



**Southwest Project Grass**  
**6024 Glades Pike, Suite 103**  
**Somerset, PA 15501**

**PROJECT GRASS MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 4, 2018**  
**Dave Pounds Farm, Marion Center, Indiana County**

Meeting called to order at 9:28 am by Jason McGinnis

**In attendance:** Danielle Rhea, Danielle Rihel, Alysha Trexler, Dave Coulter, Carl Rohr, Maureen Pounds, Zach Pounds, Dave Pounds, Jessica Schaub, Jillian Mathews, Gary Yeane, Alice Yeane, JB Harrold, Pierce Willson, Jason W. McGinnis, Ton Ulrich, Mike Martin, Richard Voytko, Mike Molnar, Don Williams, Laurel Rush, Leya Ramer

**Conservation Districts represented:** Armstrong, Butler, Armstrong, Fayette, Beaver, Indiana, Somerset and Washington.

**Agencies represented:** NRCS and Farmer

**Previous Meeting Minutes:**

- ❖ **Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. First Pierce, second Don. Motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report:** No treasurer report was filed

**Reports:** No county reports were given

**Old Business**

- **Grazing stick update**
  - GLC is looking to purchase sticks and do a statewide order.
  - Unfinished wooden sticks. Will readjust the designs on the stick and add some new partners. Would like to order 1000 sticks. With setup fees sticks will come to \$5 per stick. GLC is putting \$2000 toward order. Looking for partners that want to participate. Our logo will be appearing on the stick if ledigible. If not just our name will appear.
  - We reached out to districts with questionnaire on grazing stick order. Counties wanted ~320 sticks through SWPG
- ❖ **Motion to purchase 500 sticks at \$5 per stick for a total of \$2500.00. First Leya, second Danielle. Motion carried.**
- **Grassland Evaluation Contest – October 11, 2018**
  - Attendance: 7 teams, 11 schools, 61 kids projected to attend. This is one of the largest contests we have ever hosted.
  - Wording on the brochure will be changed from 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>
- **GLC meeting**
  - GLC has added us as a technical advisor
  - Possibility of adding a designated member to the board if we choose a single representative

## New Business

- **SARE Grant**
  - Grant was sent to executive committee. We will need to write a letter of support to obtain grant.
  - New ideas were discussed for the grant: woodchip bio-reactor HUA, pressurized watering system monitoring, portable grazing system for grazing cover crops on crop fields,
  - Will need an NRCS advisor on grant, but also may need someone in the college or technology field
  - Webinar will be coming up to educate on the grant guidelines
  - Farmer Grant is due November 27; partnership grants are due in February but are a lot of work
  
- **Appalachian Grazing Conference**
  - Discussion on which level of sponsorship we should contribute to
  - Online registration opens October 15<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ **Motion contribute \$500 sponsorship to the Appalachian Grazing Conference. First Tom, second Pierce. Motion carried.**
  
- **Western PA Grazing Conference**
  - Will be hosted March 13-14 in Clarion, PA
  
- **Next Meeting**
  - November 8, Somerset Hoss', 10am
  
- ❖ **Motion to adjourn the meeting. First Rich, second Pierce. Motion carried.**

## Upcoming Events & Dates to Remember

2018

- October 4 – Pounds Field Day
- October 11 - Grassland Contest

## Southwest Project Grass Committee Members

### Executive Committee

- Chair: Jason McGinnis (2018), Vice Chair: Dan Komarinski (2018), Secretary/Treasurer: Leya Ramer (2017), Financial Secretary: Sue Moon, Advisors: JB Harrold, Laurel Rush
- Don Williams (2017), Jim Cowell (2018), Tom Ulrich (2018), Rich Huether (2017)

### Grassland Evaluation Contest

Dan Griffith, Jason McGinnis, Lou Kopczyk, Carl Rohr

### SWPG 2019 Conference

TBD