

Kent Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Kent Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

The following individuals were present at the meeting Charlie Miller, Chair, Lewis McDonald, Vice Chair, Tim Redman, Treasurer, Frank Barnes Jr., Board Supervisor, Bill Langenfelder, Board Supervisor, Jimmy Miller, Associate Supervisor, Alice Mason, Associate Supervisor, Eddie Taylor, Associate Supervisor, Corrie Hopkins, Associate Supervisor, Dwayne Joseph, University of Maryland Extension Ag. Agent, Nancy Metcalf, District Conservationist, Susan Mackey-Taylor, FSA County Executive Director, and Robert Baldwin, District Manager.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair, Charlie Miller.

I. Recognition of new Associate Board Member

Chair Charlie Miller recognized and welcomed the new Associate Supervisor, Corrie Hopkins.

II. Recognition of Guest

Chair Charlie Miller recognized Susan Mackey-Taylor, FSA County Executive Director. Susan discussed the upcoming election for the southeast area of the County. She explained the recruitment, the term and the election process.

III. Review and Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from the May 15, 2025 meeting.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from both meetings as presented by Bill Langenfelder, Tim Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed

IV. Plan of Work

There was a brief discussion of the Plan of Work for the months of June and July 2025. Robert explained that as he makes changes to the monthly plan of work, those changes will be incorporated into the Annual Plan of Work for 2026.

V. Financial Statements, Bills and Cash Management

Robert reviewed the balance sheet, profit and loss statement, reserves, budget sheets, bills, and reviewed the present cash management details. **A motion was made by Lewis McDonald to accept the financial statements and pay the bills. Frank Barnes Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

VI. Erosion and Sediment Control Program

Robert reviewed the Erosion and Sediment Control Plans that had been submitted for the month. He said that the month started out very slowly, but plan submissions have picked up in the last week.

VII. Supervisor Activities

Charlie Miller attended the June Staff Meeting. There will be an MASCD Upper Shore Area meeting on June 26, all are welcome, as of now Charlie Miller, Frank Barnes Jr., Nancy and Robert will be attending.

VIII. Extension Report

Dwayne discussed the following items

- AGNR New Dean, Dr. Wendy Powers

- Possible elimination of SNAP educators in budget bill being debated in Congress

- 7% reduction of funding to the University of Maryland System and its implications

- Upcoming Extension Advisory Committee meeting

- Private Pesticide Applicators Test on 6/24

- Weed Management Field Day on 6/25

IX. Conservation Plans & Field Work

The Report was included in the Board Packet and reviewed by Nancy.

X. NRCS Report

Staffing Report - Nancy reported there's been no new information from NRCS on the reorganization, things have been quiet. Sarah Harris, PSS in QA resigned as for May 30th. Suzy intends to rehire a PSS for Kent and QA through the RC&D agreement and house them in Kent.

Programs – NRCS contracting is wrapping up for this year. We obligated 8 contracts (4 CSP and 4 EQIP) for \$686k. We have 20 unfunded EQIP applications for \$3.5 million. The Local Work Group meeting should take place this year to discuss funding priorities for our two counties. Nancy is waiting on instructions from the State office. Staff is currently focused on contract management, assisting with implementation of contracts, payments and planning/design work for FY26.

MASCD – Nancy will not be attending since NRCS is not authorizing travel.

District Managers Report

Video – Robert shared a video that was produced by Maryland Department of Agriculture on Cover Crop. The video footage was shot at Jones Family Farm in Massey. It featured Sean Jones discussing Cover Crop on his operation, as well as Jenny Freebery and Robert Baldwin.

Cooperators Dinner After Action Review – Robert stated that the final version of the Cooperators After-Action Review was included in the board packet.

County Fair/July Board Meeting – Robert asked the Board to reschedule the next board meeting as there is a conflict with the County Fair. The July board meeting will be held on July 24th, 7:00 p.m.

MASCD Hospitality Bags – Included in the board packet was an email regarding Hospitality Bags for the upcoming MASCD Annual Meeting. After discussing the request, the board took no action.

- XI. New Business/District Activities Report** – The following meetings were discussed.
NACD Summer Meeting, July 25-29, Milwaukee
MASCD Annual Meeting, August 4 -6, Rocky Gap
MASCD Upper Shore Meeting, June 26, Grasonville

Scholarship Thank You's – Included in the board packet were Thank You notes/letters from Paige Miller and David Daniels.

XII. Old Business

None

XIII. Closed Session

Statutory authority to close session General Provision Art. § 3-305(b) (1) This exception allows a public body to close a meeting to discuss various personnel actions with regard to, or the evaluation of, “an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction” or “any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.”

A motion was made by Frank Barnes Jr, to go into closed session, Tim Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Lewis McDonald, to come out of closed session, Tim Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

There was an update with the Board on an ongoing personnel issue with a former employee of the District.

XIV. Adjourn

A motion was made by Tim Redman to adjourn the meeting, Bill Langenfelder seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Kent Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors will be on Thursday, July 24th, 2025 @ 7:00 pm. Dinner will be available at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert Baldwin