

**REGULAR MEETING -- Board of Supervisors  
Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District  
2662 Riva Road, Ste. 150  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
March 15, 2023**

**7:30 AM to 8:00 AM Closed Meeting  
8:00 AM to 10:00 AM Open Meeting**

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| <b>Supervisors Present:</b> | Brian Riddle, Chair 03.17                     | 10/12 |
|                             | Gary Palmer, Vice- Chair 02.18                | 1/1   |
|                             | Vaughn Foxwell, Treasurer 06.17               | 8/9   |
|                             | Christine Catterton, Member 7.19              | 8/8   |
|                             | Donald Entzian, Member 7.19                   | 7/8   |
|                             | Lisa Barge, Associate Supervisor 5.22         | 8/10  |
|                             | Mike Superczynski, Associate Supervisor 01.15 | 2/2   |
|                             | Billy Ford, Associate Supervisor 5.22         | 8/10  |
|                             | Mark Hopkins, Associate Supervisor 5.22       | 9/10  |
|                             | Robert Schaefer, Associate Supervisor 3.22    | 10/12 |

**Others Present:** Mitch LeMueix, District Conservationist, NRCS  
Dave Myers, UMD Extension  
John Czajkowski, District Manager, SCD  
Shelley Garrett, Soil Conservation Specialist, SCD  
David Scheler, Soil Conservation Specialist, SCD  
Keli Kirby, Office Manager, SCD

**Absent:** Adam Lyon, Area Coordinator, MDA

**Closed Meeting**

Time of Session: 7:37 am () *All in Favor* – 7:39 am (Catterton Foxwell) *All in Favor*

Location: AASCD Office/ Virtual

Purpose: To vote on Cooperator's Agreement, SWQPs, & Ag Structures

Members who voted to close: G. Palmer, V. Foxwell, C. Catterton, B. Riddle

Persons attending closed session: G. Palmer, V. Foxwell, C. Catterton, D. Entzian, D. Myers, M. Hopkins, R. Schaefer, J. Czajkowski, S. Garrett and K. Kirby

Topics discussed: Cooperator's Agreement, SWQPs & Ag Structures

Each action taken: Cooperator's Agreement (Catterton, Foxwell) *All in Favor*

SWQPs Approved (Catterton, Entzian) *All in Favor*

Agricultural Structures Approved (Catterton, Entzian) *All in Favor*

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by B. Riddle (Catterton, Foxwell)

**Financial, V. Foxwell:** (Catterton, Palmer) *All in Favor*

- The District financial reports were approved.
- The MDA financial report was approved.

**REPORTS:**

**Extension, D. Myers**

- D. Myers has been assigned administrative duties for an interim as the Area Extension Director for Anne Arundel and Prince George's County.
- Staffing: looking for 4-H Program Assistant in Anne Arundel County and Master Gardner Coordinator. 1 nutrient management planner in training. 7 planners short.
- PG County Extension Office is currently closed for mold remediation.
- Volunteer, Brian Hufger, has been working at Thanksgiving Farms & Firm Brewery, has been helping at the Urban Farm Project. Marked off location of small vineyard, peach block, apple block, line of blackberries and a hops yard; remainder will be cropping; high tunnels are under plastic. Approximately 1.5 acres of land.
- April 4<sup>th</sup> Final online winter Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification Workshop
- April 11<sup>th</sup> online Nutrient Management Certification
- Spotted Lantern Fly discussion – detected location, affected plants & possible damage, effective pesticide. NRCS is again putting money into Integrated Pest Management.

**Urban, K. Holland**

- See attached Urban report.
- Adjusting to new MDE regulations for small ponds; sending affidavit and small pond summary sheet to MDE. Glenn Gass still assisting with pond reviews.
- Acclimating smoothly to Blue Beam, City of Annapolis' new digital platform for plan review.
- Discussion of continued Naval shoreline projects – currently no proposed projects.

**NRCS, M. LeMuiex**

- See attached NRCS report.
- Discussion of high tunnel conditions at local Anne Arundel CAT North, Southern and Central Special School.

**Agriculture, J. Superczynski**

- See attached Agriculture report.

**AAEDC, L.Barge**

- Anne Arundel Ag Connect was successful; 13 exhibitors, 38 attendees.
- Ag Scrap Tire event currently running through March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Received \$60,000 from MDE and MDS to run event in a 2-week period. 1 trailer has been filled and a second is ready to go. Projected that only half of the funds will be utilized.
- Working on 2023 schedule of events.

- Grain Elevator update – Meeting on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> with state representatives. County still wanting to purchase property. Maryland Farm Bureau will meet with SMADC on Friday March 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss business plan. Proposed grain mill (SMADC) and composting (Pittman). Purdue/ County is withholding data to run studies needed to finalize business plans. March 23<sup>rd</sup> is facility closing date.
- AAEDC \$1000 matching grants will remain open until funds are depleted: up to \$10,000 a year.
- Discussion of production and storage of secondary goods produced on farms.

### **Old Business**

- Thank you letter from University of Maryland for supporting the Fruit and Vegetable meeting.
- Ag Connection sponsored by AAEDC was attended by Gary, Billy, Mitch, and John.
  - Discussion on process of soliciting participating speakers and attendees.

### **New Business**

- MASCD requests sponsorship for the Agricultural Conservation Drainage Conference – Board declines to sponsor.
- County's ruling on farms accepting compostable material; off-site waste is not allowed to be brought onto farms as the county considers that as a commercial operation. Wild Kid Acres is bringing in wood chips and food scraps from outside sources which he is paid for – County 1) referred to COMAR policies for regulations, 2) if the zoning allows farming, AA Co. has no issues with off-site waste (although WKA was previously fined for this).
- *Discussion of Veterans Composting origins and county legislation, processes in successful composting, composting of horse manure.*
- Anne Arundel Conservationist of the Year Dinner will be October 12, recommending to making it more farm friendly/ casual & shift the time to earlier.
- MDA to interview Judy Tyson in April. She has a small equine operation. Staff – Mitch, Shelley, and Joe-will also be in attendance.

### **Old Business**

- Ag Structures will be discussed at Ag Commission meeting today, hoping to make a recommendation to the Legislative Group. G. Palmer is recommending 5-acre minimum threshold. Any acreage smaller can go through the county's procedure. *Recommendations are based on exchanged emails.* NRCS equine standards for animal structures are under review which will alleviate current concerns on equine farms. M. LeMueix encourages the board/ ag commission to write a letter to the state office to enact that standard in this state. Second recommendation outlined by S. Garrett was that the property should demonstrate that there is agricultural intention for property use. G. Palmer is proposing that a 5-acre minimum threshold be recommended to the Legislative Committee of the Ag commission (Palmer, Catterton) *All in Favor*

**Supervisor Involved Dates to Remember**

- **March 16, 2023** – Calvert’s Cooperator of the Year Dinner
- **April 18, 2023** – Envirothon Competition at Arlington Echo
- **October 19, 2023** – Southern Maryland Dinner hosted by St. Mary’s SCD

**Other Dates to Remember**

- **March 17, 2023** – Envirothon Training at Arlington Echo

**MINUTES:** (Palmer, Catterton) *All in Favor*

- The February Meeting Minutes were accepted.

**SET TIME AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

- The meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m. (Foxwell, Catterton) *All in Favor*
- The next meeting is April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 8:00 a.m.