

**LORD FAIRFAX SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
Strasburg Community Center  
Strasburg, Virginia  
January 12, 2017**

<b>Directors Present</b>		<b>County</b>
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	
Richards, Ira B.	County of Warren	
Simpson, HB	Winchester City	
Walls, Marietta Cather	County of Frederick	
Webb, Wayne	County of Clarke	
<b>Directors Absent</b>		<b>County</b>
Childs, Corey	Extension Agent	
Hockman-Nicholas, Kitty	County of Frederick	
<b>Associate Directors Present</b>		<b>County</b>
Martin, Jim	County of Warren	
Nagelvoort, Bud	County of Clarke	
Gnegy, Karen	County of Shenandoah	
<b>Associate Directors Absent</b>		<b>County</b>
Dibenedetto, Vincent	Winchester City	
Showman, Geary	County of Shenandoah	
Stanford, Rick	County of Shenandoah	
<b>Staff Absent</b>		
<b>Staff/Cooperating Agencies/Guests</b>		<b>Affiliation</b>
Campbell, Amanda	LFSWCD Administrative Assistant	
Gochenour, Dana	LFSWCD Sr. Conservation Specialist	
Livesay, Nick	LFSWCD Conservation Specialist	
Sloop, Alison	LFSWCD Conservation Specialist	
Truban, Sam	LFSWCD Conservation Specialist	
Pinsky, James	Ed & Info Coordinator	
Cross, Debbie	DCR	
Brent Barriteau, Brian Brezinski	NRCS	
Peer, Robert	DEQ	
Marshall, Jay	DCR	
Kowalski, Matt	CBF	

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Hoover introduced Matt Kowalski, Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF). Matt gave an update on CBF work in the Bay.

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

**Chair's Report:** The Chairman welcomed the District's new Conservation Specialist, Nick Livesay. He also congratulated Brent Barriteau for being the new District Conservationist.

Debbie Cross added that DEQ has funds for specific SL-6 backlog practices (4 are eligible).

**Treasurer's Report:** Martin reported that bank statements are ready to be reviewed.

**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:** Livesay reported that he is learning the job.

**Asst. Conservation Specialist Report:** Ferguson did not attend the January board meeting.

**Education & Info Coordinator:** Pinsky gave a PowerPoint presentation on 2016-17 projects. He has been working with Kara Bates on plans with the Massanutten Governor's School.

They have coordinated the new Youth Conservation Institute with several of her students.

Four areas they will be working on are:

- How do Massanutten Ski Slopes and Golf Courses impact local waterways.
- Preventative agricultural measures against algal toxicity within the Shenandoah Valley.
- Creating a simplified hydroponics system to grow plants in areas with limited space, such as urban apartments.
- Developing affordable and sustainable point-of-use water filters.

Talks are underway to give LFSWCD a footprint at the Shenandoah County government building. A statewide mentorship program is being created from our office along with other key leadership initiatives.

Hoover added that directors, associate directors and volunteers would like to help out with the project.

Pinsky announced that they will be meeting Monday at 7:50 a.m. at Triplett Tech.

**Conservation Easement Committee:** Richards had nothing to report.

**Conservation Technical Committee:** Gessner reviewed the written report.

The committee approved a new project – WQ-12.

They also conditionally approved three stream protection projects. They stopped accepting new applications.

**Motion made to approve the Technical Committee report with the new project and increases.. Gessner, Comanor, the motion passed.**

**Dam Safety Committee:** Fagan gave an update on discussions held at the Dam Owners Workgroup in Charlottesville, VA. The Emergency Action Plan will need to be updated in the next month or so.

**Education & Information Committee:** Comanor had nothing to add to her written report. The committee will meet after the February board meeting.

**Finance Committee:** Martin reported the committee met and did a mid-year budget review. A 3 percent raise was approved for staff beginning January 1.

The committee reviewed the desktop procedures.

2018 budget requests will remain the same as 2017. Beginning with FY 2019 requests, staff will prepare supporting documentation for the requests, and district board members will determine appropriate level of funding from their localities. The committee recommends a 10 percent increase over the current year funding should be requested.

**Motion made to accept the Finance committee report. (Gessner, Neese, motion passed.)**

**Legislative Committee:** Nagelvoort report reported that he passed the chairman position to Jim Fagan. He discussed the DuPont \$50 million settlement. Districts could make a strong presentation regarding those funds.

**NSVRC Regional Water Resource Policy Committee:** Webb had nothing to add to his written report.

**Operations Committee:** Martin reported that he failed to achieve a quorum for the scheduled meeting this morning.

The first Town Hall Meeting will be held in Warren Co. on 1/30/17 at 7-8 p.m. Jay will moderate the meeting.

**Personnel Committee:** Simpson reported that the committee will meet to do mid-year reviews on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Shenandoah County Water Resources Advisory Committee:** Comanor reviewed her written report. She discussed landfill issues. Methane gas is being managed through combustion and backpressure of air in one of the test wells; the water seepage has stopped in nearby wells are being monitored annually. The County wants to **encourage** residents to recycle in hopes that the prices for materials will rise again.

**Shenandoah Pure Water Forum:** Gessner had no activity to report.

**Urban BMP Committee:**

Motion made to send three VCAP applications on to the VASWCD VCAP Steering Committee for approval. (Neese, Webb, motion passed).

Sloop reported that the Town of Woodstock has three VCAP applications, requesting a total cost share of \$50,000. The three VCAP applications are for a proposed bioretention, impervious surface removal and permeable paving.”

**Agency Reports:**

**Natural Resources Conservation Service:** Barriteau reported that they are overwhelmed with work. He hopes to do reports in the future.

NRCS is promoting Regional Conservation Partnership Program in Smith Creek. If anyone knows of any projects let Brent know. A lot of money is available.

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

Directors should get changes to the VASWCD directory to Amanda by the first of February. Committee minutes should be announced during the Board meeting so they can be recorded in the minutes.

The Area I Spring Meeting will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Mileage rate has decreased to .535 this year.

Jay Marshall reported that he is working on verification of nutrient management implementation.

**Virginia Dept. of Forestry:** No written report submitted.

**Virginia Cooperative Extension:** No written report submitted.

**Department of Environmental Quality:** Written report submitted.

**Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 ( Webb, Simpson , motion passed).**

The next Board meeting will be **Thursday, March 9, 2017** in the Strasburg Community Room, 726 East Queen Street, Strasburg, Virginia beginning at **10:00 a.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Secretary**

*2/9/17*

**Approved**