

LORD FAIRFAX SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES
Strasburg, Virginia
July 11, 2019

Directors Present		County
Comanor, Joan		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
Simpson, HB		Winchester City
Walls, Marietta		County of Frederick
Webb, Wayne		County of Clarke
Directors Absent		County
Burkholder, Paul		Winchester City
Childs, Corey		Extension Agent
Fagan, Jim		County of Shenandoah
Gessner, Mary		County of Shenandoah
Associate Directors		County
Bushong, Jason		County of Shenandoah
Martin, Jim		County of Warren
Nagelvoort, Bud		County of Clarke
Volunteers Absent		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
Cross, Debbie		DCR

Meeting called to order at 10:00

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

Chair's Report: Hoover attended the first day of the VASWCD Board meeting, held June 24-25th at Graves Mountain. It was designed to encourage consensus building and gathering.

He attended the June 15th Friends of the North Fork Fish Fry at the Strasburg Town Park. On July 1st, Ponn, Livesay and Hoover addressed the Warren Co, Chapter of the Isaak Walton League.

Webb comes August 7th to the Front Royal Kiwanis. He will dilate on "Swimming in the Shenandoah".

Truban has been working on computer quotes. He has 2 and working on a 3rd proposal. He will have the quotes at the next board meeting.

Sloop gave a VCAP webinar update.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Martin has nothing to add to his written report.

LFSWCD Reports:

Senior Conservation Specialist Report: Gochenour reviewed her written report. Gave an update on End of Year cost share.

Conservation Specialist Report: Truban reviewed his written report.

Conservation Specialist Report: Sloop had nothing to add to her written report.

Conservation Specialist Report: Livesay reported on the Isaak Walton League meeting.

Contractor for Conservation Services Report: Ferguson submitted written report.

Education & Program Support Specialist: Ponn was at Youth Conservation Camp as a counselor.

Alliance for the Shenandoah Valley: Comanor reported on the 2 workshops on evaluating utility-scale solar proposals. They were highly successful with about 80 people attending.

Alternate Funding Committee: Richards reported that he is doing a PowerPoint in Guatemala in September.

Conservation Easement Committee: Gochenour reported that she needs to get some dates set with Richards to visit the easement in Front Royal (Cuddeback Easement).

Conservation Technical Committee: Gochenour reviewed the Conservation Tech Committee report.

The committee approved a couple of increases and changed some tax credits based on bills that came in. They approved the ranking sheet.

Some WP-4's practices were canceled and will sign up in 2020.

Debbie Cross reviewed Cash on Hand balances. Some funds will be returned to DCR.

Motion made to approve the cost share report, tax credits and ranking spread sheet. (Walls, Hockman-Nicholas, motion passed.

Hoover requested the “no written report” be reported that “no new developments this month by committee chairs.

Dam Safety Committee: Gochenour reported that this fall there will be an inspection with Charles Wilson, DCR, Dam Safety Engineer.

Education & Information Committee: Comanor reported that the committee will meet following the board meeting today to review the draft communication strategy to promote Ag BMP’s being drafted by Ponn. Comanor shared copies with Board and staff of a compilation of information about the District including 2017 Census of Agriculture County Profiles, and several charts on District funding history and related facts.

She also shared the ratings for the 2019 General Assembly (GA) members, and their actions that is issued annually by the Virginia League of Conservation Voters. Of the District’s GA members, only Delegate Wendy Gooditis received a 100% rating.

LFSWCD STATE LEGISLATORS

CONSERVATION SCORECARD

<u>DELEGATES</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Chris Collins (Winchester)	54%	57%
Todd Gilbert (Shen Co/part of Warren Co)	38%	38%
Wendy Gooditis (Clarke Co)	100%	100%
David LaRock (Fred Co)	54%	43%
Michael Webert (part of Warren Co)	53%	63%
<u>SENATORS</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Mark Obenshain (Shen Co/part of Warren Co)	43%	45%
Jill Vogel (Frederick, Clarke, Warren)	60%	83%

Finance Committee: Webb reported that the 2020 budget is being worked on by Jim Martin. The Attachment D was submitted by June 15 as required. The committee reviewed desktop procedures. See Finance Committee report.

Webb also asked the Board to update the Finance Committee 2019-2020 Annual Plan of Work to say:
Key Activities: Conduct District fiscal operations in a manner consistent with the District's Standard Operating Procedures and the Desktop Procedures for District Fiscal Operations, issued by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, July 1, 2019.

Rather than:

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Hoover requested that, as appropriate, committee chairs and others report to Amanda "no new developments this month" or words to that effect. That would replace the "no written report" in current use.

Legislative Committee: No written report. Fagan was absent.

Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission: Webb reported that the NSVRC met on June 20th. The Commission provided an update on the Go Virginia that NSVRC administers for Region 8.

Webb shared with the Commission that LFSWCD had an increase of cost share and some of our practices have had changes. The maximum for Animal Waste has been increased to \$200,000. The State may require nutrient management plans, cover crops and cattle exclusion if the State is not on track to get substantial voluntary participation in these practices before 2025.

Operations Committee: Mackay-Smith had nothing to report.

Personnel Committee: Personnel Policy was reviewed. FLSA non-exempt must be reviewed by Terri Higgins and Shenandoah Co.

Shenandoah County Water Resources Advisory Committee: Comanor reported that there are no meetings scheduled at the present.

Urban BMP Committee: Walls had nothing new to report.

Agency Reports

Natural Resources Conservation Service: Barriteau have his report on easements.

Outdoors Foundation: Debbie Cross discussed turning county held easement with the Outdoors Foundation back to the foundation.

Dept. of Conservation & Recreation: Debbie Cross reviewed the District's Administrative Ops, and TA Assessment.

She reported that notices of committee meetings must be included on the District's website at least three working days in advance.

August 9, final WIP III to EPA

August 14 – Ag BMP TAC meeting at 9:30 VA. Dept. of Forestry Building, Charlottesville.

August 20-22 Annual VACDE training at Graves Mountain Lodge.

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 12:00 (Walls, Comanor, motion passed)

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

8/8/19

Approved