

LORD FAIRFAX SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES
Kernstown Battlefield, Winchester, Virginia
November 8, 2018

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

Meeting called to order at 10:00.

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

Chair's Report: Hoover reviewed his written report.

Debbie Cross reported on the Equine Sub Committee (TAC). She then discussed WIP III.

Hoover reported that the Warren Co. Budget request is due December 19th.

Frederick Co. Budget Request is due November 26th.

Shenandoah Co. Budget Request is due December 19th.

Wayne Webb and Justin MacKay are the new chairs of the Finance and Operations Committees.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Martin reported that if nominated, he will serve as Treasurer.

Debbie Cross added that she will need to meet with Webb and Mackay Smith.

LFSWCD Reports:

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

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

Conservation Specialist Report: Sloop is taking Family Medical Leave.

Conservation Specialist Report: Livesay was at a construction meeting, but reviewed his report later. He reported that Kevin received funding for VCAP. He gave an update on Woodstock VCAP project.

Contractor for Conservation Services Report: No written report.

Education & Program Support Specialist: Ponn reviewed her written report.

She reported that Coutts was selected as VA Associations Conservation Elementary Teacher of the year; she will attend the State Association's awards banquet as well as our own.

Allyson was selected to receive the VACDE Annual Meeting scholarship to reimburse her registration fee.

The date has been set for the Contractor Training in December. They are hoping to reach about 25-40 attendees.

Alternate Funding Committee: Richards had nothing to report.

Conservation Easement Committee: Richards had nothing to report.

Conservation Technical Committee: Mary Gessner reviewed the Tech Committee minutes.

An increase \$1597.86 was approved for Fletcher (13-15-0105). Approved an increase \$28,714.40 for Sutphin (13-19-0050) SL-6 for well drilling and new exclusion fence. Dennis Morris wants help fixing flood gate. He is willing to pay 50%. The committee discussed and decided to deny the request. Hockman WQ-12 approved \$11,250.

Motion made to approve increases and WQ-12 and deny Morris request. (Gessner, Comanor), motion passed.

Motion made to extend planting deadline on SL-8H and WQ-4 thru October due to unusually high rainfall of 51.4 inches received from January through October 2018, compared to 12-year average of 34.08 inches. (Gessner, Webb), motion passed.

Rainfall 51.4 in 12 months thru October.

12 months average prior – 34.08”

Dam Safety Committee: Fagan reported that the next Dam Owners Workgroup is scheduled for November 7, 2018 in Farmville. The group will be visiting Dams that the emergency spillway activated and received damage.

Education & Information Committee: Comanor thanked Amanda and Allyson and Tech Staff for the annual awards luncheon. We will be rotating the location of the awards banquet. The next one will be held in Winchester, Clarke County or Warren Counties. We need suggestions.

She acknowledged that Allyson has developed a great relationship with Skyline HS (Warren Co) and Powhatan School.

See the article on Alliance for the Shenandoah Valley.

Legislative Committee: No written report. Fagan was absent.

NSVRC Regional Water Resource Policy Commission: Webb reported that the met on Thursday in Front Royal at 3 p.m. He did not attend.

Operations Committee: Martin reported that he will not serve as Committee Chair for the year 2019. He will continue to serve as a member on the committee.

Personnel Committee: HB reported that the Personnel Committee minutes are included in the meeting folder.
Motion made to pay Alison \$652 reimbursement for insurance (Simpson, Kitty Hockman Nicholas).

Motion made to approve Alison to a 4 day workweek – 9 hour days. (Simpson, Comanor), motion passed.

Motion made to approve change to the Personnel Policy. (Simpson, Comanor), motion passed.

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

Shenandoah Pure Water Forum: Gessner reported that the Pure Water Forum Annual Meeting will be held on November 16 at the Old Courthouse in Woodstock. See announcement in meeting folder.

Urban BMP Committee: Ponn reported that they are waiting for applications to be approved.

Agency Reports

Natural Resources Conservation Service: Brezinski reported that Kaitlyn got a job in New Mexico. January 18th is the EQIP deadline.

Dept. of Conservation & Recreation: Cross reviewed her written report. The second quarter disbursement letters will be sent electronically on November 9th.

Conflict of Interest training will be provided during the 1018 VASWCD Annual Meeting. It is a grant deliverable for Directors to attend an OAG provided training every 2 years.

COIA training will be provided by the OAG at the 2018 VASWCD Annual Meeting and at Area I and II Spring Meetings.

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 11:30 (Webb, Comanor motion passed)

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

Approved