

**LORD FAIRFAX SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES
Strasburg Community Center
Strasburg, Virginia
October 13, 2016**

Directors Present		County
Comanor, Joan		County of Shenandoah
Fagan, Jim		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
Walls, Marietta Cather		County of Frederick
Webb, Wayne		County of Clarke
Directors Absent		County
Childs, Corey		Extension Agent
Hockman-Nicholas, Kitty		County of Frederick
Richards, Ira B.		County of Warren
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/Cooperating Agencies/Guests		Affiliation
Campbell, Amanda		LFSWCD Administrative Assistant
Gochenour, Dana		LFSWCD Sr. Conservation Specialist
Sloop, Alison		LFSWCD Conservation Specialist
Truban, Sam		LFSWCD Conservation Specialist
Pinsky, James		Ed & Info Coordinator
Cross, Debbie		DCR
Brezinski, Brian		NRCS
Hisghman, John		VDF
Burtner, Judy		Area I Chairman
Andy Kuklish		

Hoover introduced Andy Kuklish. Andy was interviewed this morning for the Conservation Specialist position.

Introductions were made of Judy Burtner, Area I Chairman, and John Hisghman, VA. Dept. of Forestry.

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

Chair's Report:

Motion made to approve the 2016-2017 Annual Plan of Work. (Comanor, Walls, motion passed)

Motion made to approve the FOIA Fee Schedule. (Comanor, Simpson, motion passed)

Annual meeting information is included in the meeting folders.

Judy Burtner gave an update for Area I. We will know the Governor's budget by December 17th. The Area I Spring Meeting will be hosted by Natural Bridge SWCD.

Hoover informed the Board that elections for officers are coming up in December.

Treasurer's Report: Martin reviewed his written report. Credit Card statements are in the folder for review. Debbie Cross noted that outstanding checks are to be included with the Treasurer's Report as well.

Sloops trip to Nebraska totaled \$2,100.

LFSWCD Reports:

Senior Conservation Specialist Report: Gochenour had nothing to add. She emailed Abbey Kennedy about the Brumback Easement.

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

Conservation Specialist Report: Sloop was in the field but will join the meeting later.

Conservation Specialist Report: Vacant

Asst. Conservation Specialist Report: Ferguson was not present at the meeting.

Education & Info Coordinator: Pinsky reported that he nominated a teacher for the State award – Denise Thompson, Mountain Vista Governor School.

Poster Contest: He entered posters of 4th graders from Warren Co. in the State Poster Contest. There is the potential for 3 additional teams for the Envirothon. He's been working with Jim Martin in developing the District Strategic Plan.

Conservation Easement Committee: Nothing to report.

Conservation Technical Committee: Gessner reviewed the Tech Committee Report. Gochenour reported that they have not approved cover crop applications. That will be in November. October 25th is the final planting deadline.

Motion made to approve the Conservation Technical Committee report with new project funding and tax credits. (Gessner, Comanor, motion passed).

Dam Safety Committee: Fagan reviewed his written report. A final inspection by the State is expected this month and the responsibility for the dams will revert back to the District. Operation and Maintenance is inspections are due in November.

Education & Information Committee: Comanor reviewed her written report. We are well on our way planning for the November awards luncheon.

Finance Committee: Martin had nothing to report.

Sloop gave an update on her training in Nebraska.

Legislative Committee: Nagelvoort reported that we do not have a likely indication from Richmond as to any budget changes for Districts for this fiscal year due to the \$1.5 billion budget shortfall. The only available and logical communication we can convey to our General Assembly delegation this fall is to reiterate our obligations under the Chesapeake Bay TMDL. The committee is scheduled to meet for a few minutes after the Board meeting to confirm that communication.

Motion made that the Board approves the submission of such a letter to our General Assembly delegation in October as approved by the Legislative Committee on October 13, 2016. (Gessner, Comanor, motion passed).

NSVRC Regional Water Resource Policy Committee: Webb had nothing to add.

Operations Committee: Martin reported that he and Jay have been working on the Strategic Plan. They recommend that an Ad Hoc Committee be composed of Richard Hoover, Mary Gessner, Justin Mackay-Smith, HB Simpson, Dana Gochenour, Jay Pinsky and Jim will oversee the re-write.

Personnel Committee:

The committee met Sept. 20 to do interviews for the Conservation Specialist position. Interviews went well but some candidates had little or no experience. Telephone interviews went good.

Shenandoah County Water Resources Advisory Committee: Comanor reported no meeting has been scheduled.

Shenandoah Pure Water Forum: Gessner was unable to attend the Annual Meeting. Webb attended. They took a field trip to Whitescarver Farm.

Urban BMP Committee: Neese had nothing to add to his written report.

Agency Reports:

Natural Resources Conservation Service: Brezinski reported that HR will be posting positions soon.

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

Virginia Dept. of Forestry: Hisghman reported that they have a lot of new people.

Virginia Cooperative Extension: No written report submitted.

Department of Environmental Quality: Peer submitted a written report.

The next Board meeting will be November 10th at 10:00 a.m.
The awards luncheon will be held at 11:45.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 12:15. (Webb, Simpson, motion passed).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amanda Simpson".

Secretary

**11/10/2016
Approved**