

LORD FAIRFAX SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES
Strasburg Community Center, Strasburg, Virginia
October 11, 2018

Directors Present		County
Childs, Corey	Extension Agent	
Comanor, Joan	County of Shenandoah	
Gessner, Mary	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	
Webb, Wayne	County of Clarke	
Directors Absent		County
Fagan, Jim	County of Shenandoah	
Neese, Michael	Winchester City	
Walls, Marietta Cather	County of Frederick	
Associate Directors Present		County
Nagelvoort, Bud	County of Clarke	
Associate Directors Absent		County
Dibenedetto, Vincent	Winchester City	
Gnegy, Karen	County of Shenandoah	
Martin, Jim	County of Warren	
Stanford, Rick	County of Shenandoah	
Staff Absent		
Livesay, Nick	LFSWCD Conservation Specialist	
Sloop, Alison	LFSWCD Conservation Specialist	
Staff Present		Affiliation
Campbell, Amanda	LFSWCD Administrative Assistant	
Gochenour, Dana	LFSWCD Sr. Conservation Specialist	
Truban, Sam	LFSWCD Conservation Specialist	
Barriteau, Brent	NRCS	
Cross, Debbie	DCR	
Wolanski, Matt	VDF	

Meeting called to order at 10:00.

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

Treasurer's Report: No written report. Treasurer was absent.

Chair's Report:

State Fair: Webb reported that the State had a very nice display. Ponn and Webb gave a lot of VCAP talks. A huge number of people attended. The booth was in a garage off the beaten path.

Ponn reported that she had no complaints about the Weekly Harvest moving to a monthly publication.

WIP III – next meeting will be held on 10/22 in Charlottesville. Nine districts serve on the TAC Committee.

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. He serves on the Animal Waste Committee (TAC).

Conservation Specialist Report: Sloop is taking Family Medical Leave.

Conservation Specialist Report: Livesay was in attendance of a TAC Committee meeting.

Contractor for Conservation Services Report: No written report.

Education & Program Support Specialist: Ponn reported that she will be partnering with the Friends of the North Fork rain barrel (12/5 & 8th) and compost barrel (3/6) workshops.

Earth Day is April 20th. We are partnering with Sustainability Matters.

She reported on the Pure Water – WIP III funding. The grant will be offered January thru December 2019. Funding will be provided as part of the Roundtable Grant Funds.

Debbie cross suggested that the district partner with the NSV Regional Commission since we cover the same area.

Ponn reviewed activities listed on her written report.

Alternate Funding Committee: Richards had nothing to report.

Conservation Easement Committee: Richards had nothing to report.

Conservation Technical Committee: Mary Gessner reviewed the Tech Committee minutes.

The committee approved a few increases. Morris's request for cost share to repair a flood gate at SL-6 limited access was denied.

Motion made to approve Committee recommendations including new projects, increases and tax credits. (Gessner, Hockman-Nicholas) motion passed.

Motion made to approve transfer of responsibility of Pierre Geis (SL-6), Contract 13-15-0028 to Michael Dirting. (Gessner, Comanor) motion passed.

In recognition and appreciation of producer, staff, and District Board Members' time, and the current situation, we are simplifying the EAN process. Your local SWCD Board should act to grant all SL-8B contracts a one-time EAN extension of up to 14 days beyond the standard planting dates cited within the SL-8B practice specifications for FY19 only. The motion should be documented in the minutes and appropriate notes and documentation should be added to each contract file.

Motion made to grant one-time extension of 14 days beyond the standard planting date for SL-8B. (Gessner, Comanor) motion passed.

Motion made to authorize technical staff to work with landowners on SL-8H) extensions should an extension be granted by DCR. (Gessner, Webb) motion passed.

Gochenour reported that the Technical Committee date will be changed to December 13th at 10 a.m.

Dam Safety Committee: Fagan submitted a written report. Precautions were taken to lowering the lake levels several feet to provide additional capacity for any first surge during Hurricane Florence.

The hydraulic control panel manufacturer came to the Bird Haven site and corrected the issue we had with the controls. Ponn and Fagan toured the two dams in September to familiarize Allyson with the flood control part of our mission.

The next Dam Owners Workgroup is scheduled for November 7th at the August Co. Government Center.

Education & Information Committee: Comanor had nothing to add to her written report.

Legislative Committee: No written report. Fagan was absent.

NSVRC Regional Water Resource Policy Commission: Webb reported that the meeting was cancelled and he had nothing to report.

Operations Committee: No written report. Jim Martin was absent.

Personnel Committee: HB reported that the committee met at 9:00 to review Alison Sloops request to work at home.

Motion made that the Board endorses this recommendation by the Personnel Committee regarding Ali's maternity request over the next year. (Simpson, Comanor), motion passed.

Shenandoah County Water Resources Advisory Committee: Comanor had nothing to report.

Shenandoah Pure Water Forum: Gessner reviewed the Shenandoah Pure Water Form annual meeting and Shenandoah Summit on November 16th.

Urban BMP Committee: Ponn reported that they are waiting for applications to be approved.

Agency Reports

Natural Resources Conservation Service: Barriteau distributed a summary of the office work August thru September.

Dept. of Conservation & Recreation: Cross reported that the first quarter Attachment E is due on or before Oct. 19th.

COIA training will be provided by the OAG at the 2018 VASWCD Annual Meeting and at Area I and II Spring Meetings.

Motion made to send 2019 Board meeting calendar to OAG, Christine Wallington and Robert Drewry and invite them to attend to present Conflict of Interest training to us, at their convenience. (Gessner, Webb, motion passed)

In Tracking, there should not be a business name and an individual name for any contract. It is either one or the other.

DCR Security Awareness On-Line Training. It is due by 12/30/18.

Virginia Dept. of Forestry: Matt Wolanski reported on the Emerald Ash Program and the Reforestation of Timberlands Program. VDF will be collecting acorns and walnuts this year. Bring them to their office with the species.

Virginia Cooperative Extension: No written report.

Department of Environmental Quality: Shiflet submitted a written report.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 (Simpson, Webb), motion passed)

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

11/8/18

Approved