

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

Directors Present		County
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
Neese, Michael		Winchester City
Richards, Buck		County of Warren
Simpson, HB		Winchester City
Walls, Marietta Cather		County of Frederick
Webb, Wayne		County of Clarke
Directors Absent		County
Neese, Michael		Winchester City
Associate Directors Present		County
Martin, Jim		County of Warren
Nagelvoort, Bernard		County of Clarke
Associate Directors Absent		County
Dibenedetto, Vincent		Winchester City
Gnegy, Karen		County of Shenandoah
Stanford, Rick		County of Shenandoah
Staff Absent		
Staff & Others Present		Affiliation
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
Marshall, Jay		DCR
Barriteau, Brent		NRCS

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

Elections:

Chairman nominations were opened.

Hoover was nominated as Chairman. (Comanor, Mackay-Smith, motion passed)

Vice Chairman nominations were opened.

Comanor was nominated as Vice Chairman. (Hockman-Nicholas, Fagan, motion passed)

Treasurer nominations were opened.

Martin was nominated as Treasurer. (Gessner, Walls, motion passed)

Secretary nominations were opened.

Campbell was nominated as Secretary. (Webb, Comanor, motion passed)

Motion made to close nominations and approve the election of the nominees. (Webb, Childs, motion passed)

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

Chair's Report: Hoover reported on the Strasburg Community Garden and the Annual Awards Luncheon.

Motion made commend the Vice Chair on her efforts to increase funding to \$1 million for the urban program. (Nagelvoort, Simpson, motion passed).

Hoover reported that we did not receive any big employee awards, but we did put in for them.

Motion made that should, as now expected, Legislative Day in Richmond take place on January 11th, the LFSWCD January Board meeting will be moved to January 10th. (Comanor, Simpson, motion passed)

Treasurer's Report: Jim Martin reported that the audit went well. Campbell did an outstanding job preparing for the audit and is commended for her efforts.

LFSWCD Reports:

Senior Conservation Specialist Report: Gochenour had nothing to add to her written report. They started BMP verifications inspections and inspection mobile app.

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

Conservation Specialist Report: Sloop had nothing to add to her written report. The Urban Ag Committee will meet December 20th.

Webb said that he will send a link of all of the pictures to Campbell to send to the Board and staff.

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

Contractor for Conservation Services Report: Nothing reported.

Education & Info Coordinator: Pinsky reported that he received another Farm Bureau award. The State qualifying format has been changed. The top three teams at the Area competition move on to the Virginia state championship regardless of their local district affiliation.

He gave an update on his surgery.

Alternate Funding Committee: Richards had nothing to report.

Conservation Easement Committee: Richards had nothing to report.

Conservation Technical Committee: Corey Childs reviewed the committee report.

Motion made to approve Gary Lantz SL-6 Contract (13-15-0072) for an increase of \$1,333.72. (Childs, Gessner, motion passed).

Motion made to approve an equipment tax credit for Polk's. (Childs, Gessner, motion passed).

Motion made to draft a letter for the chairman's signature regarding the DuPont Settlement. (Childs, Gessner, motion passed). Webb opposed the motion.

Webb said that we will receive backlash over writing a letter about not receiving funds. Comanor added that it should not come across as "sour grapes". Hoover added that Warren County was targeted to receive this award.

Crooked Run TMDL: National Fish and Wildlife held a conference. Gochenour reported that they made a plan as they went along. Childs reported that they are looking for a county to partner with a TMDL.

Motion made to ask Frederick or Warren County to take this on. (Childs, Gessner, motion passed).

Dam Safety Committee: Fagan reported that Gochenour enrolled the LFSWCD in the Dam Watch program.

Education & Information Committee: Comanor reported that the District will be hosting the Area I meeting on April 24th at the Woodstock Presbyterian Church.

We are going to try to rotate the annual Awards Luncheon: Frederick, Winchester, Clarke and Warren Counties.

Webb suggested Cool Spring. Reservations should be made by March or April.

Comanor distributed brochures from the VASWCD annual meeting.

The Ed & Info Committee will meet immediately following the January Board meeting to discuss Envirothon and 2018 awards luncheon.

Finance Committee: Martin reported that the committee will meet after the Board meeting.

Legislative Committee: Fagan reported that the Legislative Agenda is in the meeting folders. Folks who will attend are Joan, Dick, Jim and Bud,

Fagan will draft a letter to the legislators with the Legislative Agenda.

NSVRC Regional Water Resource Policy Committee: Webb reported that there was no November meeting.

Operations Committee: Martin reported that the committee had a virtual meeting this morning. They will meet on the Strategic Plan in January.

Personnel Committee: Simpson reported that the committee will meet January 29th at 9 a.m. to do personnel reviews.

Shenandoah County Water Resources Advisory Committee: Comanor reported that the committee postponed the meeting until February.

Shenandoah Pure Water Forum: Gessner reported that a request is out for projects to be included in the 2018 Roundtable Grant from DEQ. Requests in the \$500--\$2,000 range that support education, outreach, pollution prevention or restoration are due today (Dec. 14th).

Urban BMP Committee: Michael Neese was absent. Alison reported that she took a Ches. Bay Landscaping Plan training for 2 days this week – Level 1.

Agency Reports:

Natural Resources Conservation Service: Barriteau reported on preapproved applications. He gave a brief update on the table conference. A lot of customer service was included this year.

Two Conservation Innovative Grants from NRCS was awarded to VA. Tech (Bobby Clark) this year.

- 1) Large animal burial demonstration, and
- 2) Bone screening of compost.

Dept. of Conservation & Recreation: Cross was absent. Jay Marshall was available to answer questions.

Virginia Dept. of Forestry: No written report.

Virginia Cooperative Extension: Childs reported on two programs being developed. March 9th – topic will be determined.

Frederick County youth development position has been advertised.

Department of Environmental Quality: The deadline for submission of proposals for the Crooked Run TMDL is February 9, 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

January 10, 2018

Approved