

LORD FAIRFAX SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES
Strasburg Community Center, Strasburg, Virginia
February 8, 2018

Directors Present		County
Comanor, Joan		County of Shenandoah
Fagan, Jim		County of Shenandoah
Gessner, Mary		County of Shenandoah
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
Childs, Corey		Extension Agent
Hockman-Nicholas, Kitty		County of Frederick
Associate Directors Present		County
Gnegy, Karen		County of Shenandoah
Martin, Jim		County of Warren
Nagelvoort, Bernard		County of Clarke
Associate Directors Absent		County
Dibenedetto, Vincent		Winchester City
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
Barriteau, Brent		NRCS
Cross, Debbie		DCR

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

Chairs Report: Hoover announced that Richard (Dick) Marzolf, Director from 2008-2012 passed away.

Hoover asked Dana to write a draft letter to Doug Stanley regarding the significance for Warren County of the District's DuPont Settlement awards and of the new funding which will eliminate our backlog. If possible we should add how the elimination of our backlog will enable the District to turn its attention to the TMDL projects it has planned for Warren County in conjunction with the DEQ.

Joan, Jim Fagan and Dick attended Legislative Day, January 11th.

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

Treasurer's Report: Martin reported bank and credit card statements were received and reviewed. He met with First Bank and they will continue to send paper bank statements at no charge. February statements have not been 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.

Conservation Specialist Report: Sloop reported that the next Urban Ag Meeting will be on Monday, February 12. Jill Jefferson will be speaking about a grant at 4 p.m.

Conservation Specialist Report: Livesay gave an update on the community garden. It is fully booked.

Contractor for Conservation Services Report: Written report submitted.

Education & Info Coordinator: Hoover received Jay's resignation effective immediately.

Alternate Funding Committee: Richards had nothing to report.

Conservation Easement Committee: Richards had nothing to report.

Conservation Technical Committee: Gessner reviewed the technical committee report.

Gessner thanked Cross for getting additional funds.

Motion made to approve 4 DuPont Projects. (Nagelvoort, Mackay-Smith, motion passed)

Vehicles were discussed. Staff should provide information to the Finance Committee.

Cross reported that DuPont TA will be 12 percent of the \$361,000 coming from U.S Fish & Wildlife.

Motion made that the Board approve the technical report and the DuPont practices and vehicle. (Gessner, Simpson, motion passed)

Dam Safety Committee: Fagan will not be able to attend the next Work Group. Dana will attend in his place.

Education & Information Committee: Comanor reported that she will need to see what's needed to fill Jay's vacancy. The committee is working on the Area I Spring Meeting luncheon. Jay did preliminary work on the Envirothon. It is scheduled for April 4th.

Motion made to authorize the committee to select scholarship winners at the March meeting. (Comanor, Gessner, motion passed).

Finance Committee: Martin reported that the committee will meet at the next meeting to begin reviewing the FY2019 budget. Let him know at the end of this meeting when the committee wants to meet.

Comanor added that the Shenandoah Co. budget hearing will be mid-March.

Legislative Committee: Fagan reported that everyone received Don Wells' legislative updates. No significant progress has been reported out of committee at this time.

Cross added that February 14 all house bills go to the senate. Jill Vogel is on the Senate Finance and would be a good one to get in touch with.

Dick asked Fagan to come up with a letter to Jill Vogel asking for continued support.

NSVRC Regional Water Resource Policy Committee: Webb reviewed his written report.

Operations Committee: Martin reported that the committee met prior to today's meeting to review the Strategic Plan. How do we recruit board members? Do we have an actual plan?

Comanor added how we work with localities to increase funding. Cross added that the District should ask localities for 10 percent more additional funding each year.

Personnel Committee: Simpson reviewed his written report.

Motion made amend the minutes, removing the sentence: "It was agreed to reduce the BMP and increase Urban Ag." and adding a sentence so Alison's section reads as follows: "Alison is working on more support for SWCD through meetings on Urban BMP and garden projects within urban areas and farmers markets. The performance standards of both Alison and Nick Livesay will be updated to reflect work with Ag BMP Cost Share, VCAP, and Urban Ag efforts on behalf of the District." (Simpson, Comanor, motion passed).

An emergency meeting will be held after the Board meeting regarding the Education & Info vacancy.

Shenandoah County Water Resources Advisory Committee: Comanor reported that the meeting was cancelled February 7th. It will be held next Tuesday due to inclement weather.

Shenandoah Pure Water Forum: Webb attended the meeting. They talked about grants and discussed sandbox.

Hoover added that a portable sandbox can be used at local schools. Cross reported that sandbox teaches you about topography.

Urban BMP Committee: Neese reported that he has been ill.

Agency Reports:

Natural Resources Conservation Service: Barriteau gave an update on their work.

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

Virginia Dept. of Forestry: No written report.

Virginia Cooperative Extension: Childs was absent.

Department of Environmental Quality: Shiflet submitted a written report.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amanda Simpson".

Secretary

Approved