

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

**Supervisors Present:** Gary Palmer, Vice- Chair 01.18 2/2  
Vaughn Foxwell, Treasurer 06.17 8/9  
John Colhoun, Member 04.16 11/11  
Mike Superczynski, Associate Supervisor 01.15 2/2

**Others Present:** Heydsha Cordero, District Conservationist, NRCS  
Adam Lyon, Area Coordinator, MDA  
John Czajkowski, District Manager, SCD  
Joe Superczynski, Senior Ag. Soil Conservation Specialist, SCD  
Keli Kirby, Office Manager, SCD  
Kayla Griffith, UMD Extension

**Absent:** Brian Riddle, Chair 03.17 9/12  
Lisa Barge, Arundel Ag

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by G. Palmer

**MINUTES:** (Foxwell, Colhoun)

- The February minutes were accepted.

*Introduction of Gary Armstrong: 34+ years of experience developing sediment and erosion control plan, started February 21<sup>st</sup>.*

**REPORTS:**

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

- The District financial reports
- The MDA financial report

*Brief discussion on cashing out one CD to cover the cost of the renovation and changing CD's to higher rates once all the signors have been changed.*

**MDA, A. Lyon**

- A. Lyon experience: Started with Nutrient Management 5 years ago, 2 years ago started with Watershed Implementation Program and BMP Verification
- *Pilot Healthy Soil Biomass Program* –
  - No individual Anne Arundel County participants enrolled; a few farms enrolled
  - Photos of cover crop field supply percent ground cover using the Green Fraction Tool – a script that analysis the green vs other cover
  - 965 fields enrolled statewide, among 17 counties
  - 7 Staff members will complete verification between April 15<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Unsure what the final pass/ fail will be, will have to account for weather this year

- Proposing that in the future, planting for biomass capped at Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, but adding incentive to grow until May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Separate from Traditional Cover Crop Program
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Equine Training at Headquarters
  - How to incorporate conservation and nutrient management into your horse farm
- May 28<sup>th</sup> – Patuxent Area Meeting in Charles County
  - Hybrid program of normal updates in the morning and open house in the afternoon
  - Charles SCD becoming a regional service center (A. Lyons home base)
- June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Fundamentals of Nutrient Management Training, Exam Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>
- MDA Calvert Conservation Planner closes on March 25<sup>th</sup>
- Cover crop burn down started March 15

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

- See attached Urban report
- Review of resubmittals, variances, and modifications

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

- See attached NRCS report

*Introduction on Mitch LeMueix – Soil Conservationist, previously worked ~8yrs for MDA, most of the time spent in Cecil and Frederick*

*In Anne Arundel Tu, Th, Fri and Prince George's Mon, Wed.*

- Discussion on Forest Management Plans
- 61 applicants on RC&D/ NRCS position

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

- See attached agriculture report.

### **Extension, K. Griffith**

- D. Myers will be teaching Pesticide Applicator Certification this semester
- K. Griffith backlogged on writing new nutrient management plan
- AIR due last month for last year

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

#### **Eileen Beard**

Owner/ Operator: Melissa Hardesty. Bonnie June Rd., Tracey's Landing. 15 acres.

Conventional farming transitioning to horse farm, converting crop to pasture. Requesting barn/indoor. Applying for EQIP.

### **SWQPs** (Foxwell, Colhoun)-*Approval of Farm Plans, but not Ag Buildings*

#### **David Scheler**

Owner/Operator: Christopher Schneck. Solomons Island Road, Harwood. 7.7 acres. Hay. Proposed 100' x 50' ag building.

Owner/ Operator: Joel Greenwell Jr. Marlboro Road, Lothian. 5.2 acres. Forest Management Plan. Proposed 40' x 32' ag. Structure.

*Discussion held on determining the criteria for agricultural structures*

### **Old Business**

- Office Renovation – renting a POD to temporarily store office supplies during the renovation
- Renovation to start the first week of April
- Meeting with Jamie Tiralla to discuss contract is still pending waiting on B. Riddle availability

### **New Business**

- Discussion on consideration of requirement of providing a copy of the schedule F form to qualify for the ag building exemption or a copy of the State application for agricultural use assessment - *move to April meeting for further discussion and decision*
- Update MDA's Authorized Signatures Form – *move to April meeting*
- Discussion on the status of Emily Wilson as a Supervisor. Recommendation of Deana Tice as an alternative.
- Board support of Samantha Meinhardt representing Southern Maryland on the State Envirothon Board

### **Supervisors Discussion**

- V. Foxwell will be absent next meeting as he will be on a trip/ cruise
- Discussion on animal composting
- Status unknown on the new employee position schedule/ step increases – *move to April meeting*

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

- The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. (Foxwell, Colhoun)
- The next meeting is April 18, 2019 @ 8:00 a.m.