

**LORD FAIRFAX SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
Strasburg Community Center  
Strasburg, Virginia  
March 9, 2017**

<b>Directors Present</b>		<b>County</b>
Childs, Corey	Extension Agent	
Comanor, Joan	County of Shenandoah	
Fagan, Jim	County of Shenandoah	
Gessner, Mary	County of Shenandoah	
Hockman-Nicholas, Kitty	County of Frederick	
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>
Fagan, Jim	County of Shenandoah	
<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	
Stanford, Rick	County of Shenandoah	
<b>Staff Absent</b>		
Livesay, Nick	LFSWCD Conservation Specialist	
Truban, Sam	LFSWCD Conservation Specialist	
Sloop, Alison	LFSWCD Conservation Specialist	
<b>Affiliation</b>		
Campbell, Amanda	LFSWCD Administrative Assistant	
Gochenour, Dana	LFSWCD Sr. Conservation Specialist	
Pinsky, James	Ed & Info Coordinator	
Cross, Debbie	DCR	
Brent Barriteau, Brian Brezinski	NRCS	

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

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

**Chair's Report:**

Hoover reported that he attended the Chesapeake Bay TMDL meeting at the DEQ headquarters in Harrisonburg, together with Wayne Webb and Michael Neese. WIPIII is being drafted to be in place by August 2018.

Hoover reported that the Operations Committee concluded a five meeting exercise to solicit community input for the Strategic Plan. A wrap-up meeting was held in Strasburg on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

He reported on the State's FY2018 Ag Cost Share and TA budget. It appears to be finalized at \$16 million.

Nesha McRae, DEQ, recommends that Districts take a serious look at the NFWF's 2017 Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Grant. Hoover asked technical staff to determine what could be in this for the District.

**Treasurer's Report:** Martin reviewed the report. Bank statements were received and reviewed.

Wayne Webb gave a PowerPoint presentation on "Chesapeake Bay Cleanup Challenge – It's the Rain"

**LFSWCD Reports:**

**Senior Conservation Specialist Report:** Gochenour had nothing to add to her written report. She visited an unfounded Ag Stewardship Act complaint in February.

**Conservation Specialist Report:** Truban submitted a written report. He was on Annual Leave.

**Conservation Specialist Report:** Sloop was not present at the meeting. She was attending the VCE Horticulture Conference at the No. Virginia 4-H Center in Front Royal, VA.

**Conservation Specialist Report:** Livesay was not present at the meeting. He was attending the VCE Horticulture Conference at the No. Virginia 4-H Center in Front Royal, VA.

**Asst. Conservation Specialist Report:** Ferguson submitted a written report.

**Education & Info Coordinator:** Pinsky reported on the establishment of an Envirothon and Youth Conservation Institute training facility at Lord Fairfax Community College's Middletown campus. Stakeholders will hold a meeting at the college. Lord Fairfax SWCD will be a partner with LFCC.

He has been working with Neese and Kara Bates on green infrastructure. It has the potential to have a strong relationship with Winchester.

He reported that the website is ongoing.

Comanor asked if he needs more volunteers. Pinsky passed a signup sheet around for interested volunteers to sign.

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

**Conservation Technical Committee:** Childs reviewed the Tech Committee written report. No action was taken on new projects. Kevin McClean attended to talk about VCAP projects.

**Motion made to approve the Technical Committee report and the transfer of responsibility for Walker SL-6 – Contract 13-14-0095. (Childs, Webb, the motion passed.)**

**Dam Safety Committee:** Fagan was absent.

**Education & Information Committee:** Comanor had nothing to add to her written report.

Webb asked the committee to distribute the Strategic Plan to jurisdictions and put it on the website.

**Finance Committee:** Martin asked committee chairs to submit budget request for FY2018. The committee will meet after the April Board meeting.

Comanor reported that she will attend the Shenandoah Co. budget hearing on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Legislative Committee:** Fagan was absent.

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

**Operations Committee:** Martin reported that the committee will meet prior to the April Board meeting.

**Personnel Committee:** Simpson had nothing to report.

**Shenandoah County Water Resources Advisory Committee:** Gessner reported that the committee met last night. They discussed ongoing activities at the landfill. They are running out of space. The committee will write a letter to the Board of Supervisors recommending some actions that could be taken to extend the life of the landfill.

On April 9<sup>th</sup> – Friends of the North Fork will sponsor a talk on endocrine disruption in fish, presented by Dr. Anne Henriksen of James Madison University. Location – St. Paul’s Church, 106 S. High St., Edinburg.

**Shenandoah Pure Water Forum:** Gessner had nothing to report.

**Urban BMP Committee:** Neese had nothing to report. There are a couple of ongoing projects.

#### Agency Reports:

**Natural Resources Conservation Service:** Brezenski had nothing to report.

**Dept. of Conservation & Recreation:** Cross reviewed her written report. We should know our allocation by April 20<sup>th</sup> (preliminary numbers). The budget will be approved at the May meeting.

She discussed the audit management letter for other Districts. Lord Fairfax SWCD will be audited this year. She gave Martin a copy of the letter.

June 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for entering cost share estimates in tracking.

**Virginia Dept. of Forestry:** Nothing to report.

**Virginia Cooperative Extension:** Childs discussed budget shortfalls and vacancies. Childs gave an update on trainings.

March 16<sup>th</sup> – Commercial & Private Applicator Core Manual Training. Held at the Mid Atlantic Farm Credit in Winchester. Registration \$40.

March 27<sup>th</sup> – Drinking Water Clinic at Loudoun VCE.

March 30<sup>th</sup> – Frederick Co. Commercial Tree Fruit Meeting.

Discussed putting together a fall ag showcase with other agencies.

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

**Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 (Webb, Walls, motion passed).**

**Respectfully submitted,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amanda Gentrybell". The signature is written in a cursive style.

**Secretary**

**Approved**