

APPROVED

MINUTES
CARROLL SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MEETING
December 20, 2016

Chairman Myron Frock called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. at the Carroll Soil Conservation District Office in Westminster, Maryland. The following were present:

Board Chairman Myron Frock
Board Vice-Chairman Greg Dell
Board Treasurer Donald Maring
Board Supervisor Chris Weaver
Board Supervisor Stacy Sellers

Assistant Secretary Hans Schmidt
University of MD Liaison Bryan Butler
Soil Conservationist Jennifer Kemp
District Conservationist Eric Hines
District Manager Ed Null

MINUTES

Board Supervisor Chris Weaver made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes as emailed. The motion was seconded by Board Vice-Chairman Greg Dell and was passed. Portion of minutes regarding forest harvest permits to be emailed to staff.

TREASURERS REPORT

Board Treasurer Donald Maring gave the Treasurer's Report, breakdown of District's Equipment Account and the following list of bills to be approved for payment.

Bay Trust payroll 11/3-16/16	\$1,212.60
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PNC Bank - District employee overnight lodging	\$80.74
BCEAC - Field Crop day registration - 4 District - 1 Bay Trust	\$60.00
Finch Services - Month of Nov	\$649.00
Sara Nash - expenses for overnight training	\$126.29
Eicholtz Co - black toner for copier	\$90.20
Runkle Signs - Cooperator Sign - Cow Comfort Inn Dairy	\$79.00
Staples - office supplies	\$28.99
W.B. Mason - office supplies	\$117.69
Johnson Bus Service - Envirothon Training Day	\$388.00
TOTAL	\$4,045.11

Account Breakdown - Reported on balances in accounts.

Board Treasurer Donald Maring moved to approve payment of bills. The motion was seconded by Board Supervisor Chris Weaver and the motion was passed.

BUDGET

Board Treasurer Donald Maring reported on the following: FY 2018 budget request has been submitted. We have asked for the 40 hour position to be funded.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Myron Frock reported on the following: MASCD Winter Meeting will be February 6 & 7 at the Double Tree. The Board meeting will be on 2/6/17 and meet with legislature on 2/7/17. Anyone wanting to go

the MASCD Winter Meeting must register by 1/7/17; MDA's MOU has been given 6 more months and will last until July; Cooperator of the Year David and Katie Pyle will be attending the luncheon; The next board meeting will be January 26, 2017 at 7pm.

EDUCATION

Board Supervisor Stacy Sellers reported on the following: List of Envirothon teams available. There are 37 students participating and they will be writing farm plans this year; List of 22 employee contracts from the quarterly council meeting agenda also available; News articles.

EQUIPMENT

Supervisor Chris Weaver reported on the following: Mike Tracey has volunteered to store the Frontier Drill and we have sent the lease back for the John Deere drill; A request for a new total station has been made. The last one was bought by NRCS 20 years ago. An up to date data collector is also needed with GPS for a total equipment cost of \$19,375. A motion was made by Board Supervisor Chris Weaver to approve the purchase of a brand new total station, but to challenge staff to find one for less than \$19,375. The motion was seconded by Board Supervisor Stacy Sellers and the motion was passed.

PERSONNEL

Board Vice-Chairman Greg Dell reported on the following: Mandatory new hire reporting requirements are in effect; Registrations for the Maryland Ag dinner are due on 1/9/17. Dinner is on 2/2/17; Board Treasurer Donald Maring's appointment expired on 11/17/16; No report from Maryland Department of Public Works on MACS applications; Board Supervisor Chris Weaver made a motion that we advertise for a new technician position. The motion was seconded by Board Treasurer Donald Maring and the motion was passed; Job vacancies.

URBAN

Board Vice-Chairman Greg Dell reported on the following: Soil erosion training available.

NRCS

Soil Conservationist Jennifer Kemp reported on the following: Sign-ups for EQIP are open; sign-ups for local work groups closed last Friday with 14 applications total; 2 applications for RCCP and 1 application for Mason Dixon program; one WRP easement to go in; The 378 pond update has not been updated.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND – EXTENSION

University of Maryland Liaison Bryan Butler reported on the following: January 10, 2017 program with Finch's at Ag Center for nutrient management and pesticide credits; Mid-winter meeting on 2/9/17; Job vacancies.

DISTRICT

District Manager Ed Null reported on the following: MACS cost share program to be run out of Carroll SCD office starting on January 1st funded by NRCS grant money. Board Supervisor Stacy Sellers expressed concern that MACS forms for cost share applications are copyrighted and will Carroll SCD be responsible for the covenant. District Manager Ed Null to find out what kind of assistance Carroll SCD would be able to get from County in running the cost share program. Repairs for projects funded by Carroll SCD will not be funded by MACS. There is less grant money available than years prior. There was a discussion on limiting the types of projects to be funded to fencing and small waterways only. Board will discuss running the cost share program again in January once more information has been gathered.

MDA

Assistant Secretary Hans Schmidt reported on the following: Farm Bureau Boards want everyone up to speed with PNT. PNT data is short by 280,000 acres; JCR report for more permanent funding for staffing is currently being delayed by various political issues at the governor's office; Nutrient management plan regulations adopted last week; 3 times as many CSP acres this year than last.

At 10:50 a.m., with no further business to be discussed, Board Vice-Chairman Greg Dell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was seconded by Board Supervisor Chris Weaver and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Heather E. Schoppert