

**REGULAR MEETING -- Board of Supervisors  
Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District  
2662 Riva Road, Suite 150  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
January 16, 2019; 8:00 AM**

<b>Supervisors Present:</b>	Brian Riddle, Chair 03.17	8/10
	Gary Palmer, Vice- Chair 01.18	11/12
	Vaughn Foxwell, Treasurer 06.17	6/7
	John Colhoun, Member 04.16	9/9
	Mike Superczynski, Associate Supervisor 01.15	11/12

**Others Present:** John Czajkowski, District Manager, SCD  
Joe Superczynski, Senior Ag. Soil Conservation Specialist, SCD  
Keli Kirby, Office Manager, SCD  
Jamie Tiralla, Public Relations Specialist

**Absent:** Heydsha Cordero, District Conservationist, NRCS  
Byron Petrauskas, Resource Conservation District Operations,  
Program Manager, MDA  
Dave Myers, UMD Extension  
Lisa Barge, Arundel Ag

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 a.m. by B. Riddle

**MINUTES:** (Palmer, Foxwell)

- The December minutes were accepted.
- *Correction made to December Meeting Minutes to date of next meeting 2018 ->2019*

**REPORTS:**

**Financial, K. Kirby:** (Palmer, Colhoun)

- The District financial reports
- The MDA financial report

*Discussion about Federal Government closure. R. McAfee, Acting State Soil Conservationist, told J. Czajkowski that funds from programs would be used to pay staff. There was not mention of a date that those funds would run out. Additional discussion on the impact to the office – the phones, copier and federal computers would not be functional. This would leave J. Superczynski unable to work. Lincpasses that expire during this time will have to go through the application process again.*

### **Urban, K. Holland**

- Received 22 applicants for the Soil Conservation Specialist position, interviewed 1 potential candidate, the position was reposted, and 15 additional applications were received.
  - Discussion on the demographics of the applicants
  - Discussion on where we post our job announcements
  - Shelley will take on 100% urban until position has been filled
- *Discussion on trends of plan approvals and possible fee structures based on data*
- *Discussion about AASCDs involvement in The Village at Providence Point Project*
- Discussion on AASCD database and its ability to accomplish everything we need it to
  - Biggest frustration is that AASCD is not able to resolve program issues itself
- See attached Urban report

### **NRCS, H. Cordero**

- New NRCS Soil Conservationist, Mitchell Lemuix; expected start date is Tuesday, 1/22/2019.
- A. McCann will report to new job location March 4<sup>th</sup>. He will be available until mid-February.
- NRCS is operating normally. Part of HR and IT is furloughed. Funding for operations should last until February 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - FSA is closed
- Odessa Armstrong, Assistant State Conservationist for Management and Strategy, will be leaving State Headquarters and moving to NRCS North Carolina.
- Feb 15, 2019 -Deadline for EQIP and AMA applications. No funding was received for RCPP for Anne Arundel County's use.
- H. Cordero will write a publication outlining EQIP, AMA BMP's
- 6 applications for EQIP early obligation, pre-approved applications will be decided by the end of the week
- *Discussion on \$100,000 Local EQIP Workgroup Funds*
- Farm Bills effect on EQIP ranking and resource availability to producers discussion
- Discussion on Oregon's procedure to fund specific BMPs for 3-5 years
  - Dr. Hillsman plans to implement a similar plan in 2021
- Discussion on Oyster Restoration Funding
- *Artificial Oyster Reef Discussion*
- See attached NRCS report

### **Agriculture, J. Superczynski**

- Discussion on migration of farming from traditional to equine and niche farming in AA Co.
- Discussion on Manure Management and Composting
- See attached agriculture report.

### **Arundel Ag, B. Riddle**

- Update on Rockhold Creek Cleanout and construction timeline

### **Public Relations, J. Tiralla**

- Discussion of Outreach Plan for 2019
- Update on projects that are ongoing from last contract year
- Move contract decision until February
- *Discussion on Boards progress addressing expired farm plans*

### **Cooperator Agreements** (Palmer, Colhoun)

#### **Eileen Beard/ Shelley Garrett**

Owner/ Operator: Kathy and Paul Simpson. South River Clubhouse Rd., Harwood. 57.23 acres. Equine. Requesting Indoor Ring with attached stalls.

#### **David Scheler**

Owner/ Operator: Leslie Carr. Ski Lane, Millersville. 20.06 acres. Misc. Livestock

Owner/ Operator: Keith and Mary Underwood. Cecil Avenue, Millersville. 42.44 acres. Nursery

Owner/ Operator: Matthew Hall. Mill Swamp Road, Edgewater. 6.85 acres. Cattle and crops

Owner/ Operator: Cory S. Stephens. Grays Ford Rd., Odenton. 93 acres. Field crops

### **SWQPs** (Palmer, Foxwell)

#### **Eileen Beard**

Owner/Operator: Amy Crone. Cedars Stable Rd., Harwood. 11.47 acres. Equine, sheep, future: hops.

Owner/Operator: Renee Maske and Adam Cardinace. Crandall Rd, Lothian. 18.73 acres. Equine. Want 72' x 120' Indoor Ring with overhang.

#### **David Scheler**

Owner/ Operator: Matthew Hall. Mill Swamp Road, Edgewater. 6.85 acres. Cattle and crops

**Revised** Owner/Operator: Mark Egley. Old Sudley Rd., West River. 8.5 acres. Relocation of 40 x 60 ag structure

### **Old Business**

- Discussion on proposed fees for Agriculture building exemption process (Colhoun, Palmer)
  - \$200 -> up to 4999 sq ft
  - \$400 -> 5000 – 9,999 sq ft
  - \$600 -> 10,000 + sq ft
- Update the State Highway Fee from \$200/ project to \$200/ acre (Palmer, Colhoun)
- Approval to pay NACD dues \$775 (Palmer Colhoun)

### **New Business**

- Count on Board Members attending St. Mary's District Dinner
  - G. Palmer, J. Colhoun, B. Riddle, M. Superczynski (and guest)
- Meeting scheduled with County Executive regarding additional positions January 18th

### **SET TIME AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

- The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m. (Colhoun, Palmer)
- The next meeting is February 20, 2019 @ 8:00 a.m.