

MASON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Special Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2024

The meeting of the Mason Conservation District Board of Supervisors was called to order by Larry Boltz, Vice Chair, at 4:00 pm.

Board Members present: (in person) Larry Boltz, Andrea Miller, Michael O'Day

Board Members absent: Jason Ragan, Carmen Echeverria

Staff present: Evan Bauder, Nick Schneider, Colin Bransfield, Marissa Newby

Members of the public present: (in person) Josh Giuntoli (WSCC), (via Zoom) Molly Paige (ECY), Sean McDonagh (NRCS)

Introductions: Gabe Raso (ECY) introduced himself as the new Supervisor for the Nonpoint Team.

Public Comment: None

Meeting Minutes, April 23, 2024: The minutes were reviewed and approved.
(M – Miller, S – O'Day, Passed – Unanimously)

Financial Report – March 2024: Michael O'Day reviewed the financial report with detail of balances for all funds and checks (20453-20490 + EFT) executed during period.
(M – Miller, S – Boltz, Passed – Unanimously)

Financial Report – April 2024: Michael O'Day reviewed the financial report with detail of balances for all funds and checks (20491-20524 + EFT) executed during period.
(M – Miller, S – Boltz, Passed – Unanimously)

PROGRAM & STAFF UPDATES

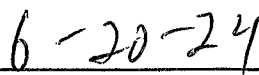
WSCC Update –

Josh presented on updates from WSCC:

- End of year funding awards have been awarded.
- Funding for next FY:
 - o IM will be up to \$204,491
 - o PE - \$250k
 - o CE - \$40k
- VSP Guidelines are out



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- Mason CD's election has been certified

WACD Update –

No report.

NRCS Update –

Sean gave an NRCS report:

- Next round of CSP closes on June 6th.
- Samantha Skinner leaving June 7th.
- Sean will be acting District Conservationist while current DC is on leave.

ECY Update –

Molly reported on ECY activities within the county:

- No new ERTS
- 1 landowner actively working with Eology.
- June 17th there will be a CDs collaboration meeting.

Staff Update –

Nick updated the board on the veterans village garden and costshare projects.

Colin introduced himself and gave an update on what he has been working on since starting at the District.

Marissa gave an update on the 2023-2024 planting season and on recent RCO grant applications.

Evan updated the board on the end of year funding award.

OLD BUSINESS –

None.

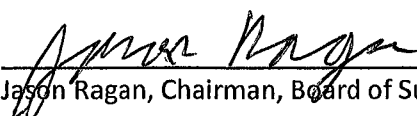
NEW BUSINESS

SCC Riparian Grant Program Funding Award


Marissa presented a \$770,674 WSCC grant award for the Riparian Grant Program which involves various riparian restoration activities throughout Mason County. A motion was made to approve the SCC Riparian Grant Program funding addendum as presented. Motion carried.

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SCC Community Engagement Plan Funding Award



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Nick presented a \$16,000 WSCC grant award for the Community Engagement Plan funding. A motion was made to approve the Community Engagement Plan funding addendum as presented. Motion carried.

(M – O’Day, S – Miller, Passed – Unanimously)

DNR Community Forestry Grant Award

Marissa presented two DNR Community Forestry Grant awards. One grant award includes \$270,000 of federal funding and the other includes \$80,000 of state funding. Both grants involve surveying public lands for invasive species and developing integrated pest management plans for the properties. A motion was made to authorize the chair to sign agreements for the state and federal funding with DNR as presented. Motion carried.

(M – O’Day, S – Miller, Passed – Unanimously)

Updated Cost Share Rate Resolution

Nick presented an updated cost share resolution that allows for 100% cost share rates in instances of wide community benefit/usage. A motion was made to approve resolution 2024-3 as presented. Motion carried.

(M – Miller, S – O’Day, Passed – Unanimously)

Cost Share Application NJS-24-16

Nick presented a cost share application to work with a local producer to install off-stream watering facilities. A motion was made to approve cost share application NJS-24-16. Motion carried.

(M – Miller, S – O’Day, Passed – Unanimously)

Cost Share Application NJS-24-15

Nick presented a cost share application to work with a local producer to install a composting facility and a hedgerow planting. A motion was made to approve cost share application NJS-24-15. Motion carried.

(M – O’Day, S – Miller, Passed – Unanimously)

2023 Annual Report

Michael provided an informational report on the District’s successful submittal of the 2023 annual report. He reported that he reviewed the report before it was submitted, and asked the board if there were any questions. There were none.

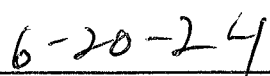
Public Comment Period –

None.

With no further business on the meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.



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