

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF
QUEEN ANNE'S SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

JANUARY 21, 2026

The Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman, Steve Freeman.

Those in attendance: Steve Freeman, Andrew McLean, Mark Sultenfuss, Rick Weaver, Scotty MacGlashan, Billy Mason, Tony Riggi, Deborah Minnich, Tommy Bramble, Robin Rust, Kim King.

A Motion was made to approve the December Board Meeting Minutes. 2nd approved.

Deborah gave the December District Financial Report.

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Kim – FSA – Brooke Rollins announced DMC Sign-up last week under the One Big Beautiful Bill. Discussion followed.

The Sign-up period is 1/12/26-2/26/26.

FSA is updating production history. Older is higher of 2021-2023 milk marketings. New – First year standard marketing of numbers. Discussion followed. Kim said milk production numbers will be calculated by Sydney/FSA.

Farmer Bridge Assistance Program has not been announced yet. Training is scheduled though. Discussion followed. They are still working on eligibility requirements. \$155K per producer – have to show actively engaged in farming. Form 902 captures what that producer is doing.

Supplemental Disaster Relief Program – Stage 1 is Crop Insurance. State 2 – had insurance but not enough to trigger insurance for production losses. Discussion followed. Kelly/Kim will determine if a producer has a production loss. April 30, 2026 is the deadline to apply.

County Committee Elections – postponed due to lapse in government funding. The ballots were mailed out on January 5, 2026 and ballots must be returned by February 2, 2026.

CRP has been extended due to the Farm Bill being extended. 34 contracts are being extended. FSA is still waiting on official Sign-up information. Discussion followed.

MicroSoft Bookings is helpful for making an appointment with FSA. Acreage reporting goes to Stephanie. Discussion followed.

Mark gave the Treasurer's Report. Discussion followed.

Tommy gave the Shop Report. Tommy gave the Board the Job List for the Spring. There is a good bit of work to be done. Robin sent Steve Boone a letter to try and clear up the balance due on his statement. Discussion followed.

There was some discussion on the Line of Credit.

A Motion was made to pay back \$██████████ on the Line of Credit. 2nd approved.

Tony gave the Field/Planners Report. Monthly Reports were distributed and reviewed with the Board. Discussion followed.

Tony gave the District Office Report – Tony mentioned that the new mileage rate is \$0.725/mile.

Tony said that the MASCD Winter Meeting information is their packet for the upcoming meeting in Annapolis. Legislative Session Checklist/Winter Meeting Agenda/Legislative Tracking. Discussion followed.

Conservation Buffer Initiative Program – 75% up front and 25% when completed. It is a 5-year program.

Tony mentioned that the Shore Rivers Breakfast is scheduled for 2/24/26 in Easton. Discussion followed.

Ag Awareness Sponsorship - \$1,000.00+ Gold Sponsorship or \$500.00-\$999.00 Silver or \$100.00-\$499 Bronze Sponsor. Discussion followed.

A Motion was made to take \$██████████ from the Poultry Litter Spreader Account to sponsor Ag Awareness Days. 2nd approved.

Upcoming Events

Taste of Maryland – 2/5/26

MASCD Winter Meeting – 2/9 & 2/10/2026 – Westin in Annapolis

February Board Meeting – 2/18/26 – 3:00 p.m.

Shore Rivers Breakfast and Buffers Meeting – 2/24/26 at Talbot Ag Center – 8:00 a.m.

Agronomy Day – 2/27/26

March Board Meeting – 3/18/26 – 3:00 p.m.

MASCD BOD Meeting – 3/24/26 – location TBD

Ag Awareness Days – 4/21-4/22/26

MASCD Summer Annual Meeting – 8/10-8/12/26 - Solomon's Island

The Election of Officers was held with the following results:

Election of Officers

Steve Freeman – Chairman

Andrew McLean – Vice-Chairman

Mark Sultenfuss – Treasurer

There was discussion in reference to the Handout & Post card Jen Gannon has been working on.

Discussion followed. Tony will send recommendations to Jen for editing.

A Motion was made to mail the postcards and letters to be first used for Agronomy Day. 2nd approved.

A Motion was made to purchase the table covering. 2nd approved.

A decision was made to table the Employee Handbook discussion to the next meeting. It was suggested that if you would like to e-mail comments prior to the next board meeting that would be fine.

There was some discussion on the future Cooperator's Banquet. A Virtual Farm Tour was suggested as a possibility. Discussion followed.

Tommy mentioned that 3008 Church Hill property had been cleaned, new locks installed. A lease agreement will need to be done. Discussion followed.

A Motion to adjourn was made at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Minnich

District Secretary