

LORD FAIRFAX SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES
Strasburg Community Center
December 12, 2019

Directors Present		County
Burkholder, Paul		Winchester City
Childs, Corey		Extension Agent
Comanor, Joan		County of Shenandoah
Fagan, James		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
Simpson, HB		Winchester City
Walls, Marietta		County of Frederick
Webb, Wayne		County of Clarke
Directors Absent		County
Associate Directors		County
Martin, Jim		County of Warren
Nagelvoort, Bud		County of Clarke
Associate Directors Absent		County
Martin, Jim		County of Warren
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 10:15

Elections:

Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

(Wayne Webb nominated all incumbents for all positions. Paul Burkholder seconded, motion passed)

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

Chair's Report:

Hoover reported that he, Wayne Webb, HB Simpson and Allyson Ponn attended the VASWCD annual meeting.

He suggested to Kendall that she hire an expert to come in and set up the sound system.

Committee Assignments: Hoover said it was time to either reconfirm or change committee appointments. Those wishing new or different committee assignments should let him know.

Percentage of funds obligated as of the 12.12.19 board meeting is 38.7% of the district's FY2020 allocation; approximately \$1,339,733 has been obligated to FY2020 cost share contracts. There is an additional \$923,377 of cost share contracts entered into the tracking program that have been requested, but not yet approved, for a total of \$2,263,110 of potential cost share contracts for FY 2020 as of this date.

Allyson Ponn reported that of the organized auction at the annual meeting – 175 items brought in \$5,600.

Hoover reported that the next board meeting falls on January 9th which is Legislative day.

Comanor made the motion to shift the board meeting to the 8th. (Comanor, Gessner, motion passed.)

Paul Burkholder will attend Legislative Day. Hoover said they will leave right after the Board meeting on the 8th and stay at the Holiday Inn in Mechanicsville, VA. Campbell should be notified of who will be attending so that she can make reservations.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Martin reported that the auditors have not contacted us yet. It will probably be in January or February.

LFSWCD Reports:

Senior Conservation Specialist Report: Gochenour is on an Ag Stewardship Act investigation but will return shortly.

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

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

Conservation Specialist Report: Livesay elaborated on attending the Conservation Selling Skills training.

Contractor for Conservation Services Report: Ferguson submitted a written report.

Education & Program Support Specialist: Ponn reviewed her written report and Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan. She noted that she has a great relationship with the Northern Virginia Daily. She distributed the Envirothon problem. It will be held April 15th at Sherando Park.

Alliance for the Shenandoah Valley: Comanor had nothing to add to her written report. The Alliance staff has been contacting State elected representatives to share 2020 conservation priorities and is working with other organizations with shared interests.

Alternate Funding Committee: Richards had nothing to report.

Conservation Easement Committee: Richards reported that he has been out of the loop with easements. Hoover gave an update on the Cuddeback Easement.

Conservation Technical Committee: Gessner reported that the committee had one cancellation. They approved a number of contracts. \$162,661.60 has been approved in cost share payments and tax credits.

Motion made to approve the tech report. (Gessner, Hockman-Nicholas, motion passed)

Motion made that the Board delegate to Mary to approve anything that needs approval by the end of the year. (Gessner, Simpson, motion passed)

Dam Safety Committee: Fagan had nothing new to report. The state is working on remote monitoring for all dams in the state.

Education & Information Committee: Comanor asked Ponn to provide an updated Ag BMP Communication Strategy showing progress on our efforts to promote availability of cost share funding. She asked Ponn and Campbell to update our mailing lists with new Supervisors, Clarke County Administrator, and other changes to be made as well. The Ed & Info Committee will meet immediately following the January Board meeting to review the annual workplan progress.

Finance Committee: Webb had nothing to report.

Legislative Committee: Jim Fagan reported that Comanor, Burkholder, Hoover and he will attend Legislative Day. Campbell will make reservations. The will make appointments with legislators. Fagan will send an email to directors of legislators to contact.

Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission: Webb had nothing to add to his written report.

Operations Committee: Justin Mackay-Smith reported that they will review the Annual Plan of Work. Committee Chairs should send any changes or approvals to Ponn or him.

Personnel Committee: Simpson reviewed the minutes.

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

Shenandoah Pure Water Forum: Webb and Hoover attended the Board meeting. They are looking for grant apps. Kermit Gaither attended the meeting.

Urban BMP Committee: Walls had nothing to report.

Agency Reports

Natural Resources Conservation Service: Barriteau reviewed his written report. He reviewed parts of the Civil Rights minutes.

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

She reported that the newest SWCD OAG is Grant E. Kronenberg, Assistant Attorney General, and Office of the Attorney General at 202 North 9th Street, Richmond, VA 23219 – (804) 786-0085. GKronenberg@oag.state.va.us.

Virginia Dept. of Forestry: _No written report submitted.

Virginia Cooperative Extension: No written report submitted.

Chesapeake Bay Foundation: No written report submitted.

Department of Environmental Quality: Written report submitted by Sara Bottenfield.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 (Webb, Simpson, motion passed)

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amanda Simpson".

Secretary

January 23, 2020
Approved