

LORD FAIRFAX SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES
Strasburg Community Center, Strasburg, Virginia
July 12, 2018

Directors Present		County
Childs, Corey	Extension Agent	
Comanor, Joan	County of Shenandoah	
Gessner, Mary	County of Shenandoah	
Hockman-Nicholas, Kitty	County of Frederick	
Hoover, Richard	County of Warren	
Richards, Ira	County of Warren	
Simpson, HB	Winchester City	
Walls, Marietta Cather	County of Frederick	
Webb, Wayne	County of Clarke	
Directors Absent		County
Fagan, Jim	County of Shenandoah	
Mackay-Smith, Justin	County of Clarke	
Neese, Michael	Winchester City	
Associate Directors Present		County
Gnegy, Karen	County of Shenandoah	
Martin, Jim	County of Warren	
Nagelvoort, Bud	County of Clarke	
Associate Directors Absent		County
Dibenedetto, Vincent	Winchester City	
Stanford, Rick	County of Shenandoah	
Staff Absent		
Ponn, Allyson (Youth Conservation Camp)	LFSWCD Education & Project Support Specialist	
Staff & Others Present		Affiliation
Campbell, Amanda	LFSWCD Administrative Assistant	
Gochenour, Dana	LFSWCD Sr. Conservation Specialist	
Livesay, Nick	LFSWCD Conservation Specialist	
Sloop, Alison	LFSWCD Conservation Specialist	
Truban, Sam	LFSWCD Conservation Specialist	
Barriteau, Brent	NRCS	
Marshall, Jay	DCR	
Matt Kowalski	CBF	

Guests:

Kate Wofford – Executive Director, Alliance for the Shenandoah Valley
Megan Triplett – Frederick Co. Horticulture Queen

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

Chair's Report: Hoover thanked Terri Higgins, Henricopolis Associate Director, Joan Comanor and Debbie Cross for their work to improve the District's Personnel Policy.

Board folders included FY 19 DCR-LFSWCD Cost Share and TA Grant Agreement and the Administration and Operations Grant.

Motion made that the Board authorizes the Chairman to sign (a) the FY 19 DCR-LFSWCD Cost Share and Technical Assistance Grant Agreement and (b) the DCR-LFSWCD Administration and Operations Grant Agreement.

- July 19 is the sign-up deadline for VCAP Technical Training.
- July 13 is the registration deadline for the NACD Summer Board Meeting (August 3-5) and the Southeast Region Meeting (August 5-7) in Williamsburg. Nick Livesay will attend and participate.

The Chair thanked Kitty Nicholas-Hockman, granddaughter Megan Triplett, Virginia State Horticulture Ambassador, will speak on arrival.

Kate Wofford, Executive Director of the Alliance for the Shenandoah Valley will provide an overview of this new organization.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Martin reported that the June bank and credit card statements were received and reviewed. The July statements have not been received as of this report.

Hoover reported that he received a memo from Darryl Glover about the Conservation Planning Program. Online classes for certification will be available by July 13th, through the Commonwealth of Virginia Learning Center (COVLC). Staff is encouraged to contact Carl Thiel-Goin if they need assistance with access to the COVLC.

Truban reported that the truck delivery date should be in the middle of next week.

Hoover reported that he and Jim Fagan met with Wendy Gooditis. He gave a review of their discussion. We should invite her to a staff meeting.

Hoover sent The Watershed newsletter to the Warren County directors.

Motion made to see Hoover's Chair Report. (Simpson, Comanor) motion passed.

LFSWCD Reports:

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

Webb gave a presentation of SL-6's. The EPA has been giving money to install SL-6's to reduce nutrients from getting to the Chesapeake Bay. The money will not materially reduce nutrient export from LFSWCD. His slide presentation included the North Fork Shenandoah River at Strasburg and the South Fork Shenandoah River at Front Royal.

Gochenour added that the District has spent 8 million dollars and fenced 200 miles of stream. Webb added that cattle exclusion does very little to keep ECOLI out of the river.

Corey reported on practices for farms. Not every practice works for every farm. Everyone is working to educate landowners.

Nagelvoort added that we need to be knocking on doors to encourage best management practices. We have not set up any programs. Staff is consumed with walk-ins.

Matt Kowalski, CBF, reported that DCR is looking for suggestions on how to put BMP's on the ground and changes to apply them.

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

Conservation Specialist Report: Ali Sloop reported on the Harvest Festival coming up August 18th. The District is hosting the event with the Town of Strasburg.

Sustainability Matters had their firs workshop at Hedgebrook Farm.

Conservation Specialist Report: Livesay had nothing to add to his written report. He completed all BMP Verification checks. He also planted a lot of native plants.

Contractor for Conservation Services Report: Written report submitted.

Education & Program Support Specialist: Allyson Ponn was attending Youth Conservation Camp.

Alternate Funding Committee: Richards had nothing to report.

Conservation Easement Committee: Richards had nothing to report.

Conservation Technical Committee: Childs reviewed the Technical Committee minutes.

Motion was made to increase \$11,325.74 needed for DuPont project – Wilson SL-9 (13-18-0013; ID #300522. (Childs, Gessner, motion passed).

Motion made to increase funding for increase split between DuPont Settlement, 2017 VACS and 2018 VACS. Childs, Gessner, motion passed).

Hoover introduced Kitty Nicholas-Hockman's granddaughter Megan Triplett. Megan served as Horticulture Princess.

Dam Safety Committee: Fagan was not present at the meeting.

Education & Information Committee: Comanor reported that the committee will meet immediately following the August Board meeting to review Allyson's progress in her workplan and networking list. She will begin working on our annual report by the end of this month.

Finance Committee: Jim Martin reported that the committee met prior to the Board meeting. They reviewed the 2019 Budget.

Motion made to approve the budget. (Webb, Hockman-Nicholas, motion passed).

Legislative Committee: Fagan was not present at the meeting.

NSVRC Regional Water Resource Policy Commission: Webb gave an update on the Commission's work. LFSWCSD is welcome to work with the NCVRC on the urban WIP III effort. He asked Ali Sloop to be the District representative on VCAP.

Motion made to designate Alison Sloop as the District representative to the NSVRC WIP III Urban Committee. (Comanor, Hockman-Nicholas) motion passed.

Operations Committee: Martin reported that the Operations Committee will meet August 19th to finalize the Annual Plan of Work.

Personnel Committee: Simpson reviewed the Personnel Policy.

Motion made to approve the updated Personnel Policy. (Comanor, Hockman-Nicholas), motion passed).
He thanked Terri Higgins and Debbie Cross.

Motion made to send Terri Higgins a letter and a \$60 flower. (Simpson, Comanor), motion passed).

Shenandoah County Water Resources Advisory Committee: Comanor had nothing to report. The next meeting will be September 20th.

Shenandoah Pure Water Forum: Gessner reported that there is no activity to report.

Urban BMP Committee: Neese was absent. No written report.

Ali Sloop reported that the Town of Woodstock is reapplying for the VCAP Grant.

Motion made for the Board to approve and send Town of Woodstock's (13-18-007, 13-18-008) VCAP application packets on to the VCAP Steering Committee for approval. (Comanor, Gessner, motion passed)

Motion made to sponsor (Comanor, Gessner) motion passed.

Agency Reports

Natural Resources Conservation Service: Barriteau said that he will have a report next month.

Dept. of Conservation & Recreation: Cross sent a written report, but was not present at the meeting.

Virginia Dept. of Forestry: No written report submitted by Wolanski.

Virginia Cooperative Extension: Childs gave an update on the well water testing program.

Department of Environmental Quality: Shiflet submitted a written report.

Chesapeake Bay Foundation: Matt Kowalski reported that Lisa Feldt is CBF's new Vice President for for Environmental Protection and Restoration.

Comanor introduced Kate Wofford. Executive Director, Alliance for the Shenandoah Valley. Wofford provided an overview of the Alliance for the Shenandoah Valley. She also provided a presentation on the Dominion Natural Gas Pipe Line in Augusta County.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 11:45. (Walls,Webb, motion passed).

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

August 9, 2018

Approved