

**REGULAR MEETING -- Board of Supervisors
Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District
2662 Riva Road, Suite 150
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
February 20, 2019; 8:00 AM**

Supervisors Present:	Brian Riddle, Chair 03.17	9/11
	Gary Palmer, Vice- Chair 01.18	1/1
	Vaughn Foxwell, Treasurer 06.17	7/8
	John Colhoun, Member 04.16	10/10
	Mike Superczynski, Associate Supervisor 01.15	1/1

Others Present:

John Czajkowski, District Manager, SCD
Joe Superczynski, Senior Ag. Soil Conservation Specialist, SCD
Keli Kirby, Office Manager, SCD

Absent:

Heydsha Cordero, District Conservationist, NRCS
Byron Petrauskas, Resource Conservation District Operations,
Program Manager, MDA
Dave Myers, UMD Extension
Lisa Barge, Arundel Ag
Jamie Tiralla, Public Relations Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. by B. Riddle

MINUTES: (Palmer, Colhoun)

- The January minutes were accepted.

REPORTS:

Financial, K. Kirby: (Palmer, Colhoun)

- The District financial reports
- The MDA financial report

Discussion on the funding source for the office furniture/ renovation, process to dispose of old furnishings, NRCS furniture removal, status of CBTF funds, discussion on news of I&P Director

MDA

- *Discussion of Adam Lyon, newly appointed Area Coordinator.*

Discussion of Mitch LeMueix, new Soil Conservationist for NRCS appointed to Anne Arundel County

MASCD Summer Meeting - MDA will be hiring new positions, funding for MACS and cover crop will remain the same

Status of meeting with Steuart/ Chris Trumbauer and staff positions was productive

Discussion on Mayo Peninsula project that was talked about under previous county council has been downgraded to shore stabilization/ Proposed bay bridge crossing at the peninsula

Discussion on breweries/ distilleries, Anne Arundel is working to catch up with other counties on agritourism laws

Discussion on dairy farm sustainability in Anne Arundel County

NRCS, H. Cordero

- See attached NRCS report
- *Rob McAfee talked at the MASCD Winter Meeting about making software improvements in NRCS programs.*
- *NRCS will be installing Fios in the office to improve data exchange*

Urban, K. Holland

- See attached Urban report
- *Review of 5-year and 10-year trend review*
- *Discussion about updating company database*
- *Discussion on the resubmittal process, length of time spent on reviewing plans, factoring in size/ scope of plan, engineers that we repeat reviews for most frequently*

Agriculture, J. Superczynski

- See attached agriculture report.
- Discussion on board members reviewing expired farm plans and reaching out to former cooperators.

Arundel Ag, B. Riddle

- Stacey Eckels is looking for supporters for the Rockhold Creek project. A non- profit will be started and will lease the property.
- There is a bill before the State House to raise the exemptions of occupants in a barn from 50 to 200. It looks favorable to pass. Resistance was met from the fire department.
- Feb. 21st AAEDC is sponsoring an Ag Service provider fair at Southern High School @5:30

New Business

- It was decided that the winners of the Envirothon will be rewarded with \$100 gift cards
- John Czajkowski will be reinstated to the RC&D Board for the term of 2 years
- Office renovation will progress, but no definite start date has been given
- New hire for Paul's position, Gary Armstrong, will start February 21st
 - 34 years' experience in sediment and erosion control, will only require training on data/ software system.
- Update MDA's Authorized Signatures Form *will be moved to next month*

- Thank you received from the University of Maryland Soil Judging Team for continued support

Cooperator Agreements (Palmer, Foxwell)

David Scheler

- Owner/ Operator: Neil Reed. West Bay Front Road, Lothian. 4 acres. Orchard, vegetable, livestock
- Owner/Operator: Joel Greenwell Jr., Mt. Zion Marlboro Rd., Lothian. 5.8 acres,

Eileen Beard

- Owner/Operator: Brian and Tomi Lyn Spirt. Solomon's Island Rd, Harwood. 15.5 acres. Equine and forest. Has existing farm plan from 2009, no Cooperator's Agreement in folder, will be updating farm plan.
- Owner/ Operator: William Hammond. Old General's Highway, Annapolis. 5.15 acres. Orchard, vegetable, and livestock.

SWQPs (Palmer, Foxwell)

David Scheler

- Owner/Operator: James Meyer. Cottontail Way, Lothian. 27.39 acres. Equine, chicken, honey bees.
- Owner/Operator: David and Christina Vieglais. Shalin Farm Road. 28 acres.
- Owner/Operator: Albert Tucker. Pindell Road, Lothian. 145 acres. Corn, small grain and soybeans.

Eileen Beard

- Owner/Operator: (Anne) Romey Pittman. Dodon Road, Davidsonville. 110 acres. Goats, orchard. Proposed 22 x 30 barn for equipment storage.

New Business (Continued)

- Discussion on Jamie Tiralla's Public Relations contract, *decision will be moved to next month*

SET TIME AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

- The meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m. (Palmer, Foxwell)
- The next meeting is March 20, 2019 @ 8:00 a.m. / Maryland Extension