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August 12, 2021

MINUTES

The August LFSWCD Board of Director's Meeting was held, in person, at the Strasburg Town Park Rotary Pavilion located on Park Road, Strasburg, VA 22657.

Those attending were:

LFSWCD Directors and Associate Directors

Richard Hoover, Chairman
Joan Comanor, Vice Chairwoman
Justin Mackay-Smith
HB Simpson
James Fagan (arrived late)
Ira Richards
Paul Burkholder (departed meeting @ 11:30am)
Wayne Webb
Bud Nagelvoort

Cooperating Agency Representatives in Attendance:

Brian Brezinski, USDA, Natural Conservation Service
Debbie Dross, CDC/DCR
Matt Kowalski, Chesapeake Bay Foundation

LFSWCD Staff Members

Dana Gochenour
Nick Livesay
Alison Sloop
Sheryl Ferguson
Sam Truban
Sarah Fleming

Absent Directors or Staff:

Kermit Gaither
Corey Childs
Mary Gessner
Allyson Ponn

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hoover at 10:02 am.

The Board Welcomed new staff member Madison Coffey to the District Team as a Conservation Specialist.

- Approval of July 2021 Minutes

Motion made to approve the July 2021 minutes. Motion made by Joan Comanor, seconded by HB Simpson. Motion Passed. Voting Ballot is as follows. *Kermit Gaither, Mary Gessner, James Fagan and Corey Childs were absent from the Board Meeting at time of vote.



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Chairman’s Report:

- Chairman Hoover raised the topic of Area Algae Bloom as there have been recent articles expressing this issue. During the discussion HB Simpson & Wayne Webb recommended getting information to the local newspapers describing the District’s efforts. Joan Comanor, Education & Information Chair, welcomed any input and will work with the committee to get an article together.
- All Staff will be participating in the upcoming Graves Mountain VSWCD Training Event on August 24 & 25th.
- Joan Comanor and Staff will attend the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors meeting on August 24, 2021. They will be conducting a presentation of the District’s accomplishments from last year
- Discussion was had on Dedicated Reserves of unobligated funds.

Treasurer’s Report:

- Mr. Nagelvoort, interim Treasurer reports that he has reviewed the Monthly Bank Statements. He wants to work on getting Budget numbers into QuickBooks so that we can utilize the percentage columns on the reports more effectively.

Board Secretary:

- Nothing to add to written report.

Technical Reports:

Senior Conservation Specialist, Dana Gochenour: Nothing to add to written report.

Conservation Specialist, Sam Truban: Nothing to add to written report.



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Conservation Specialist, Ali Sloop: Nothing to add to written report.

Conservation Specialist, Nick Livesay: Nothing to add to written report. When asked about Certification update it was reported that both Nick and Ali have submitted Conservation Plans and are now waiting on Carl to schedule their field visit for completion.

Education and Program Support Specialist, Allyson Ponn: Not present due to scheduled vacation.

Contractor for Conservation Services, Sheryl Ferguson: Sheryl was not at meeting as she was handling IT needs in the office.

Alliance for the Shenandoah Valley: Joan Comanor

- Board retreat August 29 at Luray Caverns.
- Recently received a large donation for which they are grateful.

Conservation Easements Committee:

- Mr. Richards had nothing to report.

Conservation Technical Committee:

- Mary Gessner reviewed the CTC written report.

Motion to approve the transfer of funds from FY2022 to PY20 & PY21 eligible practices. Motion made by Kitty Hockman-Nicholas and seconded by Joan Comanor. Motion Passed. Voting Ballot is as follows. *Kermit Gaither, Mary Gessner and Corey Childs were absent from the Board Meeting at time of vote.

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Motion to approve Variances as stated in the CTC minutes of 8/5/2021. Motion made by Joan Comanor, seconded by Kitty Hockman-Nicholas. Motion Passed. Voting Ballot is as follows. *Kermit Gaither, Mary Gessner and Corey Childs were absent from the Board Meeting at time of vote.

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Motion to approve the WP4 projects as listed in the CTC minutes of 8/5/2021. Motion made by Kitty Hockman-Nicholas and seconded by Joan Comanor. Motion Passed. Voting Ballot is as follows. *Kermit Gaither, Mary Gessner and Corey Childs were absent from the Board Meeting at time of vote.

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A motion was made to approve the remaining actions/motions of the CTC. By Joan Comanor and seconded by Kitty Hockman Nicholas. Wayne Webb requested to amend this motion by voting separately on the item of FR-1; 13-22-0004. Paul Burkholder seconded Wayne’s motion to amend.

Motion made to approve the FR-1; 13-22-0004. Motion Passed. Voting Ballot is as follows. *Kermit Gaither, Mary Gessner and Corey Childs were absent from the Board Meeting at time of vote.

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Dam Safety Committee:

- Dams are good.
- Dam Owner meeting still on schedule for next week. Meeting August 18, 2021.

Education and Information Committee:

- Annual Awards Luncheon planning is in progress.

Finance Committee:

- Mr. Webb had nothing to add to his written report.

Legislative Committee: Paul Burkholder

- Mr. Burkholder is interested in contacting members of Towns/City to educate on our doings. He feels best by reaching out to those who already support our cause and build from there.
- Annual Legislative Meeting is August 19, 2021 – Paul will attend.

Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Committee: Wayne Webb

- Mr. Webb had nothing to add to his report.

Operations Committee: Justin MacKay-Smith

- Mr. Mackay-Smith had nothing to add to his report.



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Personnel Committee: HB Simpson

- Personnel Committee welcomed Madison Coffey and are excited to have her on board.

Shenandoah County Water Resources Advisory Committee: Joan Comanor

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Shenandoah Pure Water Forum: Dick Hoover

- Mr. Hoover had nothing to add to his written report.

Urban BMP Committee: Kermit Gaither

- Mr. Gaither was absent for the meeting.

Natural Resources Conservation Service: Brent Barriteau

- Brent was absent from the meeting. An update was given by Brian Brezinski.
- FY22 applications will open this Fall - focus is water quality.
- COVID mandates for office - Mask are to be worn unless in a singular office with door closed. Office staffing for NRSC/SWCD is at 50%.

Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation: Debbie Cross

Debbie Highlighted a few items on her report

- Clean Water Farm Award nominations due Oct. 1, 2021.
- COIA Training - All Directors need to take by end of December 2021.

Virginia Cooperative Extension: Corey Childs:

- Corey was not in attendance.

Virginia Department of Forestry: Matt Wolanski

- Not in attendance.

Chesapeake Bay Foundation: Matt Kowalski

Department of Environmental Quality: Sara Bottenfield

- Not in attendance.



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Other:

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by Wayne Webb, seconded by Kitty Hockman-Nicholas. Motion passed. Voting Ballot is as follows. **Kermit Gaither, Mary Gessner, Corey Childs and Paul Burkholder were absent from the Board Meeting at time of vote.*

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah R. Fleming