

**LORD FAIRFAX SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES
Strasburg Community Center
Strasburg, Virginia
May 11, 2017**

Directors Present		County
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
Richards, Ira B.		County of Warren
Walls, Marietta Cather		County of Frederick
Webb, Wayne		County of Clarke
Directors Absent		County
Childs, Corey		Extension Agent
Fagan, Jim		County of Shenandoah
Hockman-Nicholas, Kitty		County of Frederick
Simpson, HB		Winchester City
Associate Directors Present		County
Martin, Jim		County of Warren
Nagelvoort, Bud		County of Clarke
Gnegy, Karen		County of Shenandoah
Associate Directors Absent		County
Dibenedetto, Vincent		Winchester City
Stanford, Rick		County of Shenandoah
Staff Absent		
Livesay, Nick		LFSWCD Conservation Specialist
Sloop, Alison		LFSWCD Conservation Specialist
		Affiliation
Campbell, Amanda		LFSWCD Administrative Assistant
Gochenour, Dana		Sr. Conservation Specialist
Sloop, Alison		LFSWCD Conservationist
Truban, Sam		LFSWCD Conservation Specialist
Pinsky, James		Ed & Info Coordinator
Cross, Debbie		DCR
Brent Barriteau		NRCS

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00.

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

Chair's Report: Hoover gave an update on the FY 2018 budget.

Clarke Co contributed \$5,000
 Frederick Co. contributed \$7,000
 Shenandoah Co. contributed \$14,000
 Warren Co. contributed \$12,000
 Winchester \$0

We had a good turnout for the Area I Spring Meeting – Dick, Amanda, Joan, Wayne, Dana, Sam, Jay attended. Next year we will host the meeting.

Motion made to approve the proposed USDA-NRCS Cooperative Agreement (office space rental) covering the second, third and fourth quarters for TY 2017 (10/1/16 – 6/30/17). # (Note: the first quarter was paid by NRCS). Hoover, Comanor, the motion passed)

Treasurer's Report: Martin reported that bank and credit card statements were 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. He reviewed NRCS's Certification Planning Process over the next 2 ½ years. DCR's Engineering Job Approval Authority Justification, EJAA Establishment Timeline and the DCR's EJAA Transition Plan in the meeting folders.

Since DCR didn't get funding for an additional engineer, they are going to go with a quality review program. They should have Job Approval Authority by September.

Conservation Specialist Report: Sloop reported that the Urban BMP Committee had a meeting this morning. They are working on applying for a NACD Urban Conservation Agriculture Grant (\$50,000). It will be submitted on Monday and should receive a response on funding by August.

Conservation Specialist Report: Livesay is at cultural resources training.

Contractor for Conservation Services Report: Report not submitted.

Education & Info Coordinator: Pinsky reported that we will visit local Farm Bureau meeting and provide feedback on District needs. We nominated a Massanutten Governors School student to attend the Youth Conservation Camp. We sent two local teams to the Area I Envirothon.

Conservation Easement Committee: Richards had nothing to report.

Conservation Technical Committee: Gessner reviewed the Tech Committee minutes. The committee approved several (6) SL-6's. They had some cancellations.

.Motion made to approve the Technical Committee report and their recommendations contained therein. (Gessner, Webb, motion passed.)

Dam Safety Committee: Fagan was absent.

Education & Information Committee: Comanor reported that the Area I Meeting was held at the same venue as last year. They had an excellent caterer. We should plan on 60 attending our meeting next spring.

She discussed the Washington Post article about the horrible conditions of the Shenandoah River.

Motion was made to respond to the article. The response should be sent to the Northern VA. Daily and the Winchester Star. (Comanor, Mckay-Smith, the motion passed)

Hoover asked Nagelvoort and Webb to come up with a draft letter on conservation problems and complexities. It should be ready for the next Board meeting.

Finance Committee: Martin reported that the committee met after the last Board meeting.

Legislative Committee: Fagan was absent.

NSVRC Regional Water Resource Policy Committee: Webb reported that the NSVRC didn't meet in April.

Operations Committee: Martin reported that the Operations Committee will meet prior to the June 8th Board meeting. They will review the Annual Plan of Work. They reviewed the Strategic Plan draft and hope to have it finished by the next Board meeting.

Personnel Committee: Comanor reported that they will do performance reviews on June 15th.

Shenandoah County Water Resources Advisory Committee: Comanor reported that the meeting was postponed until June 14th (a tour of Committee Chair/organic farmer Gary Lantz' farm).

Shenandoah Pure Water Forum: Gessner reported that the Board meets Friday, May 12th. The meeting will begin with a tour of the State Fish Hatchery at Front Royal. Lunch will be served at the Strasburg Community Center and the Board meeting will follow.

Urban BMP Committee: Neese reported that the committee met on April 4th. They discussed the possible ideas of:

- Urban soil testing and urban agriculture
- Composting and urban agriculture
- Churches and community gardens
- Green infrastructure and urban agriculture
- Pollinators and urban agriculture

They recommend a combination approach of community gardens, pollinator garden and soil testing.

April minutes are attached to Committee Reports.

Motion made to approve the Board Resolution (Attached to Minutes). (Comanor, Walls, the motion passed)

Motion made to advance the VCAP application from Shenandoah University (\$500/acre) 10 acres, \$3,500 max, to the full LFSWCD board, for approval to submit it to the VCAP board. (Neese, Comanor, the motion passed).

Agency Reports:

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

Dept. of Conservation & Recreation: Cross reviewed her written report. Next year's cost share allocation is \$749,925,00.

There is a new Assistant Attorney General for Districts. The OAG assigned Robert N. Drewry, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, 202 North 9th Street, Richmond, VA 23219, telephone (804) 371-8329 Office email RDrewry@oag.state.va.us. Kelci Block transferred elsewhere in the OAG's office.

VACS Training will be held in Charlottesville VDOF HQ on June 13th.

End of year Financial & cost share reports are due June 17th.

Virginia Dept. of Forestry: Nothing to report.

Virginia Cooperative Extension: No written report.

Department of Environmental Quality: Written report submitted.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 (motion passed).

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

Approved