

**LORD FAIRFAX SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES
Strasburg Community Center
Strasburg, Virginia
September 14, 2017**

Directors Present		County
Childs, Corey	Extension Agent	
Comanor, Joan	County of Shenandoah	
Fagan, Jim	County of Shenandoah	
Hockman-Nicholas, Kitty	County of Frederick	
Hoover, Richard	County of Warren	
Mackay-Smith, Justin	County of Clarke	
Neese, Michael	Winchester City	
Richards, Buck	County of Warren	
Walls, Marietta Cather	County of Frederick	
Directors Absent		County
Gessner, Mary	County of Shenandoah	
Simpson, HB	Winchester City	
Webb, Wayne	County of Clarke	
Associate Directors Present		County
Gnegy, Karen	County of Shenandoah	
Nagelvoort, Bernard	County of Clarke	
Associate Directors Absent		County
Dibenedetto, Vincent	Winchester City	
Martin, Jim	County of Warren	
Stanford, Rick	County of Shenandoah	
Staff Absent		
Staff & Others Present		Affiliation
Campbell, Amanda	LFSWCD Administrative Assistant	
Gochenour, Dana	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	
Barriteau, Brent	NRCS	
Wolanski, Matt	VDF	
Kowalski, Matt	CBF	

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

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

Chair's Report: Chair gave an update on the DuPont Damage and Restoration Settlement. The money needs to be obligated by October 9th.

He asked staff on how we should respond to the DEQ's TMDL as to whether we should proceed with the planning of the TMDL programs in 2018.

Gochenour said that we should wait until next year due to the DuPont workload.

Motion made that the Chairman has the authority to submit an award application and attach to it the approval of the board. (Comanor, Hockman-Nicholas, motion passed).

The Chair reported in the Treasurer's absence that changes made to the Attach D the State Board requested that we make changes where appropriate to bring our submission with State norms. Adjustments were made to the Dam Maintenance funding, which were reduced, and to the CREP Ag Program, where we eliminated personnel support for a program we currently aren't performing.

Letters to Delegates and State Senators regarding the VA. League of Conservation Voters' 2017 Scorecard were included in meeting folders.

Motion made to approve the letters to Delegates and State Senators. (Comanor, Hockman-Nicholas, motion passed).

Hoover reported that there are two award nominations. Dana Gochenour is being nominated for the VACDE Award and Jay Pinsky for the Jane Sekoll Award.

Motion made to approve the two award nominations. (Walls, Comanor, motion passed).

Motion made to approve the September 7th Finance Committee Minutes. (Comanor, Fagan, motion passed).

Treasurer's Report: Jim Martin was unable to attend the board meeting, but, reported in his written report that all bank and credit card statements were reviewed. Statements were reconciled with no outstanding checks.

Debbie Cross reported that she wants more detail for reserves.

LFSWCD Reports:

Senior Conservation Specialist Report: Gochenour had nothing to add to her written report.

Comanor asked technicians to include counties in their written reports.

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

Conservation Specialist Report: Sloop reported that the Working Group Meeting will meet September 18th at 4 p.m.

The Board asked Livesay to do a presentation on "farmscaping".

Conservation Specialist Report:

Livesay gave a presentation on soil 101.

Contractor for Conservation Services Report: Ferguson submitted a written report.

Education & Info Coordinator: Pinsky reported that the 2017-18 topic is pasture land management. There will be two new teams this year. The Massanutten Governor's School Youth Leadership Summit will be held October 26th. An awards package was submitted for the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Communications Awards.

He is building a prototype at each station of the locations at Lord Fairfax Community College. The prototypes (5) will be used for other classes besides Envirothon.

Alternate Funding Committee: Nothing to report.

Conservation Easement Committee: Richards had nothing to report because he has been out of the area.

Conservation Technical Committee: Gochenour reviewed the Tech Committee report.

Motion made to approve tax credits. (Childs, Comanor, motion passed).

Motion made to approve the Tech Committee Report. (Childs, Comanor, motion passed).

Dam Safety Committee: Fagan reported that the O&M Certificate Application package for the dams have been reviewed and signed. The Emergency Action Plans have been updated and submitted to the County and DCR for final review.

Education & Information Committee: Comanor reported that the committee will meet following the Board meeting to finalize the 2017 District awardees.

We will begin to gather photos and information and develop a slide show for the November meeting. Invitation letters will be sent out by the end of September.

A tour of the major urban garden project in Harrisonburg has been arranged for Hoover, Comanor, Sloop and Livesay on September 12.

Finance Committee: Jim Martin was not able to attend the Board meeting.

Legislative Committee: Fagan reviewed his written report. The Area II recommendations for a legislative agenda that was distributed to the LFSWCD were used as the basis of discussion for the State Conference call on August 30th. Those recommendations were adopted by the State Committee to recommend to the Board.

NSVRC Regional Water Resource Policy Committee: The NSVRC did not have a board meeting in August 2017.

Operations Committee: Nothing to report. A copy of the August 10 meeting minutes was attached.

Personnel Committee: Simpson had nothing to report.

Shenandoah County Water Resources Advisory Committee: Comanor reported that the WRAC will have a tour of the Shenandoah County landfill for its next meeting on September 18th.

Shenandoah Pure Water Forum: See written report. Gessner was absent from the Board meeting.

Urban BMP Committee: Neese had nothing to add.

Agency Reports:

Natural Resources Conservation Service: Barriteau reported that he wrapped up 21 contracts. They are trying to complete 52 contracts. Kaitlin Nafziger will begin working in Strasburg on October 30th.

Dept. of Conservation & Recreation: Cross reviewed her written report. Cross asked that we send her a copy of the Budget.

She reviewed the Attach D revision.

Virginia Dept. of Forestry: Nothing to report.

Virginia Cooperative Extension: Childs gave a general update on crops.
No written report.

Department of Environmental Quality: Shiflet submitted a written report.

Matt Kowalski, Ches. Bay Foundation, gave an update on their activities. He has been working with operators on rotational grazing. CBF has put together a portable water solar pump trailer.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 (Comanor, Walls, motion passed).

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

October 12, 2017

Approved