K. Holtzendorf, Deana Tice, Susan Chaney
 - Deana Tice will be honored this year - (Colhoun, Foxwell, Pittman)
 - Venue: Mike's Crab House
 - ~ 150 people estimated
- AASCD is responsible for the Southern Maryland Soil Conservation District Dinner
 - Proposed venue: Captain Avery's Museum
 - Catering: Thompson's Seafood
 - Date: TBD
 - Guests: Other area SCD's
- MASCD Summer Meeting Highlights

- Funding was a significant topic.
- Due's were approved to increase \$250 in 2020
- MPT Farm to Harvest funding is no longer available to MASCD
- Directors and Officers Insurance discussed, is it applicable to our agency?
- Districts obtaining their own council for legal issues.
- MDA may cut funds from CBTF, so grant employees may become contractual through MDA
- MDA and NRCS will investigate provisions for a higher pay scale for technicians as well as supplying formal training
- MASCD Dues approved for payment (\$2050) (Pittman, Foxwell)
- MASCD contribution (\$625) to sponsor MPTs Farm and Harvest program approved (Pittman, Foxwell)
- WIP III Meeting August 30th 1:30 to 3:30 MDA Room 114

SET TIME AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

- The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m. (Foxwell, Pittman)
- The next meeting is September 19, 2018 @ 8:00 a.m.

Closed Meeting

Meeting called to order: 10:03 a.m.

Motion made by: S. Pittman *Seconded by:* V. Foxwell *Members in favor:* J. Colhoun

Absent: G. Palmer

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: (Proposed by _____, Seconded by _____ In-favor:

_____)

Time adjourned: 10:35 a.m.