

REGULAR MEETING -- Board of Supervisors
Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District
2662 Riva Road, Suite 150
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
September 19, 2018; 8:00 AM

Supervisors Present:

Brian Riddle, Chair	03.17	6/7
Steuart Pittman, Vice-Chair	04.14	5/5
Vaughn Foxwell, Treasurer	06.17	3/3
Gary Palmer, Member	01.18	8/9
John Colhoun, Member	04.16	5/5

Associate Supervisors Present:

Mike Superczynski, Associate Supervisor	01.15	8/8
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Others Present:

Heydsha Cordero, Soil Conservationist, NRCS
Dave Myers, UMD Extension
Lisa Barge, Arundel Ag
Brittany Faber, Arundel Ag
John Czajkowski, District Manager, SCD
Joe Superczynski, Senior Ag. Soil Conservation Specialist, SCD
Keli Kirby, Office Manager, SCD
Jamie Tiralla, Publicist
Kayla Griffith, UM Extension, Nutrient Management Advisor
Richard Klein

Absent:

Byron Petrauskas, Resource Conservation District Operations,
Program Manager, MDA

The meeting was called to order at 7:59 a.m. by B. Riddle

MINUTES: (Foxwell, Pittman)

- The August minutes were accepted.

Guest, R. Klein

- Richard Klein has served on the Baltimore SCD Board of Supervisors, previous Director of Maryland Save Our Streams Program
- Discussed the failure of sediment and erosion control on construction sites caused by recent extreme rain falls as viewed by citizens of Anne Arundel County
 - It is believed there is not enough public support and therefore staff and resources are lacking
 - Discussion on effectiveness of different types of approved sediment control
 - Across the state, stabilization is not occurring at the proper time nor using the required procedures according to state standard > would like to tweak county inspection procedure to address these concerns and ensure better implementation

- Recommendations to solve the issue > offer a training/ informational session to I&P about proper protocol and procedures > submit a letter to Dan Kane standing firm on our position to enforce state guidelines and cc county executive > Decided that letter will be drafted and missing sentence will be added to the summary supplied on AASCD website

Introduction of Kayla Griffith

- New UM Extension, Nutrient Management Advisor
- She will be part-time, with a summer schedule and a winter schedule
- Bachelor's in biology and Masters in Agronomy
- Anne Arundel County resident, Extensive family history in Agriculture, serves Ag Commission, Anne Arundel Farm Bureau

REPORTS:

Financial, K. Kirby: (Palmer, Foxwell)

- The District financial reports
- The MDA financial report
- Reminder to sign quarterly statements

Urban, K. Holland

- See attached urban report.
- Discussion on MDE inquiring about approval for the use of flocculant for Key School / Key School Status
- Eva with I&P addressed her staff about their diligence to stabilize a project
- Discussion on Vegetative Stabilization Notes
- Discussion on the use, approval, application, long-term effects of flocculant

NRCS, H. Cordero

- See attached District Conservationist report
- Soil Conservationist Position has been advertised
- Waiting for Farm Bill approval to see what programs will be offered this fiscal year
- Oystermen of Anne Arundel County Rep is to work with NRCS to see if they can partner to promote Oyster Restoration Practice

Agriculture, J. Superczynski

- See attached agriculture report.
- Discussion on WIP III Meeting, goals for BMP's and the need for additional employees to meet set goals.
- Discussion on the success of Anne Arundel County Fair

Extension, D. Myers

- Nov. 27th – Southern Maryland Crops Dinner at Bayden Fire Hall
- Certified Pesticide Applicators class/exam in January
- The Dean is having a Global Summit event for the Univ. of MD on October 4th.
- Failed search on Weed Control position

Arundel Ag, L. Barge

- Rockhole Creek Park: Permits in for abatement of asbestos
- Ag Education Day will take place at Y Worry Farm on October 14th. Rain date is the 21st.
- Mobile Poultry Processing Unit – researching quotes, the unit will be open for use to 5 counties, and it will be MDA certified.
- February Ag Service Provider Forum – venue and date TBD
- Veterans Composting will have 2 trainings on Farm Composting in January at Deale Library
- Required vendor supplied insurance can be a roadblock to getting vendors to participate in Public Relation events.

Public Relations, J. Tiralla

- Update on status and what is needed on the 2018 Annual Report
- Update on status of Fall Newsletter
- Explanation of website analytics
- Discussion about potential press release /article ideas

Discussion on Bloom, federal restriction of biosolids use on vegetable and fruit, approvals, logistics, trial results, and creation

Cooperator Agreements (Palmer, Pittman)

David Scheler

Owner/ Operator: Gary Ryan. Little Road, Lothian. 18.66 acres. Hay

Owner/Operator: Edward and Anita Beck. Double Gate Road, Davidsonville. 4.2 acres. Livestock

Owner/ Operator: St. Dixon Farm, LLC. Pleasant Plains Rd., Annapolis. 150 Acres. Equine and Field Crops.

Owner/ Operator: Mary Dudley. Solomons Island Road, Lothian. 47.02 acres.

SWQPs (Pittman, Foxwell)

David Scheler

New Owner/ Operator: Gary Ryan. Little Road, Lothian. 21.9 acres. Hay

Update Owner: Kara Leahy Operator: Joel Greenwell. Old Solomons Island Road, Harwood. 57.4 acres. Corn, Small Grain, Soybeans.

Update Owner: Hamilton Chaney Operator: Jason Kim. Solomons Island Road, Tracy's Landing. 227 acres. Asian Pear Orchard.

Update Owner/ Operator: Cline Warren. Sansbury Road, Friendship. 10.8 acres. CRP re-enroll, forestry

Old Business

- October 11th – Annual Southern Maryland District Dinner for Board members and District Managers. In attendance – J. Colhoun, G. Palmer, M. Superczynski. J. Czajkowski to emcee
- October 25th – AASCD Conservationist of the Year Dinner – S. Pittman to emcee. Ben Biel a possibility as a speaker to discuss *Bloom*. Dr. Sara Via was recommended as a back-up speaker.

- Greensbury Point/ Naval Academy Shoreline Restoration is under survey, AASCD will not be involved for another 6 months

New Business

- Personnel Policy additions for travel
 - Points to consider: > In-state/ out-of-state travel for overnight stay, should this be defined by a mileage range? Discussion held. > Discussion of per diem vs. reimbursement. > Per diem state rules discussed. >Need to define upper limit amount for reimbursement. > Decided that state per diem policy will be followed
 - Recommended that legal counsel review this before it is entered policy
- *Status of new car: should be available at the end of October*
- Steep slope round table discussion held on September 13th to discuss and come to agreement on acceptable practices (science vs regulations) to mitigate issues.
- Board supports the nomination of Martin Zehner into the Governor's Agriculture Hall of Fame which will be presented at Taste of Agriculture
- Maryland Agriculture Education Foundation is asking for a donation, \$100 was approved (Colhoun, Palmer)
- Associate Supervisor vacancy: possible candidates – Gwen, Billy Ford, Donald Entzian (moved to November)

SET TIME AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

- The meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m. (Pittman, Foxwell)
- The next meeting is October 18, 2018 @ 8:00 a.m.

Closed Meeting

Meeting called to order: 11:03 a.m. Location: AASCD Office/ Norm A Berg Conference Room

Purpose: 3-305(b)(1) To discuss compensation of employees

Members who voted to meet in closed session: Brian Riddle, Stuart Pittman, John Colhoun, Gary Palmer, Vaughn Foxwell

Persons attending closed session: Brian Riddle, Stuart Pittman, John Colhoun, Gary Palmer, Vaughn Foxwell, Mike Superczynski, John Czajkowski, Brittany Faber

Authority under 3-305 for the closed session: 3-305(b)(1) personnel matters

Topics discussed: Employee Salary Supplements

Action taken: \$500 salary supplements will be awarded to employees. Additional supplementation will be granted when staff meets predetermined goals set by the Board of Supervisors. Approved "team building" event for employees in an educational environment.