

MONTGOMERY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
December 10, 2021

Approved
1/14/22

Due to continuing COVID-19 meeting restrictions, the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Montgomery Soil Conservation District (MSCD) was held remotely on the GoToMeeting virtual platform.

People Present:

Robert Butz, Chair
Robert Butts, Vice Chair
Tim McGrath, Treasurer
Linda Lewis, Supervisor
Doug Tregoning, Supervisor
Joe Lehman, Associate Supervisor
Chris Miller, Associate Supervisor
Tom Linthicum, Associate Supervisor
Kelly Nicholas, Extension
Adam Lyon, MDA
Jeremy Criss, Director OAG
Mike Scheffel, OAG
Charlotte Brewster, District Conservationist (NRCS)
John Zawitoski, District Manager (MSCD)
Kathleen Sigwart, MDA
Karen Walker, Office Service Coordinator (MSCD)

Chairman, Robert Butz called the meeting to order at 9:01 am and requested that Adam Lyon present his report.

Agency Reports:

MDA-Adam Lyon provided the report with a few updates and mentioned the biggest news from MDA is the hiring of new staff. Montgomery SCD has 2 new conservation planners, and he is happy to report the first new conservation planner reported for work on December 1st and the second new planner will begin on December 15th. Adam then briefed the Board about the Nutrient Management Update Training was held on December 9th and that the program had many good speakers and was well attended. Adam then announced the Maryland Conservation Buffer Initiative sign up will begin on January 10th and new this year is cost share assistance for deer fencing at \$5 linear foot for the part of the deer fencing adjacent to the protected stream buffer and the landowner would be responsible for the remaining deer fencing needed. Adam noted a few other minor changes to this year's program and is seeking help from the District to encouraged folks to sign up. Lastly, Adam shared that MDA is still working on a strategic plan that is in draft form that will address both MACS and WIP Programs. Adam anticipates MDA will make some type of announcement at the next MASCD Meeting or after the New Year. John mentioned the publication of Conservation Matters Newsletter has been accelerated and will go to publication during the first week of January to help promote the Maryland Conservation Buffer Initiative Program. Adam thanked John for the District's help in promoting the Buffer Program and asked if there are any needs from him from the December 7th meeting with DNR. John shared with the Supervisors that DNR contacted MDA and the Districts to have conservation plans on all DNR rented land. In the meeting, it was learned that one operator in Montgomery County will be renting all DNR land. John mentioned the workload will entail writing some new conservation plans, but most will be plan updates, and it represents a significant workload. Adam mentioned that this effort will have a positive impact on WIP Goals. John shared that a meeting with the DNR Manager has been set to prioritize all the acres and he noted that this effort will likely take more than a year to complete.

EXTENSION: Kelly Nichols - U of MD Extension provided her report. Kelly shared that Extension is in the middle of all winter meetings and noted the pesticide recertification meeting was on December 9th. Kelly shared that she is available if anyone has questions or needs help with the recertification. She noted that Nutrient Management Voucher Training for Montgomery County will be held here at the AHFP on December 14, 2021 (next Tuesday), 6:00-8:00pm.

Kelly then provided information regarding the upcoming Forage Conference and Agronomy Update: Central Maryland Forage Conference, January 19, 2022, Frederick County (specifics to be determined) 2022 Agronomy Update, Wednesday, February 23, 2022, Urbana Fire Hall. Although Extension is providing these meetings in an in person setting, there are Alternative Options for Obtaining Credits.

- An online self-paced module for both pesticide private applicator and nutrient management credits. To obtain access, visit our pesticide applicators website. Click on 2020 Pesticide Renewals, then follow the instructions under Option 2.
- A workbook for pesticide private applicator credits. To obtain a workbook, please give Kelly at call at 301-590-2807.

Kelly also reported that Crop Variety and Hybrid Reports are available - Corn, soybean, and small grain (forage and grain) hybrid and variety trial results from 2021. To view the reports, visit the Maryland Crops website; scroll down to the Latest Variety Trials Results heading. Additional information can be found by using the menu on the left side of the page, towards the top.

Kelly informed the Board of an upcoming class for writing your own nutrient management plan. This is a two-day class that will enable farmers to become certified to write their own nutrient management plans. The class will be located at the Washington County Extension Office on January 26 and 28, 2022, with the exam on February 9. For more information and to register, visit go.umd.edu/washingtonFTC22

Kelly then reported on the upcoming dates for the Maryland Farm Stress Management Webinars series. They will begin at 9AM and last about an hour. The sessions are FREE, will be recorded and open to all!

- December 13, 9AM, Building Resilient Farms and Farm Families
- December 15, 9AM, Take Charge of Your Stress
- December 20, 9AM, Farm Finance Check Up

For descriptions of the webinars and to register visit the registration website. To learn more about the program, visit the Farm Stress Management website. The chairman indicated he attended the pesticide recertification and thought it went very well.

OFFICE OF AGRICULTURE: Jeremy Criss presented information on the items listed below.

- **Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 21-08, Landscape Contractor Use Standards (Ndou) was withdrawn.**
https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2021/20211019/20211019_2A.pdf Jeremy indicated that everyone was surprised that the ZTA was withdrawn. Jeremy reported that the County Executive opposed the ZTA and sent the letter to the Council requesting the ZTA to be tabled. Jeremy provided more details and noted all are aware of the challenges to find locations in the County for small landscape companies to operate legitimately.
- **Introduction of Bills: November 2, 2021- Bill 40-21- Individual Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Systems - Amendments (McCartney-Green)** Lead Sponsor: County Executive at the request of the Council President

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2021/20211102/20211102_9.pdf Public Hearing was on 11/30/21 at 1:30 pm. All of the agricultural groups, APAB, MAP, AAC, MSCD and MCFB submitted written testimony opposing Bill 40-21. Robert Butz representing the MSCD also provided oral testimony in opposition to the Bill 40-21 and Robert recommended the County should consider a septic tank program that is based on incentives and education to property owners and not the heavy-handed approach that threatens property rights. Jeremy provided the Economic Impact Statement and it outlined that there are just under 19,000 septic systems in the county. Jeremy mentioned if all the septic systems were 100% in compliance and pumped once every 5 years the cost would be **\$6.1 million**. The Bill 40-21 will be scheduled with the T&E Committee.

- **Final Reading of Bill 5-21-GO & PHED Committee-October 28, 2021-** The Bill passed the County Council 6 to 1 with Hans Riemer opposing it. All funding generated by the Bill 5-21 will be programed to the Agricultural Land Preservation Program. Jeremy shared if the solar fields in the AR Zone materialize, there will be new program dollars. Currently, Potomac Edison is the electric provider with 70% in the Ag Reserve; Pepco 20% and BG&E 10%
https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2021/20211028/20211028_GOPHED1.pdf
- Jeremy then shared that the Planning Board approved the acquisition of the Broad Run Creek Farm II LLC by County Parks. The CAO approved this acquisition requiring the County Parks to remit \$953,055 and five remaining TDRs the County Government C/O Office of Agriculture. Moving forward, Parks will own 472 acres as part of a Conservation Park and the remaining 63 acres will be retained by the current owner along with 1 TDR. Jeremy shared in detail the frustration and concerns he experienced on the matter and made it clear that he is not happy about the county's decision or transaction. Jeremy believes this decision was a mistake and given State Agricultural Transfer Taxes were used in the acquisition of the easement, the state may request a reimbursement of funds. There was discussion about the TDR's being acquired and their relationship as being considered BLT's.
- Jeremy then reported on the next round of the Capacity Building Grants for Expanded Farm to Food Bank Program. This year's program has generated 20 new applications. There is a total of \$100,000 available with grant awards of up to \$10,000 per farm that will help to expand local food production during the 2022 growing season. The applications will be reviewed and ranked this week by the program partners including the Manna Food Center, Montgomery County Food Council, and the Office of Agriculture. Jeremy explained the applications will be ranked this week and announcements will be made in January.
- **Follow up on Bill 16-21-Environmental Sustainability- Building Energy Use Benchmarking and Performance Standards – T&E Committee on October 28, 2021.** The DEP recommends the bill should apply to equestrian facilities in the County with buildings 25,000 square feet in size or larger to assess the energy being used for lighting, heating, and air conditioning, etc. The DEP presentation included a summary of other jurisdictions around the country including Washington State that exempts all agricultural buildings.https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/cm/2021/20211028/20211028_TE1.pdf. There was a follow up T&E Committee work session scheduled on December 9, 2021, and the OAG will continue to monitor the discussions. The AAC remitted a second letter to the County Council recommending that Bill 16-21 should follow the lead of Washington State and exempt all existing and new agricultural buildings. Jeremy thanked Mike for his participation, and he would like Montgomery County to follow the same guidelines as Washington State.
- **Electric Lawn Care** – We are still waiting for legislation from DEP that proposes the prohibition on the use and sale of gasoline leaf blowers. A broader Electric Lawn Care bill may also be proposed. Jeremy

explained to the Board the Maryland Farm Bureau passed a resolution that came from Howard County opposing the prohibition of the use and sale of small gasoline engines.

- Update on the MCDOT staff report for the Gravel Portion of River Road. Jeremy invited Linda Lewis to provide an update on this matter. Linda shared the road is rough with wash outs and is very dusty when dry. There is a real concern that soil will move off site as well as becoming a muddy mess when it rains. The good news is that it hasn't rained much, and Jeremy requested to be notified when the road becomes a mess and folks get stuck.

Upcoming Meetings and Events: Montgomery Soil Conservation District-December 10, 2021; Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board-December 14, 2021; Agricultural Advisory Committee-December 21, 2021-**Cancelled;** Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Directors- January 4, 2022

Following Jeremy's report, John requested the Board to consider a change to the Agenda to introduce Kathleen Sigwart, the new MDA Conservation planner that began on December 1st. John reminded the Supervisors that the WIP Program and goals increased the MSCD workload and created the need to hire additional staff. MSCD has worked with MDA and Adam in getting Conservation Planners to assist in meeting the 2025 WIP goals. Kathleen Sigwart then introduced herself to the Board, she indicated that she started with MSCD on December 1st and shared she graduated with a double major in history, prelaw and biology from Limestone College, South Carolina. While in college, she played 4 years of field hockey. She earned her master's degree in Environmental Biology from Hood College. She mentioned she was the graduate assistant for Hood College field hockey program. Field hockey is her passion. Currently, she is the assistant coach for the Arundel H.S. Field Hockey Program. She is excited to be with MSCD and is eager to learn and help cooperators. After her introduction, each Supervisor and ag agents introduced themselves and welcomed Kathleen to the MSCD Team.

SECRETARY/ TREASURER'S REPORT

The chairman requested the approval of Board Minutes. He noted that all have received the minutes and if there are no changes or correction, he called for a motion to approve the November 12th Board of Supervisor's Minutes. A motion was made by Robert Butts and then seconded by Linda Lewis and passed approving the November 12th Board of Supervisor Minutes.

Karen then presented the financial reports and noted that the bank statement and checkbook have been reconciled. Before addressing the invoices, Karen shared that she and John received two requests for donations. Earlier this year, the Board extended the authority to make financial decisions without the Supervisors' approval for matters up to \$250. With this delegated approval authority in mind, Karen with concurrence of the District Manager, made a \$100 donation to the Catoctin FFA Soil Judging Team and a \$25 donation to the Bay Journal. John noted the Catoctin Soil Judging Team will be representing the State in the upcoming National Soil Judging Competition. After sharing information on the donations, Karen shared the invoice for the audit has been received and it increased \$100. Last year the invoice was \$1,650 and this year's invoice is \$1,750. Karen mentioned the audit expense was included in the 2021 MDA budget submittal. Karen explained that the donation request by MASCD for MPT-Farm Harvest Program payment was deferred from the November meeting and was now back on the agenda based upon further input by MASCD. John shared details he received from MASCD and recommended the District support this initiative at least for this year. The chairman mentioned that we have provided support for the program in the past and it's just a continuation. Karen stated the donation last year was \$625 and funding is available to address both invoices. The chairman asked if there were any additional questions if none, he requested one motion to cover all items. A motion was made by Linda Lewis and then seconded by Tim McGrath approving to file the MDA financial report, the \$100 Catoctin Soil Judging Donation, \$25 Bay Journal Donations, the TGM Invoice \$1,750 and the MASCD/ MPT-TV Farm Harvest \$625 donation.

District Activities Report and Program Updates

Charlotte Brewster, District Conservationist addressed the Request for Assistance (RFA) before sharing the District Activities report. She noted there is only one RFA for Curtis Campbell. Mr. Campbell plans to rent a piece of property that is owned by Mike Rubin and he wants to grow rice in a nontraditional way. Traditionally, rice is grown in swamp land and Mr. Campbell wants to use cultivation method called SRI, raised bed method. John noted that this form of cultivation is new to the District and that we would be learning about how to implement this method along with the new cooperator. John suggested that Mr. Campbell should reach out to UMD and get any information they may have available. There is one cooperator in the state growing rice using this method. John shared that this crop has a high-water demand and water supply would be the biggest challenge. John went into details on what would be required for installing a pond to address the water challenge and he noted that he was uncertain if the property had an ag well. Mr. Campbell did provide a signed lease agreement with his RFA and John said we should work with him. Associate Supervisor, Joe Lehman mentioned that there is an operator in Ashton that grows rice and Jeremy provided additional information on the rice operation-Dr. Nazairhk Amen-Ashton. Tim, Tom, and Robert Butz all felt that the property has its challenges and wished Mr. Campbell all the best.

Charlotte then reviewed with the Board, the District Activities report, and she shared that Mr. Campbell's RFA is listed on the report and mentioned there is one conservation plan for approval. The plan approval will be addressed in the Executive Session and she noted several conservation plans are in progress. She shared that Travis attended the Maryland Horse Council Annual Meeting and Tour. A large construction project is wrapping up for Doug Lechluder (Ag Chem Building) and the practice needs to be certified so the operator can be paid. Applications are coming in and there are some troughs under construction, and a few E&S projects are happening. Paul utilized Chris in surveying before he departed and there was a feasibility for water trough for Tim Hussman; Grass waterways for Cody Stambaugh and trough and fencing for Andrew Keller. Charlotte noted that a lot of training is being offered and that is good news for the new hires that are coming on board. John shared that a lot of the conservation plans that are in progress are done and are awaiting the operator's signature.

Lastly, Charlotte shared the assistant state conservationist for programs announced program dates and she noted that NRCS would like the District to hold a local conservation workgroup meeting before the end of the year. The Federal Program application dates are coming up soon, with January 7th as the deadline for the Local Workgroup (LWG) and Agriculture Management Assistance (AMA). AMA is for high tunnels and irrigation. The Rural Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) is also January 7th and it includes several practices: grazing, nutrient management etc. January 7th is the deadline date for the general EQIP. Charlotte shared the staff have been notified of the program dates and to make sure cooperators are aware of the programs, so they don't miss the deadline. Charlotte shared the date for Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) is not until April 2nd. John shared that MSCD can do an email blast about the program dates and use social media to get the information out. In addition, John noted an article about CSP will be in the upcoming Conservation Matters Newsletter.

Before closing out on her report, Charlotte addressed the LWG matter. The LWG deadline is December 30th and the 30-day notice requirement has been waived by NRCS for this year. Given the short deadline, Charlotte and John believed to make the most of supervisor's time that our local workgroup priorities discussion should be incorporated into the December Board meeting. The Board concurred with this approach and then Charlotte proceeded to review with the Board, the top 4 LWG priorities for MSCD from last year. Given not much has changed from last year priority wise for the LWG, it was recommended maintaining the same priority options for this year's program. Charlotte explained that the funding pool is \$100,000 and noted that she strategically manages the applications to get funded. She is open to make any changes and shared last year's rankings: 1-

Livestock Production; 2 Wind & Water Erosion 3-Concentrated Erosion and 4-Degraded Plant Condition. John provided details on the differences on the LWG and the state funding and how it works. Charlotte thanked John for providing the explanation of both programs and she noted that applications can be made for LWG and the general EQIP. Doug commented the Board trusts Charlotte's professionalism and agrees with last year's priorities. The chairman agreed with Doug's comments and requested a motion to endorse the LWG priorities. A motion was made by Doug Tregoning and then second by Tim McGrath listing the top LWG recommendations as 1-Livestock Production; 2-Wind & Water Erosion 3-Concentrated Erosion and 4-Degraded Plant Condition. After the motion, Charlotte shared that she has a running list of operators and projects that can utilize the LWG funding. Tim asked if the funding would be 100% for a water trough and Charlotte responded that it's not a percentage but a flat rate that remains the same and doesn't deviate.

District Managers Report - NEW BUSINESS REPORT

Annual Patuxent Partnership Meeting 12/14 - On December 14th, the Patuxent Workgroup will have its Annual Patuxent Partnership Meeting for the Executive Board. Chairman Butz usually attends these annual meetings. The meeting is supposed to run from 10:30 to 12 Noon and will be conducted as a virtual meeting. This meeting highlights the work of the Patuxent Technical Advisory Committee over the past year. This year marks the 25th year of our collaborative effort to protect the water quality of the Patuxent Reservoirs watershed. Chairman Butz indicated that he would be in attendance for the annual meeting.

MDA Enhanced Buffer Program - MDA will promote the Enhanced Conservation Buffer Pilot program for another year. While the program is basically the same as last year's program, there are a few tweaks that have been made. MDA is trying to make the Forest Buffer more attractive for farmers. MDA realized that establishing a forest buffer is expensive and the cost share was bumped from \$3500 to \$4500. John also restated the Deer Fencing criteria that Adam mentioned noting the payment will only be for the Riparian Buffer area not the entire farm. John mentioned the Buffer Program may not be that attractive to grain farmers. There is a 6 week sign up for the program and it will run from January 10th through February 18th. The payment breakdown is 75% up front the 25% balance will be paid upon completion. All work must be done by June 30, 2023. John noted that Wyndham Oaks did participate in the program last year and enrolled about 2 ½ acres and we are hopeful other operators are interested in this year's program offering.

Million Acre Challenge Lunch & Learn for SCDs - Jen Nelson, MASCD Executive Director shared with the SCD's an opportunity to meet with folks from the Million Acre Challenge (MAC) for a lunch and learn session to be held on December 15th, from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. This Lunch & Learn is designed specifically for conservation districts. The agenda will include a brief introduction to MAC, some discussion of upcoming programming and funding opportunities, and an invitation to brainstorm outreach strategies together. You can learn more about the MAC at their website: <https://millionacrechallenge.org/>

Meeting with MDA to Discuss Engineering position - On December 1st, Jeremy, Mike and John met with Byron and Adam from MDA to discuss the proposed engineering position and its funding needs. Beginning on January 1, 2022, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, will no longer provide technical engineering support for the District's urban small pond approval authority granted under State Law. As we have been working through the Budget Process with the County, it was important to reach out to our State partner to see if there were opportunities for the State to provide funding for this position. With the demands being placed on the County's Water Quality Protection Fund (WQPF), without State funding, it may be impossible to secure funding for this position.

While this is a very important service the District provides to the County, we realized that the need would not justify a full-time engineer position. With this mind, we reached out the Maryland Department of Agriculture to seek funding support for this engineering position whereby the engineer could focus on agricultural best management projects that help to address nutrient and sediment reductions as a part of the State's Agricultural Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP).

During our meeting we discussed funding options available by the Department. It is our understanding that the only revenue source available for financial assistance for technical help from the Department is through the Chesapeake Bay Trust Fund. While MDA indicated general support for providing funding from the Trust Fund for this position, it was discussed that MDA would not be able to support both the engineer position and a vacant technician position slated for the District due to Trust Fund limitations. These limitations would also impact sustained funding for the engineering position as MDA would only be able to commit 2 years of funding for the engineering position. Given these concerns, the County would need to be prepared to consider alternative funding sources in the County's Budget beyond the two-year MDA funding cycle.

While both the engineering and technician positions represent a critical need for the District, when weighing the options provided by MDA, Both Jeremy and John felt that the engineering position represented a more critical need. MDA is willing to formalize the Chesapeake Bay Trust funding in an agreement between the District and MDA, if the County decides to support funding through the WQPF.

If the County does not support using WQPF for the position, the District will work with MDA to hire a technician. This potential technician position will not be able to perform small pond approvals and will be devoted to agricultural BMPs. The impact of not having an engineering position within the MSCD, would mean that DEP must rely upon the Maryland Department of the Environment for review and approvals of small ponds and storm water management structures in the urban MS4 permit areas of the County.

We are appreciative of MDA's willingness to support funding for this important engineering position. It is our plan to continue discussions with the County and to keep the Board and MDA apprised with updated information as the County Budget process moves forward.

Delmarva Soil Summit February 7-8th Salisbury - The Delmarva Soil Summit will be held February 7-8th in Salisbury and noted additional information was provided in John's formal written report.

MASCD Staff Recognition and Holiday Gathering - In the October Board Meeting, the Supervisors suggested a staff recognition to celebrate the year's work. MSCD was awarded 2 of MASCD's highest awards this year. MSCD will host a gathering to thank the staff and to celebrate the holiday on December 17th with supervisors attending.

District Managers Report - OLD BUSINESS

WQPF Annual Report: John informed the Board that he is working on the WQPF report, and he plans to have the report ready at the January Board Meeting for the Supervisors review and approval. John is working with Karen on the Operating and the Incentive Program expenditures summary. The report also includes an important section concerning small pond reviews and the need for an engineering position.

Practice Keeper Planning Tool Demo – This software is being used as an alternative for Conservation Desktop software. John noted the challenges associated with Conservation Desktop and shared that on November 23rd, J. Harne and John, traveled to PG County and joined with Howard, Anne Arundel and Charles County to see a demonstration of the Practice Keeper planning tool. John's overall impression of the tool is that it can provide a vital bridge between conservation tracker (our WIP goal reporting tool) and Conservation

Desktop (the Federal Planning Tool). This alternative planning tool is easy to use, and can provide comparable conservation plans, particularly those plans needing update where the owner/operator remain unchanged, crop rotations are the same and there are no apparent resource concerns to address. Conservation Desktop is cumbersome to use for conservation plan updates. Completing plans in Practice Keeper will help get our new planners up to speed and contributing faster to our WIP goals. Practice Keeper will not replace Conservation Desktop. The cost of the platform will likely be in the \$8-10K ballpark area and John believes the District should move ahead and work with Geo Decisions. John noted the Geo Decisions is being used in the Districts in Pennsylvania and Virginia. Adam commented that MDA is providing support to PGSCD for this pilot program and also noted that it provides a bridge to meet the WIP goals. Adam shared that MDA would provide financial assistance if MSCD is interested in purchasing the software. The chairman commented that it is nice that MDA will provide financial assistance and the Board can provide a letter of support to work with Geo Decisions.

John then provided a reminder for **MASCD Winter Meetings**. Hold February 9 and 10th for the Annual 2022 Winter Meeting. Currently, it will be an in-person meeting in Annapolis on February 9th, and he is unsure of in-person legislative visits and luncheon reception that is scheduled for February 10th. The 2022, Summer annual meeting will be a combined MASCD and NACD meeting. The dates are August 28th through 31st.

Sexual Harassment Prevention Training UPDATE- As indicated during the October 26th MASCD Board of Directors meeting, all Board Supervisors will be required to take sexual harassment training. The dates for this training have changed and the new date is March 1st, and it will be held at the Agricultural Historical Farm Park. John noted that Robert Butz has taken the training during the summer meeting and Robert shared that Tim attended the meeting with him. John shared that Alisha is tracking the attendance sheet and he will let her know that Robert is a witness for Tim's attendance for the Sexual Harassment Prevention Training. Vice Chair, Robert Butts inquired about the training sign up and John remarked that when you show up for the training there will be a sign in sheet. Joe asked if Associates are required to attend, and John responded yes. The Training is scheduled to go from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm and John shared that light refreshments will be provided based on the approval of the board. The chairman approved of light refreshments and John noted that supervisors will receive a friendly reminder of the training.

Lastly, John shared information from MDE on the 2020 Maryland WIP Progress. The good news is that Maryland has achieved 84% of nitrogen reduction and 96% phosphorus reduction. Again, John mentioned it is critical to update expiring conservation plans that are in the conservation tracker database to keep us on target for the goals.

John also reminded the Board of recent discussions on climate change and how it has impacted old stormwater management structures. The storm management standards are not sufficient and no longer address the needs of current storm events. Due to the storm's frequency and intensity, the 20-year-old standards need to be reevaluated. John mentioned the county has received reauthorization of the MS4 Permit to provide approval of pond retrograde for failing and restoring ponds to meet NRCS-378 standards. The MS4 Permit is another reason to support the hiring of the engineering position. If the pond approval authority is shifted to MDE, the pond approval timeframe will be 6 months to a year. After John highlighted items from the District Manager's Report, a motion was made by Linda Lewis and second by Doug Tregoning and passed approving the District Manager's report.

Chairman Correspondence: The chairman, Robert Butz noted he had no correspondence to share but wanted to know if the Holiday Celebration was a potluck. Both John and Karen shared the event will be catered.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting officially adjourned at 10:40 and the next scheduled Board of Supervisors Meeting is January 14, 2022.

Regards



Karen Walker, Administrative Assistant

<u>MEETINGS ATTENDED</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
Butz	100%
Butts	100%
McGrath	100%
Linda Lewis	100%
Doug Tregoning	100%
*Linthicum	70%
*Joe Lehman	90%
*Chris Miller	90%

*Associate Member

