

**LORD FAIRFAX SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES
Strasburg Community Center
Strasburg, Virginia
July 13, 2017**

Directors Present		County
Childs, Corey	Extension Agent	
Comanor, Joan	County of Shenandoah	
Fagan, Jim	County of Shenandoah	
Gessner, Mary	County of Shenandoah	
Hoover, Richard	County of Warren	
Richards, Ira B.	County of Warren	
Simpson, HB	Winchester City	
Webb, Wayne	County of Clarke	
Directors Absent		County
Nicholas-Hockman, Kitty	County of Frederick	
Mackay-Smith, Justin	County of Clarke	
Neese, Michael	Winchester City	
Walls, Marietta Cather	County of Frederick	
Webb, Wayne	County of Clarke	
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		
Sloop, Alison	LFSWCD Conservation Specialist	
Staff & Others Present		Affiliation
Campbell, Amanda	LFSWCD Administrative Assistant	
Gochenour, Dana	Sr. Conservation Specialist	
Livesay, Nick	LFSWCD Conservation Specialist	
Truban, Sam	LFSWCD Conservation Specialist	
Pinsky, James	Ed & Info Coordinator	
Cross, Debbie	DCR	
Barriteau, Brent	NRCS	
Witiak, Rowdy	Intern	
Hesse, Jack	Intern	

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

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

Chair's Report: The Chair had no additions to his written report.

Treasurer's Report: Martin reported that both June and July bank cards have been received. Yearly financial "closeout" financial reports are completed.

Pinsky discussed the formation of a committee to research and identify alternative funding sources.

Nagelvoort said that we need to see what the VASWCD and DCR think of looking for alternative sources of funding and what our limitations are.

Motion made to have the Chairman set up, on a trial basis, an Alternative Funding Committee to identify, research, and determine the practicability of alternative funding sources with a view to its recommending, where appropriate, that the Board approve making applications (Comanor, Gessner, motion passed)."

Fagan will follow-up at the State level.

Childs added that we need to have someone currently on the Board.

Gessner added that it is important to have a board member serve on the committee and associate members.

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 is serving as a counselor at Youth Conservation Camp.

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

Contractor for Conservation Services Report: Ferguson has a presentation on her engineering work to show at the end of the meeting.

Education & Info Coordinator: Pinsky reported that he has been working with Nick on training videos. He reported on the college volunteers that have been working for the summer.

Pinsky and Nick are continuing to research and expand LFWCD's Envirothon training site.

Witiak gave a presentation on Biochar.

Hesse gave a presentation on road salt monitoring project assessment of chloride impact on the New River Watershed.

Conservation Easement Committee: Richards had nothing to report.

Conservation Technical Committee:

Childs reported that several projects have been cancelled. They approved carryover reports, secondary considerations and a cost share list approved by DCR.

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

Motion made to use the District's entire FY2018 cost-share allocation toward SL-6 backlog projects and offer tax credit only for all FY18 applications. (Childs, Gessner, motion passed).

Dam Safety Committee: Fagan reviewed his written report. Annual inspections are completed on Lake Laura and Bird Haven. He is still working on the Emergency Action Plan.

In place of the next workgroup meeting, DCR will conduct a FEMA-EMI Virtual Table Top Exercise for members of the Dam Owner's Workgroup.

Education & Information Committee: Comanor reported that she had a Chesapeake Bay Journal article "Chesapeake Bay and Restoration Efforts" included in the meeting folders.

The Area I Spring Meeting will be held April 24th at the Woodstock Presbyterian Church.

Motion made that the Area I 2018 spring meeting be held on the fourth Tuesday of April 2018 at the Woodstock Presbyterian Church. (Comanor, Gessner, motion passed).

If for some reason that location does not work out, we will use Kernstown Battlefield or Woodstock Moose.

Campbell will confirm our reservation with the Church and begin negotiations with a caterer.

Finance Committee: Martin reported that the new Desktop Procedures were provided by Debbie Cross. Attachment D has been prepared for review and submission. There were no major changes for FY19.

Motion made that the Board approve, and the Chairman sign, the Attachment D Itemized District Budget Request Form for the Year Beginning July 1, 2018, and forward to DCR for review and processing. (Simpson, Comanor, motion passed).

Legislative Committee: Fagan reported from the Chair's report that he is bound for appointment to the VASWCD Legislative Committee, Congressman Goodlatte's June 14th response to the Board's May letter condemns The Chesapeake Bay TMDL Program as a mandatory Federal overreach causing billions in losses to all parties involved.

Kendall Tyree, VASWC has asked the District to visit or call our state reps for some "legislative education outreach." Talking points are included in folders. Fagan reviewed talking points for off season State Legislative Meetings. There was a memo from Steven Meeks, Don Wells and Kendall Tyree.

Fagan asked directors to touch base with legislators.

NSVRC Regional Water Resource Policy Committee: Webb was absent from the meeting. A written report was submitted.

Operations Committee: Martin reported that the committee will meet August 10th and review the Annual Plan of Work.

Personnel Committee: Simpson reported that the meeting minutes of June are attached.

Shenandoah County Water Resources Advisory Committee: Comanor had nothing to add to her written report.

Shenandoah Pure Water Forum: Gessner had nothing to add to her written report. Request for grants is included in the meeting folders.

Urban BMP Committee: The Urban BMP Committee tentatively plans to have our next meeting for 9:30 on 8/10/17.

Agency Reports:

Natural Resources Conservation Service: No report.

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

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 12:15 (Comanor, Gessner).

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

Approved