

MONTGOMERY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
May 10, 2024

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The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Montgomery Soil Conservation District (MSCD) was held virtually on the Zoom platform and in person on Friday, May 10, 2024.

People Present:

Robert Butz, Chairman
Tim McGrath, Treasurer (Virtual)
Linda Lewis, Supervisor
Doug Tregoning, Supervisor
Joe Lehman, Associate Supervisor (Virtual)
Chris Miller, Associate Supervisor (Virtual)
Robert Butts, Associate Supervisor (Virtual)
Mike Scheffel (OAG)
Natalia Salazar (OAG)
Kelly Nichols (Extension)
Adam Lyon, Area Coordinator (MDA) (Virtual)
Sam Engler, District Conservationist (NRCS)
Eric Hines, Program Manager (NRCS)
John Zawitoski, District Manager (MSCD)
Kathleen Sigwart, Resource Conservation Planner (MDA) (Virtual)
Julianna Burns, Resource Conservation Planner (MDA) (Virtual)
Karen Walker, Office Service Coordinator (MSCD)

The Chairman, Robert Butz, noted there was a quorum, and he called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The District Manager, John Zawitoski noted Mike Scheffel was available to present the report for OAG and the Chairman invited Mike to present his report.

Agency Reports:

OFFICE OF AGRICULTURE (OAG)– Mike Scheffel presented the report and noted he would only address a couple of items from his report. Below are items that were in the OAG report and Mike provided highlights on item 2 - Incidental Outdoor Stays and item 5 - Vacancies in the APAB and RRAC.

- **Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) Report on the Status of Transferable Development Rights (TDRs) and Building Lot Termination (BLT) Programs**- On April 5, 2024, Montgomery Planning staff sent the Office of Agriculture an updated memo on their draft recommendation for how to support the TDR and BLT programs through the Incentive Zoning Update. Currently, developers are required to purchase BLTs in order to develop at a higher density than the baseline level in the CR and LSC zones. The Planning Department’s draft recommendation is to require that developers purchase either BLTs or an equivalent number of TDRs and to provide an incentive for purchasing TDRs instead of BLTs. This plan would involve changes in executive regulations to allow the OAG to buy TDRs from landowners at a set price and “sell” the TDRs to the developers for the same price. Once the developer uses the TDRs, a TDR extinguishing document would be recorded to close the loop on the TDRs assigned to a development project. Mike Weyand is in communication with the Planning Department and will be convening a meeting between this department and representatives from the agricultural groups.

ZTA 23-09, Farming – Incidental Outdoor Stays- After meeting with Councilmembers Marilyn Balcombe and Dawn Luedtke on March 1, 2024, representatives of Montgomery County Farm Bureau, Montgomery Agricultural Producers, Montgomery Countryside Alliance, and Sugarloaf Citizens

Association scheduled a meeting with the two councilmembers for April 22, 2024, to provide feedback on this ZTA. On April 22, 2024, the OAG remitted a letter on behalf of the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) to Councilmembers Friedson and Fani-Gonzalez requesting that ZTA 23-09 be withdrawn and included numerous recommendations agreed upon by the AAC, APAB, Montgomery County Farm Bureau, Montgomery Agricultural Producers, Montgomery Countryside Alliance, and Sugarloaf Citizens Association. Representatives of Montgomery County Farm Bureau, Montgomery Agricultural Producers, Montgomery Countryside Alliance, and Sugarloaf Citizens Association met with Councilmembers Balcombe and Luedtke on April 22, 2024. The two councilmembers indicated that they will likely introduce a competing ZTA using the recommendations provided by the agricultural groups.

On May 3, 2024, Councilmember Fani-Gonzalez sent an amended ZTA to the rest of the County Council along with letters of support from farmers and residents. This amended ZTA removes all the changes to the definition of Farming proposed by the original ZTA and creates a new conditional use in the Lodging section of the Code called "Overnight Farm Stays". Unlike the original ZTA, the amended ZTA allows these overnight stays not only in the Agricultural Reserve, but also the rural residential and residential detached zones.

Mike noted that the discussion continues, and Fani-Gonzalez has proposed outdoor stays to be offered to all rural and detached residential zones not just the Ag Reserve. Mike has no idea of the council's position on the matter, but he wanted to make sure the Board knew.

- **Junior Achievement Program of Greater Washington** - On April 22, 2024, members of the OAG, Office of Food Systems Resilience, Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, and Extension visited Finance Park at Thomas Edison High School to learn more about this youth financial literacy and work readiness program. Junior Achievement would like one of the "storefronts" that students visit at Finance Park to be an agricultural station where the students can learn about local food options, careers in agriculture, and creating a sound food budget. They are asking for a three-year sponsorship of \$25,000 per year in exchange for "storefront" space. The OAG is considering providing partial funding for this.
- **Composting Education Hub at the Agricultural History Farm Park** - To help meet the County's goal of reducing the amount of food scraps in the waste stream, the OAG partnered with the Institute of Local Self-Reliance to establish a food scrap composting demonstration site at Agricultural History Farm Park. The OAG recently completed construction of this site, which consists of a three-bin composting bin system and solar-powered blowers that will force air through the compost. The system is located next to the Master Gardener Demonstration Garden and will be managed by Master Gardener volunteers. The purpose of the system will be to demonstrate to interested farmers, gardeners, and organizations how to properly compost food scraps.
- **Vacancies in the APAB and RRAC** - Wade Butler was officially appointed to the Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board by the County Council on April 16, 2024. He joined the newly appointed Sarah Daken, Randy Stabler, and Nick Magliato. However, since Margaret Giblin stepped down, a new non-farmer member vacancy was announced with an application deadline of May 8, 2024. Incorporated into the minutes is the link (<https://cexbcc.montgomerycountymd.gov/board/4083>) for those wishing to apply. Tom Linthicum, Mason Hopkins, and Billy Willard, Sr. were officially appointed to the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee by the County Council on April 23, 2024. As John Jamison was not appointed, there is still one commodity farmer vacancy on this board.
- Mike then shared information that was not contained within his report and announced the County Council has approved the Operating and Capital Budget for OAG. Additionally, he shared the Up County Regional Coordinator position that was held by Gregg Wims, who is now the State Delegate has

been filled. Dale Tibbetts is no longer acting, and Ruben Rosario is on Board. Mike indicated that he is a long time Montgomery County resident, retired police officer and a professor at Mt. Saint Mary's College.

Following the discussion on the new Up County Regional Director, Mike shared information impacting farmers in relationship to illegal dumping on the farm. OAG is working with DEP in providing farmers waivers to eliminate the transfer cost. Mike noted the farmer still will be responsible for the trash clean up but not the disposal costs. Tim commented on the illegal dumping, and noted this activity has been happening on farms for many years. There were discussions and suggestions on how to handle illegal dumping and Mike noted he is not an attorney, and he could not provide any legal advice. The chair noted that he had encountered this situation, and the police handled the matter. Doug said we must remember, there are haulers illegally dumping trash on farms and the address in the trash, may not be aware the situation has occurred.

- Lastly, Mike shared Councilmember Balcombe has plans to host a Town Hall meeting to present her version on the ZTA for Outdoor stays. The meeting will be held here AHFP on May 29, 2024, and Mike will provide official follow up information.

Upcoming Meetings and Events: Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board meeting: May 14, 2024; Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting: May 21, 2024; Memorial Day (office closed): May 27, 2024; Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board meeting: June 4, 2024; Montgomery County Farm Bureau Annual Picnic: June 9, 2024

EXTENSION - Kelly Nichols - U of MD Extension - was happy to announce filling the Nutrient Management Advisory position is in progress. Because it's in the Human Resource process she cannot provide a name but wanted the supervisors to know that a person will be on board by summer. Please let Kelly know of anyone that needs a Nutrient Management Plan. She is trying to keep on top of things and the same request form will be used. Additionally, she announced they are hopeful to fill two administrative positions. One position is a full-time position that will support her, Nutrition Educators and Master Gardeners program. The other position is parttime to support finances. Both positions will be UMD employees.

Kelly then explained the changes impacting the diagnostic labs due to retirements. The University has made arrangements with both Delaware and Virginia to take Maryland samples. Kelly said to let her know if you have samples that need to go to the lab. She believes that Virginia does charge for the service but are willing to charge the Maryland in state fee. Doug asked if the University was going to fill the vacant position and Kelly responded yes. She shared the position is housed under the Plant and Science Department and she was not sure if the position has been posted.

Kelly then explained that she was contacted by David Sullivan about having farming and farm history being incorporated into the 3rd grade MCPS curriculum. Kelly explained to David that this is a busy time of the year for farmers and their ability to participate in the curriculum study may be challenging. She is going to send out an announcement to farmers about this opportunity to get agriculture in the classroom. Doug shared in his 30 years' experience in trying to get farming into MCPS and ultimately nothing ever materialized. Doug suggested that Kelly take a stronger role as an educator you know more than farmers about curriculums.

Lastly, Kelly shared information on her field research and noted that with the cooler wet weather wheat is flowering and to look out for fungicide applications. She provided the website www.wheatcab.psu.edu to get updates and forecast. She shared information on Turf research and noted that granular is twice as expensive as liquid herbicide for weed control. She noted that it kills the leaves, but a second application is required. She noted that it cost roughly \$600 per acre.

Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) - The Area Coordinator, Adam Lyon, provided the report for MDA and noted that Byron had sent out the MOUs for the General Fund and the Chesapeake Bay Trust Fund

to all SCD's and he hopes Montgomery SCD finds the agreements sufficient to meet the District's needs. Adam shared on April 10th MDA issued an order restricting the movement of dairy cows into Maryland due to HPAI. It appears that it is not lethal, but the cows can get sick and affect the milk. Adam announced the Central Regional Coordinator position for Howard, Montgomery, Baltimore, Hartford and Cecil County has been posted and it reflects the overlay regions for the State Soil Conservation Committee. The new position will be closer and offer more in-depth services. The recruitment closes on May 13th and Adam placed the link for the position in the chat in case the Supervisors know of someone that maybe interested in applying.

Adam then announced May 14th as the Resource Conservation all-employee meeting at Sandy Point State Park. All program representatives will be there and provide program updates. Non-State District Managers are invited to attend. Adam informed the Board that within his region there is an effort underway expanding the Education Outreach Program. Becky Remsburg is the new Outreach Coordinator working with Rona and she has hit the ground running. The Conservation Education Outreach program is designed to encourage conservation practices on small horse farms. MDA is making small horse operations a priority and providing direct outreach, which has include making farm visits. MDA has visited approximately 200 horse operations in St Mary's, Charles, Anne Arundel, and Calvert counties. The visits have been positive, and as a result of the visits, MDA has registered new cooperators in the data base and some additional resource improvements were identified that will provide WIP credits. This initiative will be discussed at the upcoming all employee Resource Conservation Meeting on how we can expand this program to other counties. Adam shared there was a 30 second PSA advertisement on the program on MD Farm and Harvest. Adam shared they intend to visit every horse operation in the state of Maryland, and he noted most horse operations had no idea that Conservation Districts exists and the services that are provided.

As part of this discussion, John discussed how the Montgomery County zoning requires licensed horse stables to have a conservation plan and there are approximately 120 licensed stables in the county. MSCD will be doing a direct mailing and farm visits to get the operator into compliance with zoning. Adam explained that MDA has developed a GIS Map that includes a farm inventory layer identifying the operations. The layer shows horse stables and farms with animal units that are in Conservation Tracker. Adam said using the field data collection map creates a big win for the WIP. Both John and Adam noted these farms only have 4-8 horses and current cost share assistance programs are problematic for these sized operations. Adam then explained that MDA is looking into cost-share for small farms that can provide cost share assistance for horse operations. Tim asked if cost shared could be used to transport the manure off site. Adam said the preference is to spread the manure on the farm. However, if there is an issue with the manure and it cannot be spread, transporting the manure would be an option to consider. Tim said the manure transport would be easier especially for small operations. Robert Butz asked for clarity to ensure there is no prohibition on a farmer transporting manure off site if it is in their Nutrient Management Plan (NMP). Adam responded that Robert was correct. The operator needs to have it documented in their NMP and keep good records on where it was hauled. Then Robert asked Adam to explain exactly how the horse farms are identified. Adam shared details on MDA's approach in identifying the horse operations and how aerial imagery is used and this led to a lengthy discussion. Robert Butz was uncomfortable with MDA using aerial data on private property. Adam understood Robert's concerns and shared MDA also uses the Equiery as a tool to gather information.

Before moving forward in the meeting, John noted there was a guest in attendance, Eric Haines. Eric provided a quick bio on himself and his new position. After he provided his information, all in attendance provide introductions of themselves.

SECRETARY/ TREASURER'S REPORT - Chairman Robert Butz addressed the approval of the Board minutes and noted all have received a copy of the minutes and asked if there were any changes or corrections.

Having no changes or corrections, the Chairman requested a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Linda Lewis and seconded by Tim McGrath and passed approving the April 12, 2024, Board of Supervisors Minutes.

Chairman Butz then invited Karen to present the financial report. Karen noted the checkbook and bank statement have been reconciled for this past month. She explained that the MSCD has received the \$70,000 funding from DEP for the Water Quality Incentive Program and additionally the last payments from MDA and CBTF MOU funding was received. In preparation for this year's MASCD summer meeting, she has made hotel arrangements with Kings size beds for all to attend the 2024 MASCD Summer Meeting. There will be no cost if the room is cancelled with a 72-hour notice of cancellation. Karen will finalize the meeting registrations for everyone as well as the 2 MASCD Award winners that will attend the Awards Banquet. Kathleen Sigwart won the Outstanding Employee Award and Wyndham Oaks II will be recognized as this year's Outstanding Cooperator. She will finalize their food choices and make the meeting registration before there is a cost increase. Karen shared there are no donation requests, and the only expenses are for the MASCD Summer Meeting. Karen recommended Board approval for the filing of the April MDA Financial report. Tim asked Karen if any checks needed to be signed and that led into the conversation on having Robert Butts removed from the checking account and to add a person to the account. Karen called the bank and was told that Robert Butts does not have to come in to be removed but all that are on the account need to be present for Robert Butts' removal and if another person will be added they need to be present also. The Chairman asked Karen to check and see if the bank offers the option of DocuSign. Karen did follow up with the Bank and learn the Bank will not use the DocuSign software to remove or add a person. After the discussion on how to make changes on the banking account, a motion was made by Linda Lewis and seconded by Tim McGrath and passed approving to file the MDA April Financial report.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES REPORT AND PROGRAM UPDATE – The District Conservationist, Sam Engler, presented the Activities Report and noted there are 9 small ponds projects currently in the queue, along with 1 Request for Assistance, 11 Conservation Plans in progress and 14 Conservation Plans ready for Board approval. Sam noted the increased level of completed conservation plans and he would go into further details during the closed session. John shared another Request for -Assistance was submitted late and it concerned a compliance issue that County DPS has asked the District to assist with that will be discussed in the closed session. Doug asked if MSCD is staffed to handle the workload so that everyone can get service in a timely fashion. Sam responded yes, especially planning wise.

After Sam presented his report, Eric shared that he is trying to attend all SCD's Board Meetings. The goal with the area concepts is to be closer and provide faster services to the field. Items and issues would no longer have to go to the state office, they can be resolved in the area offices. Because one person could not cover the entire area, there are two persons responsible for two different areas. Eric provided detailed information on the approach to best provide services to cooperators. Eric noted that engineers will fall under his supervision. Eric shared the biggest problem is office space for employees. There was a lengthy discussion on space, training and hiring applicants.

DISTRICT MANAGERS REPORT: NEW BUSINESS

SCD Election of Officers - Normally the District holds annual elections at the start of the new calendar year but with having to replace Robert Butts as the Farm Bureau supervisor appointment, necessitated delaying the election of officers until the appointment to replace him had been made. Tom Linthicum received his approval by the SSCC at the March 21st meeting and completed his oath of office, and we are now ready to hold elections.

Material for the election of officers was included in the Supervisors package that was sent out. The term for the officer's positions is only for one year. Robert Butz, who has been serving in the role of District Chairman, for several years would like to step down as the Chairman. Robert Butts has stepped down from his role as

supervisor and now the vice chair position is vacant. Tim would like to remain as the Treasurer and is not interested in the Chair or Vice Chair positions. John said the positions would only be for a period of 8 months to get the District back in line with having the Elections of Officers in January. Robert Butz felt that was a good idea to get the District back on schedule. John did not have the opportunity to speak with Linda, but he did speak with Doug and Tom about the positions. Tom shared he is interested in the Vice Chair position however, as a new Supervisor, he didn't want to overstep any Supervisor that has been on the board longer that may want to serve. Elections for Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer positions are to be held every year. Since Tim is willing to continue as MSCD Treasurer, the current Chair, Robert Butz, asked if there was another nomination for Treasurer. Doug Tregoning nominated Tim McGrath and Tim responded that he is willing to serve as Treasurer for MSCD. The current Chair, Robert Butz requested a vote on the one nomination for MSCD Treasurer. The vote was unanimous for Tim McGrath to serve as the Treasurer for MSCD for the remaining 8-month term.

Because Linda did not have the opportunity to speak with John about the vacant positions, the current Chair shared his experience as Vice Chair and Chair to give Linda some insight into the opportunity for both positions. Robert said John, does an outstanding job of running the organization and as Chair there is not a ton of additional work to do. As the Chairman, attending and running the meetings is a requirement. As the Vice Chair you are required to aid the Chair and run the meetings in the Chair's absence. Additionally, there are quarterly Board of Directors meeting that is a requirement for the Chair. However, virtual attendance is now an option. In person meeting for the Board of Directors meeting also occurs for the MASCD Winter and Summer meetings. Although Robert does not want to hold the position of Chairman and he is a supporter of term limits if it's the will of the Board, he would like to remain on the board and help wherever possible. Robert would like to help the new Chair and Vice Chair and he opened the floor for nomination for Chair and Vice Chair. After Robert shared his experience, Linda said that she felt she was not qualified yet to serve as the Chair but was willing to step up and serve as a Vice Chair. The official MSCD nomination for Chair is Doug Tregoning; 2 nominations for Vice-Chair: Linda Lewis and Tom Linthicum. The current Chair wanted to recuse himself from proposing a slate for the vacant positions. However, he did present a vote to approve Doug Tregoning as Chair and Linda Lewis for Vice Chair. The slate carried a unanimous vote and passed approving Doug Tregoning as Chair and Linda Lewis as Vice Chair. The newly elected officials will start their term in the next meeting and May is the official end date for the current Chair. John shared details on handling board meetings virtually and in person with the new chair having limited availability for January and February. The newly elected chair shared he is only looking at a 2-year window for serving on the board.

In the interest of time, Robert requested John to move forward on the agenda. John then addressed the items related to Governance documentation and the By-laws. Over the past year, MASCD has been providing guidance to District's across the State to help District's discuss the need for certain documents pertaining to the governance of the District office. John shared he has researched the office but could not find any previous information, documentation, or by-laws from either of his predecessors. Because there was no previous documentation, John created Bylaws for MSCD based on guidance from MASCD. John shared the District Bylaws need to be adopted by the Board and it's something that should be reviewed periodically.

John then mentioned that at the last board meeting he presented an Annual Plan of Work and having a work plan is an element in the MASCD Survey the District has been asked to complete by the middle of June. John noted the only element MSCD could not address in the survey concerned having a Personnel Manual. MSCD does not have any employees. All MSCD staff are covered under their perspective employer's manual. John has reworked the MSCD Plan of Work he developed based upon the elements contained in the MASCD Survey and noted a single response is due by Friday, June 14 so the results will be available for the MASCD Summer Meeting. John suggested board action on the Bylaws and the Plan of Work and noted the survey does not require board action. Doug asked John if Supervisors appointments have been made following the Bylaws of 1 position appointed by the County Executive; 1 position appointed by Extension; 1 position appointed by State

Soil Committee and 2 At-large appointments and John responded yes. It was noted statewide all Districts have the same elements. The Chair noted all have received a copy of the bylaws and noted there are some corrections/typos needed under section 1. Under the proposed basic framework of the bylaws and the minor changes the Chair requested a motion for approval. A motion was made by Linda Lewis and seconded by Doug Tregoning and passed approving the MSCD Bylaws with the corrections. Again, the Chair noted in the interest of time, he deferred John to provide action for the MASCD Survey.

GF and CBTF MOU Approval-John was happy to report the District has received from MDA the MOU's for the General Fund and the Chesapeake Trust Fund. John was happy to report that MDA provided the increase in funding to cover the cost for the annual audit. John recommended the Board endorse both the General Fund and the Chesapeake Bay Trust Fund Agreements. A motion was made by Doug Tregoning and seconded by Linda Lewis and passed approving the MOU for the MDA General Fund and the Chesapeake Bay Trust Fund.

2024 Cooperators Dinner - It's that time of year again that we need to begin discussing the Annual Cooperators Dinner. Last year we held the event at Lone Oak Farm Brewery. During last year's Dinner, Marty Svrcek from the Montgomery County Fair asked if we would be interested in having the Dinner at the fairground next year. Marty spoke to both John and Chairman Butz about this proposal. When the District first held these dinners, they were always held at the fairgrounds. Both Robert and John thought it was a great idea as it would help to contain costs with the dinner and provide all the amenities needed. We have reached out to Marty and the good folks at the fair board, and they are excited to host our event for this year. Wednesdays work best for them, so we are proposing Wednesday, September 18th for this event. Doug asked if there is a charge for building and space or would it be comped. John said there would be no charge. The Chair requested a motion to approve MSCD to host its Annual Cooperators Dinner at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. A motion was made by Linda Lewis and seconded by Doug Tregoning and passed approving September 18, 2024, as the date for the Annual MSCD Cooperators Dinner to be hosted at the Montgomery County Fairground.

MSCD Stormwater Management – Ag Structures- As we have discussed in numerous Board meetings, requirements for stormwater management for agricultural structures that have been coordinated with the County Department of Permitting Services have become increasingly more complicated. When the State law was changed to allow Districts to design stormwater management for ag structures, not having formal training from NRCS on stormwater management to assist our farmers, necessitated that the District engaged DPS and through an informal review process. This process enabled DPS to review and approve stormwater management concept plans at no cost to the farmer. Under this arrangement, DPS approved plans were returned to the District to oversee and implement. This process worked very well until the boom hit with farm alcohol facilities where the public has access to and utilize. DPS was no longer comfortable with approving stormwater under this agreement and now requires ag tourism use structures to go through their formal stormwater management review process which includes paying the County fee. There has been some discussion with DPS about their preference to review all stormwater management for ag structures. John indicated that he is not comfortable with this approach given the District has the authority within the State Law and that we have an engineer on staff capable of reviewing and approving stormwater management design. We would not need to wait for NRCS training, and we can work under our District engineer's license. The District could approve stormwater management plans as part of the Conservation Plan approval process. The Chair requested a motion to adopt a new District policy to provide a design review and approval of stormwater management for agricultural structures for our cooperators. The approval would be addressed and approved in the closed session like the Board does with Conservation Plans. The stormwater management plan would be incorporated into the Conservation Plan making the plan compliant with State Law. A motion was made by Linda Lewis and seconded by Tim McGrath and passed approving MSCD to provide stormwater management design plans that will be presented and addressed in the Close Session.

Old Business

MASCD Awards – On April 18th, we submitted 6 awards for consideration by the State Association Awards Committee and we were notified that Kathleen Sigwart was awarded the MASCD Outstanding Employee and the Board congratulated Kathleen. John is extremely proud to inform the Board that Wyndham Oaks II was

selected as MASCD's Outstanding Cooperator. Karen is trying to finalize all the reservations for the summer meeting.

Update Concerning SSCC -Tree Clearing for Ag- As a follow up to the March 21st SSCC meeting, the discussion about this meeting was covered in our DM roundtable meeting in April. We learned the next steps will be for the SSCC to form a small working group to put together some statewide guidance concerning clearing forestland for ag. John has volunteered to work with this working group to help guide the statewide policy document. Eric shared tree clearing is a real issue and MDE needs to keep it on their radar.

Publication of May/June Newsletter - Our summer newsletter slated for publication in early June. This newsletter will contain our annual report, an article concerning our local Envirothon winners, dates of importance including cover crop sign up, fair dates and a save the date for our annual cooperators' dinner and other topics of interest.

Chairman Correspondence: John shared documentation and information was provided on Disaster and Recovery for anyone that was impacted by the collapsed Key Bridge in Baltimore. Robert Butz shared currently they are not able to deliver on a soybean contract. Eric remarked there are a lot of beans still on the boat. John shared Tim has provided a flyer on Public Safety and invited Tim to share information. Tim said he is excited about doing the demo and shared details on the event and hopes that it will help defer the cost of pumpkin chunkin.

Board Executive Session Summary from the April 8th Closed Session

In accordance with (§ 3-306) (c) (2) or § 3-104, the Montgomery Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors held a closed session for the purpose **"To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business."**

Time of closed session: 10:08 a.m. **Place:** Small Conference Room – Agricultural History Farm Park.

Members who voted to meet in closed session: Butz, Tregoning, McGrath,

Persons attending closed session: Zawitoski, Walker, Butz, Butts, McGrath, Lewis, Tregoning

Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session (see statement above): § 3-305(b)(2)

Topics discussed: Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plans completed and ready for Board Approval

Each action Taken: Approval of 15 Conservation Plans

Statement concerning entering into an Executive Session following the May 10th Open Board Meeting Session:

Board Chairman Statement about entering into a closed Session following the May 10th MSCD Open Meeting. MSCD Chairman Robert Butz made the following statement: In accordance with (§ 3-306)(c)(2) or § 3-104: "Immediately following the Open Session Meeting, The Montgomery Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors intends to enter a closed session. In accordance with (§ 3-306) (c)(2) of the Open Meetings Law, and for the purpose **to protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business**"; the Board by majority vote shall enter into the closed session to discuss and approve Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plans and to discuss landowner-specific -details involving a request for assistance from a county landowner.

Motion to Enter Closed Session made by: Tim McGrath

Motion seconded by: Doug Tregoning,

Members in favor: Robert Butz, Linda Lewis,

Opposed: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Tom Linthicum

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING The open meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m. The next scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting will be in person with the option to attend virtually on June 14, 2024, at 9:00 am.

Regards,



Karen Walker, Administrative Assistant

<u>MEETINGS HELD</u>	<u>PERCENT OF MEETINGS ATTENDED (ROLLING 12 MONTH)</u>
Butz	100%
Linthicum	75%
McGrath	100%
Linda Lewis	83%
Doug Tregoning	83%
*Robert Butts	92%
*Joe Lehman	58%
*Chris Miller	83%

*Associate Members

