

**LORD FAIRFAX SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES
Strasburg Community Center
Strasburg, Virginia
June 9, 2016**

Directors Present		County
Comanor, Joan	County of Shenandoah	
Hockman-Nicholas, Kitty	County of Frederick	
Hoover, Richard	County of Warren	
Mackay-Smith, Justin	County of Clarke	
Neese, Michael	Winchester City	
Richards, Ira B.	County of Warren	
Simpson, HB	Winchester City	
Walls, Marietta Cather	County of Frederick	
Webb, Wayne	County of Clarke	
Directors Absent		County
Childs, Corey	Extension Agent	
Fagan, Jim	County of Shenandoah	
Gessner, Mary	County of Shenandoah	
Associate Directors Present		County
Martin, Jim	County of Warren	
Nagelvoort, Bud	County of Clarke	
Associate Directors Absent		County
Dibenedetto, Vincent	Winchester City	
Gnegy, Karen`	County of Shenandoah	
Showman, Geary	County of Shenandoah	
Stanford, Rick	County of Shenandoah	
Staff Absent		
Ferguson, Sheryl	LFSWCD Conservation Assistant	
Staff/Cooperating Agencies/Guests		Affiliation
Campbell, Amanda	LFSWCD Administrative Assistant	
Chester, Amanda	LFSWCD Conservation Specialist	
Gochenour, Dana	LFSWCD Sr. Conservation Specialist	
Sloop, Alison	LFSWCD Conservation Specialist	
Truban, Sam	LFSWCD Conservation Specialist	
Pinsky, James	Ed & Info Coordinator	
Cross, Debbie	DCR	
Liskey, Mike	NRCS	
Tyree, Kendall	VASWCD	
Mahoney, Rachel	Northern VA. Daily	

The meeting was called to order at 10:00

Chairman Hoover introduced Rachel Mahoney, Northern Virginia Daily and Kendall Tyree, Executive Director with Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts.

Tyree introduced Bud Nagelvoort as being inducted into the Conservation Hall of Fame.

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

Mike Liskey reported that the Local Working Group meeting will be held after the Board meeting.

Debbie Cross reported that the Virginia Agricultural Cost Share training will be held June 22nd in Charlottesville, VA.

Chair Report:

Motion made that the Board of the Loud Fairfax Soil and Water Conservation District approves the reappointment of Corey Childs as Director from the Virginia Cooperative Extension. (Webb, Comanor, the motion passed).

Hoover discussed the NRCS telephone system switching to another. Mike Liskey added that the District can continue as they do now.

Treasurer's Report: Martin hopes to have final numbers by the July board meeting.

LFSWCD Reports:

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

Conservation Specialist Report: Truban had nothing to add to his written report.

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

Conservation Specialist Report: Chester reported that we received the Volunteer BMP grant full reimbursement of \$16,000.

Education & Info Coordinator: Pinsky reported that he will be attending a meeting at the Governor's School July 19th. He thanked Alison for her assistance at the Frederick Co. Middle Schools.

Conservation Easement Committee: Richard's had nothing to report.

Conservation Technical Committee: Gochenour reviewed the committee report. She reported that they updated the Average Cost Share List, Secondary Considerations and ranking sheet.

Motion made to approve the average cost share list. (Webb, Simpson, the motion passed)

Motion made to approve the secondary considerations. (Comanor, Simpson, the motion passed)

Motion made that the Board accept the Committee report including tax credits and projects. (Comanor, Simpson, the motion passed).

Dam Safety Committee: Hoover reviewed Jim Fagan's written report. Lake Laura is full and available to Bryce Resort for the Memorial Day weekend.

Work at the Bird Haven dam is ongoing. Work on the spillway is expected to be completed over the spring and complete the job in July.

Hoover introduced Tracy Lynd with the Potomac Conservancy.

Education & Information Committee: Comanor had nothing new to add. She is working with Jay on the newsletter.

Motion made to accept the Ed and Info Minutes. (Simpson, Neese, the motion passed)

Finance Committee: Martin reported that the Finance Committee met. He hopes to have a draft budget for 2017. It will be under \$397,000.

Motion made to accept the Finance Committee minutes. (Comanor, Hockman-Nicholas, the motion passed).

Legislative Committee: Nagelvoort reported that he visited a farm on the Mason Dixon Line in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

We received word from Debbie Cross that the State employee pay increase of 3% will take place as of December. The Finance Committee has planned on a related increase in 2017 fiscal and budget to be presented in July. That amount will be in the budget presented in June.

NSVRC Regional Water Resource Policy Committee: Webb reported that the meeting last month was the spring dinner.

VCAP – Alison is working with him to make a rain garden. He would like Alison to give a presentation on urban BMP's at the NSVRC meeting.

Operations Committee: Martin reported on the Annual Plan of Work at the last board meeting. The committee met to review the Strategic Plan. He found that the District is following the plan and recommends making no changes.

The committee is working with Mike Anderson of Shen. Tech Systems to set up the District's email repository.

Personnel Committee: Simpson reported that the committee met on June 2nd to discuss pay raise of 3%. And will be effective November 20th. They will be conducting annual reviews on June 13th.

Motion made to accept the pay raise. (Simpson, Comanor, the motion passed).

Shenandoah County is adding \$44.00 insurance cost. The committee recommended that the district pay 100% of cost. The cost will be added to the budget.

Motion made to add the cost to the budget. (Simpson, Comanor, the motion passed).

Shenandoah County Water Resources Advisory Committee: Comanor reported that the Committee discussed the recent decision of the Board of Supervisors to discontinue funding the purchase of development rights for easements. The Supervisor serving on the Committee reported the decision was made because the majority is opposed to using public funds to purchase rights from an individual. It was also brought up that the County ordinances dealing with setbacks on farms hasn't changed the 1980's, while farming operations, particularly the scale of confined poultry operations, are very different today. The County Planning Commission will likely be reviewing the setback ordinances.

Shenandoah Pure Water Forum: Gessner submitted a written report. She was absent from the meeting.

Urban BMP Committee: Neese reported a couple of meetings coming up. He is working on a brochure.

Agency Reports:

Natural Resources Conservation Service: Liskey announced that he is retiring July 2nd. There will be an Acting DC.

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

Motion made to sign the Administrative & Operating Agreement. (Comanor, Neese, the motion passed).

Motion made to sign the Cost Share and Tech Assistance Agreement. (Comanor, Neese, the motion passed).

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

Virginia Cooperative Extension: No written report submitted.

Department of Environmental Quality: Peer submitted a written report.

Kendall Tyree reported that the Annual Meeting will be held December 4th thru the 6th at Hotel Roanoke.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 11:30. (Simpson, Webb, the motion passed)

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

Approved