

**LORD FAIRFAX SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES**  
**Strasburg Community Center, Strasburg, Virginia**  
**August 9, 2018**

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

**Guests:**

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

### **Chair's Report**

Comanor reviewed the Chair's written report.

**Motion made that the Board authorizes the coverage of two nights' lodging (10/2 and 3), meals and, possibly, mileage (in case not provided by the VASWCD) for Wayne Webb who has volunteered to serve at the VASWCD booth at the Virginia State Fair. (Simpson, Comanor, motion passed)**

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

Webb reported that the Minutes date was shown as June 14<sup>th</sup> and should have been July 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

### **LFSWCD Reports:**

**Senior Conservation Specialist Report:** Gochenour reported that she submitted the NRCS certification to DCR. She received certification as DCR Conservation Planner. Truban needs to send his in.

**Conservation Specialist Report:** Truban gave an update on cover crops insurance coverage. Rain has impacted the amount of crops planted because the fields were too wet to plant.

**Conservation Specialist Report:** Sloop reported that two applications were submitted by the Town of Woodstock for VCAP. They have been accepted, but are pending funding and approval. Sloop distributed a sign-up sheet for the Harvest Festival.

\$10,000 was given to VCE from the NACD Urban Grant. \$15,000 is left of the \$30,000 provided for staff. VCAP Steering Committee approved conservation landscape application (13-18-001) for 5,234 sq. ft. of tree plantings and native meadow plantings. Estimated cost share is \$2,806.50 out of a total cost of \$3,742.00.

**Conservation Specialist Report:** Livesay gave an update on the NACD Southeast meeting. He gave a presentation on the Strasburg Community Garden and Urban Ag Grant from NACD.

Livesay reported that the Town of Strasburg is okay with keeping the Community Garden, but funding is unlikely.

Sloop added that they will be meeting with community leaders in Front Royal to talk about a community farm with the church.

**Contractor for Conservation Services Report:** Written report submitted.

**Education & Program Support Specialist:** Ponn had nothing to add to her written report. Sher served as a counselor at Youth Conservation Camp.

**Alternate Funding Committee:** Richards had nothing to report. Joan Comanor recommended that Ali and Nick work with the Alt Funding Committee to seek funding options to support the Community Garden project.

**Conservation Easement Committee:** Richards had nothing to report.

**Conservation Technical Committee:** Gessner reviewed the Tech Committee report.

They approved \$822,945.94 in projects. A lot of projects were tabled.

**Motion made to approve the Tech Report approvals. (Gessner, Simpson, the motion passed).**

Debbie Cross added that by October they will be finalizing WIP III numbers.

Sloop reported that the WIP III numbers staff put together are based on programs that may not exist.

Gochenour reported that Jay Marshall, DCR, submitted an Equipment Tax Credit Plan for Nathan West.

**Motion made to approve the plan. (Gessner, Webb, motion passed)**

**Dam Safety Committee:** Jim Fagan reported that the dams are doing great. The dams went up three or four feet, but did not go over the top. Dana and Jim attended a Dam Owner's Workshop.

Dana reported that DSIS is the new online system that houses the information for all of the District-owned dams in VA. Any member of the public can request read-only access to the system, as it is all public info, they just can't edit anything. District staff, directors, locality emergency personnel, etc. who are actively involved with Dams can be granted access that allows them to edit info related to the Dams they own/manage. This includes updating contact info, recording inspections, and adding attachments of documents and photos related to the dams. The system also serves as an electronic source for important documents, including Emergency Action Plans, so that they can be accessed quickly from anywhere in the event of an emergency.

**Education & Information Committee:** Comanor reviewed her written report. The Virginia League of Conservation Voters' Annual General Assembly Scorecard Delegate Gooditis got a 100% rating; Senator Vogel – 80%. Our other legislators received the following ratings; Gilbert got a 38% rating, Collins – 57%; LaRock – 43%; Webert – 63% and Obenshain – 45%.

The committee will meet following the Board meeting.

**Finance Committee:**

Jim Martin reported that the Finance Committee minutes are included in the meeting folders.

**Legislative Committee:** Fagan reported that he and Hoover met with Wendy Gooditis. Martin adds that this would be a good time to send Wayne's concerns about nitrogen and phosphorus.

**NSVRC Regional Water Resource Policy Commission:** Webb had nothing to report. There was no meeting. He was asked to send an email to Amanda regarding Ali Sloop being the District representative for Urban WIP III at the Shenandoah Valley Regional meeting on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Wayne was asked to send NSVRC an email advising that Ali Sloop will be our representative with a cc to Amanda for future meetings when Ali is on maternity leave.

**Operations Committee:** Martin reported that the District Annual Plan of Work has been revised for FY2019 and was reviewed at the August 9<sup>th</sup> committee meeting.

**Motion made that the Board approve the Lord Fairfax Soil and Water Conservation Annual Plan of Work for FY2019 as presented, and that a copy be published on the District's website. Richards, Walls, motion passed.**

Amendments will be made next month.

**Personnel Committee:** Simpson had nothing to report.

**Shenandoah County Water Resources Advisory Committee:** Comanor reported that the committee will meet September 12.

**Shenandoah Pure Water Forum:** Gessner reported that there is no activity. The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup>. She will not be able to attend. August 17<sup>th</sup> they will meet at the White House Farm in Luray outdoors. Joan suggested that Allysoin consider attending the meeting due to Mary's unavailability. The Shenandoah River Float will be held on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you are interested in participating contact Natasha at Valley Conservation Council.

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

#### **Agency Reports**

**Natural Resources Conservation Service:** No written report submitted.

**Dept. of Conservation & Recreation:** Debbie Cross reviewed the District assessments and her written report.

**Motion made to make Amanda Campbell the District Records Retention Officer. (Simpson, Gessner, motion passed)**

Cross reported that Jim Fagan's at large position expires in December. Debbie needs to have it in by November 1<sup>st</sup> (deadline).

Clean Water Farm Awards are due October 1<sup>st</sup> (deadline)

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

**Virginia Cooperative Extension:**

**Department of Environmental Quality:** Shiflet submitted a written report.

**Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 11:50. (Webb, Simpson, motion passed).**

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

9/13/18

Approved