

## **Shawneeland Sanitary District Advisory Committee (SSDAC)**

### **Minutes of August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### **In Attendance**

Kevin Alderman – Sanitary District Manager

Joe Wilder - Director of Public Works

Gary Bailey – SSDAC member

Ken Baker – SSDAC member

Jason Croasdale – SSDAC member

Micah Jacobs– SSDAC chairman

Rhonda Sargent – SSDAC member

Sargent Glantz – Frederick County Sherrif Department

#### **Absent**

John Jewell – Back Creek District Supervisor

#### **Discussions**

Micah moved to approve the May 5th, 2025 meeting minutes, seconded by Jason, and unanimously approved by the committee.

The Manager's report was read (Attachment 1). One comment was to review the additional road tar and chip program to catch up with two years of not maintaining the roads. This "catch-up" will be noted in the next budget.

Micah moved to add the manager's report to the record, which was seconded by Jason and approved unanimously by the committee.

Sargent Glantz took questions and answered them concerning which laws apply in Shawneeland. Some notable comments are listed below:

- All county, state, and federal laws apply in Shawneeland.
- Vehicle accidents – if called, the deputies will require the victims to exchange information, but will not write an accident report or determine blame.
- If you are concerned about speeding, call the Sheriff's non-emergency line (540-662-6162) and report name of road and approximate time it occurs. The Sheriff may then set up surveillance in the future

**Residents attending the meeting: 6**

**Public Comments:**

Melanie Curry – requested portable toilets at playground to be continued until the end of October – This is Kevin's plan to do so.

Benjamin Lopez – requested allowing the parking lot near the dam to be used once a month as a "Bike Night" gathering (6 pm – 9 pm). This request was put on hold until the County Administrator checked the R5 zoning requirements. The County Administrator did not find any regulations against using the Shawneeland parking lot as a gathering place for Bike Night.

Micah moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jason, and unanimously approved by the committee.

## **FREDERICK COUNTY SANITARY DISTRICT OF SHAWNEELAND**

### **MANAGER'S REPORT – AUGUST 2025**

#### **Spring Rains:**

This spring has been exceptionally busy for the Shawneeland staff. This is always the busiest time of the year to begin with, but an abundance of rain added to the workload.

During May and June, the Shawneeland office received just over 18" of rainfall. Some of the rain came down at an overwhelming rate and caused some flooding issues.

Although the drainage infrastructure in Shawneeland is very up to date and more than adequate for most rain events, there were some areas where the ditches and culverts were overwhelmed. The staff responded and did a great job taking care of all the safety issues and making the roads safe for travelling.

#### **Tar & Chip Program:**

Carroll Construction was awarded the Tar & Chip Road Improvement Contract. A total 7.49 miles of trails will be treated. I anticipate this work to begin mid-August. We will post the information with a start date and trails affected at each mailhouse once the date is confirmed. This project should take no longer than 2 weeks, weather permitting.

The total cost for this project is \$257,481.00 for the 76,860 square yards.

Please keep in mind that freshly treated tar and chip roads have loose gravel, so slow down and be cautious.

#### **Beach Season:**

Cherokee Lake Beach opened on May 22, 2025, this year. Outside of having 1 week with some e-coli issues, things have gone well. The abundance of rain has kept the lake level up for good swimming during the first part of the season. The level is dropping but this time last year the lake was down -73". We have received zero calls at this office with complaints regarding the beach.

#### **Asphalt Patching:**

The staff has been patching the trails that are scheduled for the tar & chip project. They are repairing potholes, broken edges, and depression during this process. Once that is complete, they will begin to grader patch various trails throughout Shawneeland.

#### **Mowing:**

It was very difficult at the beginning of mowing season due to all the rain. Now that the weather has somewhat stabilized, we are mowing on a regular schedule again. This also goes for mowing along the trails with the bush hog. We are now working our way through all the trails.