

**REGULAR MEETING -- Board of Supervisors
Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District
2662 Riva Road, Ste. 150
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
January 19, 2022; 8:00 A.M.**

Supervisors Present:	Brian Riddle, Chair 03.17	8/10
	Gary Palmer, Vice- Chair 02.18	11/11
	Vaughn Foxwell, Treasurer 06.17	5/7
	Christine Catterton, Member 7.19	6/6

Others Present: Mitch LeMueix, Acting Soil Conservationist, NRCS
Dave Myers, UMD Extension
Lisa Barge, Arundel Economics
Keli Kirby, Office Manager, SCD
Shelley Garrett, Soil Conservation Specialist, SCD

Absent:	Donald Entzian, Member 7.19	4/6
	Mike Superczynski, Associate Supervisor 01.15	10/12
	Adam Lyon, Area Coordinator, MDA	
	John Czajkowski, District Manager, SCD	

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Brian Riddle.

MINUTES: (Foxwell, Catterton) *All in Favor*

- The December Meeting Minutes were accepted.

Financial, K. Kirby: (Palmer, Catterton) *All in Favor*

- The District financial reports were approved.
- The MDA financial report were approved.

REPORTS:

Extension, D. Myers

- UME Newsletter and addition Ag Announcement has been released with event dates
- February 10, 2022 – Southern Maryland Vegetable & Fruit Production
- January 18th was the So. MD Forage Conference in Prince Frederick at fairgrounds
 - 75 in attendance
 - Central MD Forage Meeting is scheduled for today
- Good Morning Farmer is scheduled to start again on Wednesday mornings 8a-9a, once a month.
- Extension is hiring a Master Gardner Coordinator with job duties to include involvement in Urban Agriculture Program
- Discussion on additional sources and cost of glyfall and fertilizer

Urban, K. Holland

- See attached Urban report.

NRCS, M.LeMueix

- See attached NRCS report.
- 20 applications between AMA and EQIP Local Workgroup.
 - EQIP Local Workgroup will likely exceed the \$100,000 and some of those applications will be pushed to regular EQIP
 - Zack is handling most of the workload for the contracts
- All Planner Certifications, JAA, and AgLearn requirements are up to date
- NRCS restructuring, PG will share resources with Washington, D.C and Baltimore City. Anne Arundel will share resources with Calvert.
- Discussion of Urban Farming and plans that are expected to come from D.C, Baltimore, and P.G.

Agriculture, J. Superczynski

- See attached Agriculture report.

AAEDC, L. Barge

- AAEDC is seeing an increase of interest from small niche farms and urban ag opportunities
- Through there Ag Commission, there has been discussion about try to get an ombudsman to sit in Planning and Zoning, Inspections and Permits, or Health; someone to navigate through their processes. There will be a discussion with Lori Rhodes on Jan. 24th about how this position will function.
- Ag Education Committee met and are requesting for people to speak at a Town Hall Meeting with the County Executive on Jan. 25th about having a magnet school at Southern that supports agricultural science.
- Exploring a mobile market with Health.
- The 5 counties and SMACD applied for the Build Back Better Grant to help with Ag Infrastructure in the region. Did not receive grant, but the discussions between the counties will continue on topics including sustainable ag, local production, local sales, aggregation, distribution, storage, and training.

Old Business

- Update on MDE's Small Pond MOU, John and Kevin will attend a virtual meeting for a progress update
- Sexual Harassment Prevention Training Dates, training is mandatory for Supervisors

New Business

- Mike Lock's resignation from MDA. Questions to be forwarded to Adam: Will he be replaced? Will the new employee be in the office 3 days a week or be shared? What is the timeline on getting him replaced?
- Vote on board positions
 - Chair - Vice Chair – Treasurer-Associate Supervisors
 - Motion was made to close nominations, keep the board as is (Catterton, Palmer)
All in Favor
 - Associate Supervisors will remain the same, voting in additional members as needed

Supervisor Involved Dates to Remember

- February 10, 2022 – MASCD Winter Meeting & Legislative Luncheon
- March 22, 2022 - MASCD Board Meeting
- August 28-31, 2022 - MASCD Summer Meeting/NACD NE Regional Meeting in Cambridge
- October 20, 2022 – AASCD Anniversary Dinner

Other Dates to Remember

- February 10, 2022 – Southern Maryland Vegetable & Fruit Production Meeting at Baden VFD
- March 3, 2022 – Taste of Agriculture @ Maryland Live Casino

SET TIME AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

- The meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m. (Palmer, Foxwell) *All in Favor*
- The next meeting is February 16th, 2022 @ 8:00 a.m.

Closed Meeting

Time of Session: 9:16 am (Foxwell, Palmer) *All in Favor* – 9:23 am (Palmer, Foxwell) *All in Favor*

Location: AASCD Office/ Virtual

Purpose: To vote on and sign Cooperator's Agreements, SWQP's

Members who voted to close: B. Riddle, G. Palmer, V. Foxwell, C. Catterton,

Persons attending closed session: B. Riddle, G. Palmer, V. Foxwell, C. Catterton, K. Kirby

Topics discussed: Cooperator's Agreements, SWQP's

Each action taken: Cooperator's Agreements & SWQP's approved (Palmer, Foxwell) *All in Favor*

