

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

Directors Present		County
Childs, Corey	Extension Agent	
Comanor, Joan	County of Shenandoah	
Gessner, Mary	County of Shenandoah	
Hockman-Nicholas, Kitty	County of Frederick	
Mackay-Smith, Justin	County of Clarke	
Richards, Buck	County of Warren	
Walls, Marietta Cather	County of Frederick	
Webb, Wayne	County of Clarke	
Directors Absent		County
Fagan, Jim	County of Shenandoah	
Hoover, Richard	County of Warren	
Neese, Michael	Winchester City	
Simpson, HB	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	
Barriteau, Brent	NRCS	
Cross, Debbie	DCR	

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

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

Nagelvoort amended the minutes. Under LFSWCD Reports – Conservation Technical Committee: Motion made to approve 4 DuPont Projects. Nagelvoort cannot make a motion. (Should have been Webb, Mackay-Smith, motion passed.

Vice Chair's Report: Comanor announced that today is International Women's Day.

The education position has been advertised. The position closes March 23rd. 60 percent of the position will be information and 40 percent will be conservation.

April 4th is the Envirothon Competition.

Area I VASWCB: Keith Sheets and Charles Newton are candidates.

Motion made to support either applicant. (Gessner, Hockman-Nicholas, motion passed)

Comanor discussed the Sustainability Matters Workshop. A copy of upcoming events was included in the folders.

Motion made that Joan and Alison serve as representatives in the organization for the District. (Hockman-Nicholas, Richards, the motion passed.)

Treasurer's Report: Martin reported bank and credit card statements for February were received and reviewed. The additional funding for this fiscal year has not been factored into this month's financial reports, pending review by the Finance Committee.

LFSWCD Reports:

Senior Conservation Specialist Report: Gochenour thanked the staff for helping with the Envirothon. We need someone to write the special topic test.

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

Conservation Specialist Report: Livesay had nothing to add to his written report. He discussed the Envirothon team registration. Deadline will be two weeks before the Envirothon.

Ali and Nick did a rainfall simulator at the Northern VA 4-H Center for Horticulture Days.

Conservation Specialist Report: Alison reported that she and Nick held the Urban Ag Workshop at Pot Town Organics in Strasburg. The next workshop will be held at the community garden.

Contractor for Conservation Services Report: Written report submitted.

Education & Info Coordinator: Position vacant.

Alternate Funding Committee: Richards had nothing to report.

Conservation Easement Committee: Richards had nothing to report.

Conservation Technical Committee: Childs reviewed the Technical Committee report.

Motion made to approve the transfer of responsibility for Ben Myers SL-6. (Childs, Webb, motion passed)

Discussion held on receiving additional cost share from Shenandoah Valley SWCD.

**Motion made to approve cost share tax credits only for:
13-18-003; 13-18-0038; 13-18-0039; 13-18-0042; 13-18-0036 -3025034; 13-18-0036-302501; 13-18-0034.
(Childs, Webb, motion passed)**

Discussion held on purchasing another vehicle \$32,000. Recommended it be moved to the Finance Committee.
Motion made to proceed to Finance committee up to \$33,000. (Childs, Gessner, motion passed)

Motion made to authorize the Finance Committee and Dick to make final decision on vehicle.

Dam Safety Committee: Fagan was absent from the meeting.

Education & Information Committee: Comanor reviewed her written report. The committee will meet immediately following the Board meeting to discuss Envirothon planning, scholarship awards, awards luncheon option, et.

Gochenour reported that scholarship information has been sent. The deadline is March 23rd.

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

Comanor reported that the Shenandoah Co. budget has not yet been approved.

Legislative Committee: Fagan was absent from the meeting.

NSVRC Regional Water Resource Policy Committee: Webb reported that they did not meet last month and will not meet this month. The next meeting will be held in April.

Operations Committee: Martin reported that the minutes from last month's meeting are in the folder.

Personnel Committee: Simpson was absent from the meeting.

Shenandoah County Water Resources Advisory Committee: Comanor reported that the committee met on Feb. 13. Jill Jefferson reported that a number of wells in the County had gone dry and new wells were having to go 300-400 feet deep or more. A consultant will assess county owned properties. The consultant will present the findings at the April meeting.

Shenandoah Pure Water Forum: Gessner had nothing to report.

Urban BMP Committee: The committee met on Monday. VCAP funding has run dry. They are looking for new sources of money.

VCAP Steering Committee asked for an update on the Woodstock project. Funds expire June 15th. Woodstock will go through with it whether they get the funding or not.

Motion was made to draft a letter to hold the money. (Webb, Walls, motion passed).

Motion made for the Board to approve and send Davis (13-18-001) and Battle (13-18-002) VCAP application packets on to the VCAP Steering Committee for approval – per a request for both applicants to compare soil types with plant compatibility is complete. Hockman-Nicholas, Gessner, motion passed)

Agency Reports:

Natural Resources Conservation Service: Barriteau reviewed his written report.

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

Virginia Dept. of Forestry: No written report.

Virginia Cooperative Extension: Childs gave an update on VCE. Bobby Clark, Corey and Mark Sutphin handle agriculture.

There are a series of videos on the website.

Well water testing will be held the first and second week of July

Department of Environmental Quality: Shiflet submitted a written report.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 12:10. (Webb, Hockman-Nicholas, motion passed).

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

Approved