

LORD FAIRFAX SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES
Strasburg Community Center, Strasburg, Virginia
September 13, 2018

Directors Present		County
Comanor, Joan		County of Shenandoah
Hockman-Nicholas, Kitty		County of Warren
Hoover, Richard		County of Warren
Mackay-Smith, Justin		County of Clarke
Richards, Ira		County of Warren
Simpson, HB		Winchester City
Walls, Marietta Cather		County of Frederick
Directors Absent		County
Childs, Corey		Extension Agent
Fagan, Jim		County of Shenandoah
Gessner, Mary		County of Shenandoah
Neese, Michael		Winchester City
Webb, Wayne		County of Clarke
Associate Directors Present		County
Martin, Jim		County of Warren
Nagelvoort, Bud		County of Clarke
Associate Directors Absent		County
Dibenedetto, Vincent		Winchester City
Gnegy, Karen		County of Shenandoah
Stanford, Rick		County of Shenandoah
Staff Absent		
Ponn, Allyson		LFSWCD Education & Project Support Specialist
Staff 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

Chair's Report

Hoover reviewed his written report.

Mr. Hoover congratulated Sam Truban and Dana Gochenour on becoming Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation Certified Conservation Planners.

Debbie Cross said that the Board shouldn't expect Nick and Ali to get thru this for 2 years. Courses haven't been set up yet. There are budget issues with some of the courses.

Kitty Hockman-Nicholas introduced Grayson Moyer, a student from Sherando High School.

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

Everyone attended the TAC Committee. Committees they will serve on are:

- Dana Gochenour– Programmatic
- Sam Truban– Animal Waste
- Nick Livesay – Stream Protection
- Allyson Ponn – Cover Crops

Debbie Cross reported that there were 170 suggestions.

Hoover congratulated Nick and Ali for the Harvest Festival. There were 300 – 400 people in attendance. NACD grant ends November 30th.

Hoover reported on the USGS Program on the Shenandoah Watershed Wastewater Exposure and Fish Endocrine Disruption.

Clarke County received a 300,000 grant for education relating to watersheds.

Motion made to nominate James Fagan as Director-at-large. (Comanor, Simpson), motion passed.

Treasurer's Report : Jim Martin reported that the bank statements and credit card statements were reviewed. The revised FY19 budget a draft which was previously approved is in you meeting folder.

Motion made to approve the operating budget for 2019. (Hoover, Hockman-Nicholas) motion passed.

LFSWCD Reports:

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

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

Conservation Specialist Report: Sloop was absent from the meeting.

Conservation Specialist Report: Livesay reported that the Woodstock Urban VCAP in Woodstock is waiting for approval.

Karen Battle was approved for VCAP in Warren Co.

Hoover asked Nick and Buck Richards to put a presentation together on the District's work in Warren County, for presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

Livesay attended the NACD SE meeting in Williamsburg, VA.

Contractor for Conservation Services Report: Written report submitted.

Education & Program Support Specialist: Ponn had nothing to add to her written report. She served as a counselor at Youth Conservation Camp.

She submitted an Education Teacher of the Year Award.

The Board agreed to nominate Robin Coutts, for VASWCD Teacher of the Year award. (Comanor, Simpson, motion passed).

Motion made to approve the Clean Water Farm Award nominated, R. Wayne Snapp. (Comanor, Simpson, motion passed).

Alternate Funding Committee: Richards had nothing to report.

Conservation Easement Committee: Richards had nothing to report.

Conservation Technical Committee: Bud Nagelvoort reviewed the Tech Committee report.

They recommended \$200,000 of practices. They also made some corrections. They also set aside \$200,000 for cover crops.

They reviewed farm award nominations. They had a couple of ASA complaints.

Marietta Walls left the room while the Board voted, since she was being considered for BMP practices.

Motion made to approve the Tech Report approvals. (Comanor, Simpson, the motion passed).

Dam Safety Committee: Jim Fagan was absent from the meeting.

Education & Information Committee: Comanor reviewed her written report. The committee is well on their way for the November awards luncheon. Completed nominations are due to Allyson by Sept., 21.

Motion made that the Board delegates to the Ed & Info Committee final authority to select award recipients by the end of September. (Comanor, Walls, the motion passed).

Jim reported that the District purchase a new server.

Motion made to delegate authority to the Finance Committee. (Walls, Simpson, motion passed).

Legislative Committee: Fagan was absent.

NSVRC Regional Water Resource Policy Commission: Webb's written report stated that there was no meeting of the Board in July. Webb was absent.

Operations Committee: Martin reported that the District Annual Plan of Work has been revised for FY10 and has been added to the District website.

Personnel Committee: Simpson had nothing to report. The Committee will meet October 11th to discuss Ali's telework request.

Shenandoah County Water Resources Advisory Committee: Comanor reported that the committee met September 12 with an update from USGS on their multi-year water quality study of the Shenandoah River.

Shenandoah Pure Water Forum: Gessner was absent. No written report.

Urban BMP Committee: Neese was absent. The committee is waiting for VCAP funding for projects.

Agency Reports

Natural Resources Conservation Service: Barriteau reported that they are behind 2 years of work.

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

Cross discussed solar farms. A public session at Mt. Jackson Industrial HEMP Processing Plant at the end of the month.

Comanor reported that there are at least 3 solar facility proposals in Page Co. – Augusta Co. and Rockingham Co.

Virginia Dept. of Forestry: No written report submitted by Wolanski.

Virginia Cooperative Extension: No written report.

Department of Environmental Quality: Shiflet submitted a written report.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 11:50. (Simpson, Comanor, motion passed).

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

Approved