

Mountain Castles Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
November 13, 2024 – USDA Bonsack Service Center

Jeff Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:10 with a quorum present.

Directors Present: Jeff Henderson, Chair, Botetourt (elected)
Preston Wickline, Botetourt (elected)
Andrew Keffer, Craig (elected)
Jason Williams, Craig (elected)
Walter Nelson, Botetourt (appointed)
Anne Jones, VCE – Botetourt (VCE – appointed)

Directors Absent: none

Staff Present: Tim Miller
Dan Naff

Others Present: Michael Beahm (associate director – Treasurer)
Jeff Munsey (associate director)
Tom Williamson (associate director)
Tad Williams, DCR
Denny McCarthy, VDOF
Evan Rasnake, FSA

Minutes

October minutes were approved unanimously by a motion from Preston, second by Andrew.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report included the profit and loss sheet and balance sheet. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously after a motion from Preston, second by Jason. Tim provided an update that the Craig County payroll office was unable to print the district name on employee payroll stubs and W2 forms instead of "County of Craig."

Other Business

- The board reviewed director and associate director job descriptions and responsibilities
- The board reviewed current committee descriptions
- A donation request made by the Va Tech Soil Judging Team was not funded at this time

319 Contracts

Contract #45-25-0032; instance #643680 [RB-4 (system replacement); 50% CS; max cost share = \$6,250]; this replaces contract #45-24-0060

Jason made a motion to approve the 319 contract, second by Andrew, motion carried.

VACS Program

The following conservation plan was reviewed by the board:

CP-45-22-0004; Jason moved to approve the plan, second by Walter, motion passed.

The following adjustments to CREP contracts were reviewed by the board:

#45-25-0030; Instance #636316; CP-22; adjusted rental payment = \$8.50 (25 CB CREP)

#45-25-0031; Instance #636885; CP-22; adjusted rental payment = \$35.50 (25 CB CREP)

Walter moved to approve all cover crop contracts, second by Andrew, motion passed.

Conservation Technician Report: submitted by Dan Naff – see attached

District Coordinator Report: submitted by Tim Miller – see attached

Agency Reports:

- DCR - submitted by Tad Williams – see attached
- VCE - Anne discussed the upcoming Pesticide Recertification workshop on Dec. 10
- FSA - Evan introduced himself as the new FSA County Director and discussed FSA programs and deadlines
- VDOF - Denny provide wildfire and drought updates, FFA Forestry Judging updates, and timber price updates
- NRCS - no report

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by a motion from Walter, second by Andrew.

Approved:



Jeff Henderson, Chair

Date:

12/11/24

Respectfully submitted/prepared by:



Tim Miller