Kent Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
June 18th, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Kent Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, June18th, 2026, at 7:00 a.m. in the Kent Co. USDA Service Center conference room.

The following individuals were present at the meeting Charlie Miller, Chair, Lewis McDonald, Tim Redman, Treasurer, Frank Barnes Jr., Board Supervisor, Bill Langenfelder, Board Supervisor, Jim Miller, Associate Supervisor, Alice Mason, Associate Supervisor, Joel Burley, Soil Conservationist, Eric Haddaway, District Supervisor, Baltimore County, Susan Mackey Taylor, Kent County Executive Director, Farm Service Agency, and Robert Baldwin, District Manager.

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

II. Introduction of Guest, Susan Mackey Taylor, Kent County Executive Director, Farm Service Agency.

Susan discussed the upcoming election for FSA, how the County is geographically divided and that FSA is seeking nominations for their County Committee seat. She also discussed the current drought that is ongoing and its designation as D2 and what that means.

III. Review and Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of May 21st, 2026, meeting.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of May 21st, 2026, meeting by Tim Redman, Bill Langenfelder seconded the motion. The motion passed

IV. Plan of Work

Included in the Board Packet was the Plan of Work for June and July. Robert reviewed this in the meeting discussing some of the highlights. Robert mentioned the upcoming County Fair and that the staff is planning on setting up a booth at the fair again this year.

V. Financial Statements, Bills and Cash Management

Robert reviewed the reserves, budget sheets, bills, and reviewed the current cash management details.

A motion was made by Lewis McDonald to accept the financial statements and to pay the bills; Tim Redman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

VI. Erosion and Sediment Control Program

The E & S report was included in the Board Packet. Robert discussed the current workload of the Sediment Control program. He said that the Solar projects are continuing to be a significant workload. He also discussed a pending application by Delmarva Power for the upgrade of the

Morgnec Road to Lynch transmission line. Robert says that the County is now utilizing the Districts Smartsheet software for tracking Erosion and Sediment Control review by the District.

VII. Supervisor Activities

Charlie Miller attended the June Staff meeting.

VIII. Extension Report

Dwayne sent his regrets; he was out of town at a meeting.

IX. Conservation Plans & Field Work

The field work report was included in the Board Packet. Joel and Robert discussed the work being done

X. NRCS Report

Joel discussed the NRCS report that was handed out at the meeting. Some key points were:

- New NRCS Chief, Colton Buckley
- RC&D Agreements are being extended and new 5-year agreements are being developed.
- NRCS recently held a "Boot Camp" training for newer staff.
- NRCS is working on the sizing calculations for animal composters as the result of the recent roundtable meetings. MD and DE are currently not consistent in their methods.

Program Update – NRCS staff are working on contracts, Kent has 7 CSP and 8 EQIP contracts in process.

XI. District Managers Report

MDE Waivers for Living Shorelines and Nonstructural MDE Shoreline Stabilization Waivers – Robert explained that as the result of legislation, the SCD's statewide are being offered the opportunity to review requests to MDE for waivers for the living shoreline requirements for permitting of shoreline stabilizations projects. Robert stated that he and Charlie discussed this prior to the board meeting and chose to "opt in" to the program and this decision had to be made prior to the board meeting. Robert stated that the Board could "opt out" at any time if they so choose. There was consensus to stay involved for now and see how it goes. Robert stated he will investigate the program to see if there is opportunity for cost recovery/fees for our involvement.

MDA-MDE Procedures for Addressing Causes of Water Pollution and Unauthorized Wetland and Waterway Impacts Caused by Agricultural Activities – Included in the board packet was information and comments from Jen Nelson regarding a proposed MOU between MDA and MDE. Some of the language contained in the MOU were of concern to MASCD, especially about making cooperators file and farm plans available to MDA and MDE, as these files are protected by the 2008 Farm Bill Section 1619.

Smartsheet Software Update – Robert gave a brief show and tell on what he and Brooke have come up with to date using Smartsheet gov software. It includes an office calendar, a Technical Assistance Request (TAR) tracker and an Erosion and Sediment Plan Review tracker. Development and implementation of Smartsheet gov has been straightforward so far.

2027 County Budget – Robert stated that the County has given a preliminary approval for our budget request, final approval is pending the last public hearing.

Social Media Update – Robert deferred this to a future meeting as the meeting was running behind on time.

XI. New Business/District Activities Report

MASCD Monthly Report – This report was included in the board packet.

MDA Monthly Report – None was provided this month.

NACD Summer Meeting - Robert stated that this meeting is coming up, it will be held in Grand Rapids, MI. Please let him know if you would like to attend, and he will make the arrangements.

MASCD 2026 Annual Meeting – Robert reminded everyone that this meeting will be held in Cambridge, MD August 3-5, 2026, at the Hyatt. Please let Robert know if you would like to attend, and he will make the arrangements. Charlie Miller said that he would like to attend the entire meeting, Frank Barnes would like to go one day to the business meeting.

NACD NE Regional Meeting – Robert stated that this meeting will be held in Wilmington, DE August 24-27,2026, there are several options to attend including just for a day. Please let Robert know if you would like to attend, and he will make the arrangements.

XII. Old Business

Letter to MDA Regarding Participating in Interviews – Included in the Board Packet was a copy of the letter that was sent to the MDA regarding the Districts interest in participating in MDA employee interviews.

XIII. Closed Session

1. 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 to come out of the closed session was made by Lewis McDonald, seconded by Bill Langenfleder, the motion passed.

Business conducted by the Board during the closed session included promoting two District employees and adopting a new compensation philosophy effective 7/1/2026

A motion was made by Frank Barnes Jr. to adjourn the meeting; Lewis McDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Kent Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors will be on *Thursday, July 23rd, 2026 @ 7:00 a.m.* Breakfast will be available at 6:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert Baldwin

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