

HARFORD SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes – 9/11/24

Board Members Present: Lee McDaniel, Frank Richardson Dave Doran, Ruth Cassilly, Kim Lewis, Patrick Jones, Rick Holloway, Christen Sullivan, and Geoff Delamater

Agency Personnel: Quintin Cornwell, Malik Baker-Gore (NRCS), Rob Weaver (NRCS), and Alyssa Jeffries

Visitors: Kimmie Doran (HC)

1. Meeting called to order at **8:30AM**
2. Roll Call was taken.
3. The agenda was approved.
4. There was no public comments. (But Kimmie introduced herself to the board members.)
5. Minutes of meeting from August 2024 were approved as amended.
6. Treasurer's Report for August was presented and approved to file as presented.

Correspondence:

1. MASCD Report (August, 2024)
2. Montgomery SCD Cooperators Dinner Invitation
3. MASCD July 8, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes (Draft)
4. MASCD July 10, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes (Draft)
5. MASCD July 10, 2024 General Meeting Minutes (Draft)
6. Anne Arundel SCD Cooperators Dinner Invitation

Old Business:

1. **DC Report** – (see attached report) HIGHLIGHTS:
 - a. R. Weaver presented the DC Report.
2. **DM Report** – (see attached report) HIGHLIGHTS:
 - a. Q. Cornwell presented the DM report.
3. **Conservation Tracker** – (see attached report)
 - a. Q. Cornwell presented Conservation Tracker.
4. **Grant Programs Update** – (see attached report)
 - a. Q. Cornwell presented the CBT grant updates.
5. **Extension Report** –
 - a. A. Kness presented the Extension report.
6. **Student Associate Committee Update** –
 - a. With the assistance of Howard Eakes, the Student Associate Committee distributed the 2024-2025 Student Associate application forms to all the public high schools in Harford County. Harford Christian High School and John Carroll High School received the application forms as well. Application must be submitted by October 2nd.
7. **Envirothon Update** –
 - a. P. Jones shared that A. League was able to secure the instructor for the 5th topic "Roots and Resiliency – Fostering Forest Stewardship in a Canopy of Change". Ms. Alanna Crowley, DNR, has agreed to train the students. A Board member is requested to serve as a judge at the 5th topic presentation on February 1, 2025.

8. **Urban Community Task Force Update** –

- a. L. McDaniel, R. Cassilly, and Q. Cornwell noted that we are close to finalizing the contractual agreement with Chesapeake Conservancy.

9. **Other-**

- a. Ruth provide updates on regulatory efforts to address PFAS.
- b. UCA Face sheet was approved for signature.
- c. Banquet – Q. Cornwell shared that invitations are at the printers. The printer will be able to fold and mail the invitations for us. In lieu of small decoys which are in scarce quantities, Lee advised that we will present one trophy to the North Harford Envirothon Team that will be displayed at the school.

New Business:

- a. Farm Bureau Support Letter for Dave Doran was approved.
- b. DiCarlo Topcon Software & Data Subscription quote was presented. In the event that NRCS is not able to cover the payment, the Board approved to pay at least the quote amount.
- c. The current ag fill dirt policy was discussed. It was recommended to add language to limit the sediment and erosion plan allowance to one (1) acre of disturbance. Q. Cornwell and C. Cullum to coordinate with Harford County DPW and Planning and Zoning and develop a policy for sites exceeding one (1) acre.

10. **Closed Session** –

- a. A Closed session was conducted to discuss a legal matter.

NEXT MEETING: October 9, 2024, 8:30 @ am (Ag Center)

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 am.