

# HARFORD SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT – Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes – 3/14/18

**NEXT MEETING: April 11 @ 8:30 am**

**Board Members Present:** Lee McDaniel, Frank Richardson, Rick Holloway, Dave Doran, and Kim Lewis

**Agency Personnel:** Bill Tharpe, Leslie Zink, and Jeremy Carnucci (District), Morgan McKee and Brian Campbell (NRCS), and Andy Archer Kness (Extension)

**Guests:** Kristin Kirkwood (Executive Director, Harford Land Trust), Mike McGinnis (Chairman, Baltimore Co. SCD)

1. Meeting called to order at 8:30 am.
2. Introduction of Brian Campbell, Grazing Specialist with NRCS, and Mike McGinnis.
3. Agenda approved with amendments to strike Conservation Tracker Update and add MDA Contractual Employee and MASCD Awards to New Business.
4. There were no public comments.
5. Minutes of meeting from February were reviewed and approved.
6. Treasurer's report for February was filed as presented.
  - a. New "Restricted Funds" attachment discussed.
  - b. Bill to give an update each quarter.
  - c. Motion to un-restrict \$26,000.00 allocated for office furniture at the Newport Drive location and \$10,000.00 allocated for North Harford High School project – **APPROVED**.

## **Correspondence:**

1. Thank you card from the Magness family.
2. Notice for the Allegany SCD tree sale.
3. Bill presented a copy of a District cooperative agreement from 1978.
  - a. Bill to scan and email to Board.
  - b. Put on April's agenda.

## **Introduction to Harford Land Trust:**

1. Presentation by Kristin Kirkwood about the Harford Land Trust; who they are; how they were formed, and what they do.

## **Old Business:**

1. **DC Report** – (see attached report) **HIGHLIGHTS:**
  - a. Very busy month.
  - b. A lot of additional technical assistance that wasn't noted.
2. **DM Report** – (see attached report) **HIGHLIGHTS:**
  - a. No response from MDE in 3 weeks about the permit process on restoration projects.
  - b. Andrew has taken the lead in coordinating engineering visits.
  - c. Ag Center Open House is Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. Harford Community College is looking to reboot its Ag program.
3. **Grant Programs Update** –
  - a. Both FY17 Grants are finishing up.
  - b. Bill Amoss is on hold until he makes a decision.
  - c. Bill has not been able to schedule a meeting with the Moxleys.
4. **Extension Report** –
  - a. Hiring a statewide Pasture/Forage Specialist, based out of Washington County.
  - b. Bill would like to have Brian Campbell meet with this person.

## **New Business:**

1. **MDA Contractual Employee** -
  - a. MDA is asking for workspace for this person.
  - b. They would be on a 9-week rotation (Harford, Baltimore, and Cecil), with 3 weeks of each rotation in the Harford SCD office.
  - c. Home office has not been determined.
2. **MASCD Awards** –
  - a. MASCD award package is out.
    - i. Applications due by May 11<sup>th</sup>.
    - ii. Bill wants input from the Board on which awards the District should apply for.
    - iii. Leslie to email list of awards to Board.

3. **Other** –

- a. Discussion of a topic brought up at the SSCC meeting about legal liability of the District.
  - i. What is the District’s position from a legal standpoint?
  - ii. No consistency throughout the state.
  - iii. Who protects us if we get sued?
  - iv. Is the Board responsible?
- b. 2018 MASCD Coloring Contest is underway.
  - i. Leslie mailed packets to 14 local private schools.
  - ii. Entries will be judged at the May Board meeting.
- c. Harford Streams First Open House
  - i. Scheduled for the evening March 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Bill, Leslie, Chris, and Dave will be representing the District at this event.
- d. Mike McGinnis brought up the topic of handling cross county Cover Crop complaints.
  - i. Determined that Cover Crop activity will be handled by the county where the property is located.

***Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.***