

LORD FAIRFAX SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES
Strasburg, Virginia
March 14, 2019

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	
Richards, Ira	County of Warren	
Webb, Wayne	County of Clarke	
Directors Absent		County
Walls, Marietta	County of Frederick	
Associate Directors		County
Volunteers		County
Dibenedetto, Vincent	Winchester City	
Stanford, Rick	County of Shenandoah	
Staff Absent		
Staff Present		Affiliation
Campbell, Amanda	LFSWCD Administrative Assistant	
Gochenour, Dana	LFSWCD Sr. Conservation Specialist	
Livesay, Nick	LFSWCD Conservation Specialist	
Ponn, Allyson	LFSWCD Education & Program Support Specialist	
Sloop, Alison	LFSWCD Conservation Specialist	
Truban, Sam	LFSWCD Conservation Specialist	
Barriteau, Brent	NRCS	
Marshall, Jay	DCR	

Meeting called to order at 10:00.

Hoover introduced Jay Marshall, Nutrient Management Specialist, DCR.

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

Chair's Report: Hoover reported that those directors who are planning on running for reelection in November should pick up an election package from their county registrar.

HB introduced Paul Burkholder, a resident of Winchester, who is interested in serving as a director on the Board. HB recommended him as a candidate.

Motion made from the Personnel Committee to nominate Paul Burkholder to the VASWCB as a replacement for the resignation of Michael Neese. (Simpson, Webb, motion passed).

Staff Updates:

Dupont Grant: Four projects. Three are in Warren County and one in Clarke.

Strasburg Community Garden: We may have a candidate for manager. There are two applicants being reviewed.

VCAPP: Sloop reported that there are two approved CL projects in the works in Warren County. Potential project applicants in Shenandoah County for CL, RG, and RWH and potential application in Winchester for CL and RG. There are four potential projects – one conservation landscape; 1 rainwater harvesting and 2 rain gardens..

Operations and Finance Committees: Hoover reminded the Board that the Lord Fairfax owes Board-documented annual reviews of the Strategic Plan and of the Desktop Procedures. A second review of the Annual Plan of Work will also be due.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer was absent. His written report noted that statements were received and reviewed. There are no outstanding checks. Budget requests from the Education, Personnel, and Dam Safety Committees have not been received as of this report. Please submit budget requests by the end of the month.

The District office has a used monitor that was replaced and needs to be disposed. The value is less than \$500. The district currently has no written policy covering the disposal/recycling of used equipment of a value less than \$500. Recommend the Board request the Operations Committee to develop a policy to be inserted in the District SOP.

LFSWCD Reports:

Senior Conservation Specialist Report: Gochenour had nothing to add to her written report. She attended the cover crop training in Harrisonburg.

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

Conservation Specialist Report: Sloop gave an update on the VCAP project in Shen. Co. She made a preliminary visit. It's a four acre planting at Cave Ridge Vineyard.

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

Contractor for Conservation Services Report:

Education & Program Support Specialist: Allyson had nothing to add to her written report. She gave a presentation on the Envirothon.

Alliance for the Shenandoah Valley: Comanor had nothing to add to her written report. The next meeting of the Board will be March 28, where 2-3 new Board members will be approved.

Alternate Funding Committee: Richards had nothing to report.

Conservation Easement Committee: Richards had nothing to report.

Conservation Technical Committee: Corey Childs reviewed the Conservation Technical report.

Motion made to approve the cost share report and the transfer of BMP responsibility for SL6 (13-19-0014). Cover crop applications and two WP-4 applications. (Childs, Gessner, motion passed).

Dam Safety Committee: Fagan reported that the Dam Owner's Meeting was held at the end of last month.

Education & Information Committee: Comanor reported that Shenandoah County's Administrator will retire in April. Jill Jefferson resigned. The committee met this morning and discussed the annual awards luncheon and the VASWCD scholarships. They received 5 applications this year.

Motion made that the Board approve the nominations for this year's scholarships Jonathon Ames, and Austin Stickles. (Comanor, Gessner, motion passed).

Comanor reported that in a conversation with a person who works for the Shenandoah Riverkeeper, he stated that 75 farms with livestock in either the North Fork South Fork, or the main stem of the Shenandoah River were sent letters advising them that Districts had 100% cost share funds to fence livestock out of streams to prevent further pollution and degradation of water quality. Since then, the farmers have received 4 additional letters; those who did not remove their livestock from the river were reported to VDACS.

Finance Committee: Webb had nothing to report. Webb reviewed his written report. The committee will review Desktop Procedures for the SWCD Fiscal Operations and the Purchasing Policy and provide a report to the Board in April.

Legislative Committee: Jim Fagan had no written report. The State has done well. \$72 million is in the Governor's budget. It was pretty successful.

Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission: The commission met. Two main topics were GO Virginia a grant program for consortiums to create 40K jobs. The grant is seed money and to qualify it must be demonstrated that the result will be a net gain in \$ form outside VA.

Operations Committee: Justin Mackay-Smith said that there will be no report this month.

Personnel Committee: Simpson had nothing to report.

Shenandoah County Water Resources Advisory Committee: Comanor reported that the next meeting is scheduled for March 20th.

Shenandoah Pure Water Forum: Hoover reported that the Pure Water Forum is hosting a WIP III discussion and PWF Quarterly Board Meeting, Friday, April 12, from Noon to 3 p.m.

Warren County director Richards will attend, filling in for Hoover and Gessner.

Urban BMP Committee: No written report.

Agency Reports

Natural Resources Conservation Service: Barriteau distributed a letter from Jack Bricker, January 25, 2019, on protecting ag producer's identifiable information, as well as geospatial data, conservation plan, practice and practice design information.

Dept. of Conservation & Recreation: Cross submitted a written report.

Virginia Dept. of Forestry: No written report.

Virginia Cooperative Extension: No written report.

Department of Environmental Quality: Shiflet submitted a written report.

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

Webb showed a PowerPoint presentation on "Green and Prosperous Valley Vision"

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

April 11, 2019

Approved