

**LORD FAIRFAX SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES
Strasburg Community Center
Strasburg, Virginia
March 10, 2016**

Directors Present		County
Childs, Corey	Extension Agent	
Comanor, Joan	County of Shenandoah	
Gessner, Mary	County of Shenandoah	
Hoover, Richard	County of Warren	
Mackay-Smith, Justin	County of Clarke	
Neese, Michael	Winchester City	
Simpson, HB	Winchester City	
Webb, Wayne	County of Clarke	
Directors Absent		County
Fagan, Jim	County of Shenandoah	
Richards, Ira B.	County of Warren	
Walls, Marietta Cather	County of Frederick	
Associate Directors Present		County
Gnegy, Karen	County of Shenandoah	
Martin, Jim	County of Warren	
Nagelvoort, Bud	County of Clarke	
Associate Directors Absent		County
Dibenedetto, Vincent	Winchester City	
Showman, Geary	County of Shenandoah	
Stanford, Rick	County of Shenandoah	
Staff Absent		
Truban, Samuel	LFSWCD Conservation Specialist	
Staff/Cooperating Agencies/Guests		Affiliation
Campbell, Amanda	LFSWCD Administrative Assistant	
Chester, Amanda	LFSWCD Conservation Specialist	
Gochenour, Dana	LFSWCD Conservation Specialist	
Pinsky, Jay	LFSWCD Ed & Info Coordinator	
Mike Liskey	NRCS	
Cross, Debbie	DCR	
William Quinn	Shen. Farms Resident	
Sidney Quinn	Shen. Farms Resident	
Teresa Vogel	Shen. Farms Resident	

The meeting was called to order at 10:05.

Guests from Shenandoah Farms attended the meeting to voice their concerns about Fracking.

Minutes: Motion made to approve the minutes. (Comanor, Simpson)

Chairs Report: Hoover asked that Committee Chairs look over the Annual Plan of Work. Comments are to be sent to Amanda by March 28th. The Operations Committee can review it and prepare for discussion and approval at the April 14th Board meeting.

He added Justin Mackay-Smith to the Operations Committee to serve as Vice Chairman. Phase 2 Director Orientation will be held April 12th in Charlottesville.

The District received a FOIA request pertaining to both dams from January 2011.

Judy Burtner, Area I Chair, would like to know what directors will be attending the April 13th meeting with Darryl Glover, Director, DCR Division of Soil & Water Conservation.

The VASWCD Board meets March 31st in Richmond. Burtner will take SWCD concerns to the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Martin reported that Shenandoah County is behind in sending invoices for salaries.

LFSWCD Reports:

Senior Conservation Specialist Report: Gochenour had nothing to add to her written report.

Conservation Specialist Report: Sam Truban is on annual leave.

Conservation Specialist Report: Chester reported that she talked at the Governor's School – Mountain Vista.

Conservation Specialist Report: (Vacant)

Education & Info Coordinator: Pinsky reported that the Envirothon will be held April 6 at Sherando Park and will begin at 9 a.m. He has six teams competing. He attended a fracking meeting with Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League. He is working on a new website. The address will remain the same, but it will look different.

Conservation Easement Committee: The Committee Chairman was not present.

Conservation Technical Committee: Gessner reviewed the technical committee minutes. They approved 2 CREP projects, 1 tax credit and 2 SL-6 projects. The General Assembly didn't approve Engineering Job Approval authority. That will continue to be a struggle.

Chester submitted McKelway tax credit for approval (\$2,279.35).

Motion made to approve the Conservation Technical Committee minutes and tax credit. (Gessner, Nagelvoort, motion passed.)

Childs discussed the Bonnie Painter project.

Wayne Webb requested that he do a report on Spout Run at the next tech committee.

Dam Safety Committee: Committee Chairman was not present. He submitted a written report.

Education & Information Committee: Comanor reported that the committee will meet immediately following the Board meeting. They will be discussing the Envirothon and scholarship nomination and website update.

Motion made that the LFSWCD Board delegate authority to the Committee to review and select a nomination to submit for a VASWCD scholarship due to VASWCD by March 21. (Comanor, Gessner, motion passed)

Finance Committee: Martin reviewed his written report. A formula was approved for use in the budget process beginning in FY17. The committee agreed to raise the target figure for income provided by the district's jurisdictions from \$50,000 to \$75,000. The committee recognized the possible requirement to find larger office space for added staff, as well as, additional income for staff salaries.

Legislative Committee: Nagelvoort reviewed his written report. Senator Vogel announced that she will be running for Lt. Governor in 2017.

NSVRC Regional Water Resource Policy Committee: Webb reported on the TMDL meeting. Farmers said there is a risk of doing exclusions. Hockman-Nicholas added that a lot of farmers are not susceptible to fencing off streams – replacement of fences when flooded. Cross added that it's a voluntary program and farmers don't have to fence out streams.

Operations Committee: Martin reported that the Committee will meet to review the Strategic Plan.

Personnel Committee: Simpson reported that the Personnel Committee met pm February 18th to conduct mid-year performance reviews. Performance Standards and Job Descriptions was reviewed and discussed with each employee. The Committee met on February 26th to review Conservation Specialist applicants. Four candidates were selected to be interviewed on March 3rd.

Shenandoah County Water Resources Advisory Committee: Comanor had nothing to add to her written report.

Shenandoah Pure Water Forum: Gessner had nothing to report.

Urban BMP Committee: Neese had nothing to report. The minutes of their meeting on February 11th are attached to the Committee Reports.

Agency Reports:

Natural Resources Conservation Service: Liskey had nothing to add to his written report.

Dept. of Conservation & Recreation: Cross reviewed her written report.

Virginia Dept. of Forestry: Lehnen submitted a written report.

Virginia Cooperative Extension: Childs gave meeting updates. Virginia Household Water Quarterly Program has been moved to a fall based program in November.

Department of Environmental Quality: Peer submitted a written report.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 11:50. (Gessner, Comanor, the motion passed)

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

4/14/2016

Approved