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## **Western Maryland Resource Conservation and Development Council Meeting Quarterly RC&D and Council Meeting Minutes December 10, 2014**

Council President Craig Hartsock called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. at the Western Maryland Research and Education Center, in Keedysville, MD. In attendance was Craig Hartsock (Allegany SCD), Roger Troxell (Frederick SCD), Ed Null (Carroll SCD), Dan Fiscus (Frostburg State University), Jeff Barclay (Allegany County), Willie Lantz (Garrett County), Laura Michael (WMRC&D), Gary Reeves (WMRC&D), and Mark and Jared Goldbach (WMRC&D).

Guests included Will Postlethwait (Canaan Valley Institute), Joe Hoffman (Frostburg State University), Paul Petzrick (MDNR PPRP), and Jane Karetny (AmeriCorps).

Council President, Craig Hartsock welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance and recognized guests attending the meeting.

Ed Null presented the Treasurer's Report financial status to the Council and meeting attendees.

Mr. Will Postlethwait, Canaan Valley Institute gave a power point presentation on the current status of the Metz stream bank improvement project located on the Savage River in Garrett County, Maryland. Will distributed the engineer's design drawings for the proposed project. The project planning, permitting and design work have been completed and the COMAR review as required by FEMA is awaiting approval. Construction of the project is planned for early 2015. Will entertained several questions from council members and guests. President Hartsock thanked Will for his presentation.

Dr. Dan Fiscus, Frostburg State University and Council Member At-Large, provided a power point presentation with on-the-ground status of the Frostburg Grows Project. Dan introduced Jane Karetny, new AmeriCorps member and Joe Hoffman Jr. who will be working with the Frostburg Grows Team. Dan discussed the Frostburg Grows Team work progress including the status of electricity, hosting a Fall Workshop including the construction of high tunnel #6, construction of the compost pads, and related compost structure enclosure, the Frostburg Grows 1<sup>st</sup> Newsletter, 1,000 pounds of produce sales to food service provider, (Chartwells), grant proposals under preparation to Town Creek and Chesapeake Bay Trust, potential Frostburg State University bridge funding to carry this project to the next level, the MADERF Grant, a tree planting project (over 100 trees) the opening of a new Frostburg restaurant called "Farm to Fork" for which Frostburg Grows provided green tomatoes.

**Western Maryland RC&D 2014 Conservation Award** - Council President, Craig Hartsock presented Council Vice-President, Roger Troxell with the Western Maryland RC&D 2014, G.

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Paul Edwards Conservation Award. Craig noted Roger's many volunteer contributions including his services as WMRC&D Executive Council Member, Frederick Soil Conservation District Board member for over 23 years. Craig thanked Roger for all of his contributions and services and assistance he has provided over the years and presented him with a framed award certificate and framed civil war print of the "High Water Mark" from the Battle of Gettysburg.

Craig then opened up the council meeting for staff reports.

Laura Michael gave a power point presentation on her work associated with finding beneficial uses for coal combustion by-products (CCB's), the Maryland Mine Sealing Program, assistance to Environmental Resource Management, Geophysical Resistivity Surveys (underground mine void location and detection) the Jennings's Run Limestone Leach Bed project and CCB grouting of the Allegany Business Center (ABC) office site.

Gary Reeves gave a power point presentation on his research work associated with creating synthetic dolomite, water quality monitoring program, the Borden Tunnel mine leach bed monitoring project with the landowner and the Maryland Bureau of Mines.

Craig adjourned the meeting at 12 noon for lunch.

Craig reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

#### **Council Member Business Meeting:**

At 1:05 PM, Craig Hartsock called the roll of voting members and determined a quorum was present in order to conduct council business. The following Council Members were present;

Craig Hartsock  
Roger Troxell  
Ed Null  
Jeff Barclay  
Willie Lantz  
Dan Fiscus

Minutes from the September 10, 2014 Quarterly Council Meeting were approved with a correction of the spelling of the last name of a meeting attendee.

#### **Old Business:**

No old business.

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### **New Business:**

President Hartsock introduced discussion regarding an invoice from the National Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils for 2015 Annual Membership dues for \$450.00. A motion to pay the invoice by Jeff Barclay and seconded by Ed Null passed unanimously.

President Hartsock then initiated discussion towards completion of the Draft WMRC&D 2014 Annual Report. The Draft Annual Report was requested to be completed by January 1, 2015.

Council Member At-Large, Willie Lantz passed out information for and initiated discussion regarding the upcoming “Appalachia Grows Conference” to take place January 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Frostburg State University. Attendance is expected to be 150 to 200 people. Willie asked if the RC&D was interested in helping to sponsor the conference with a financial contribution from \$50.00 to \$500.00. Council members passed a motion to support this conference with a financial donation for a “Scholarship Sponsor” of \$300.00 of by unanimous vote. Willie agreed to send the WMRC&D an invoice for this sponsorship.

The next scheduled Executive Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday February 25, 2015 at the WMRC&D Office in Hagerstown.

The next Council Quarterly Meeting will be held on Wednesday March 25, 2015 at either the University of Maryland’s Allegany College in Cumberland or at Frostburg State University.

There being no further business, President Hartsock adjourned the council business meeting at approximately 1:30 P.M.