

LORD FAIRFAX SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES
Strasburg Community Center
February 13, 2020

Directors Present		County
Burkholder, Paul	Winchester City	
Childs, Corey	Extension Agent	
Comanor, Joan	County of Shenandoah	
Gaither, Kermit	County of Frederick	
Gessner, Mary	County of Shenandoah	
Hockman-Nicholas, Kitty	County of Frederick	
Mackay-Smith, Justin	County of Clarke	
Richards, Ira	County of Warren	
Simpson, HB	Winchester City	
Webb, Wayne	County of Clarke	
Directors Absent		County
Fagan, Jim	County of Shenandoah	
Hoover, Richard	County of Warren	
Associate Directors		County
Martin, Jim	County of Warren	
Nagelvoort, Bud	County of Clarke	
Walls, Marietta	County of Frederick	
Associate Directors Absent		County
Bushong, Jason	County of Shenandoah	
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 10:00

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

Chair's Report:

Comanor chaired the meeting in Hoover's absence. She reviewed his written report.

She attended a presentation with Mark Sutphin, VCE, on the Spotted Lantern fly. There is a website called "Spotted Lanternfly in Virginia".

Kitty Hockman-Nicholas educated board members on dairy farming and artificial insemination. She reported on protecting cows from the cold and feeding them.

Comanor gave a reminder that once a committee adjourns three or more directors cannot continue talking on the committee or board business.

The Area I Spring Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22. The meeting will be held at Massanutten Technical Center at 325 Pleasant Valley Road, Harrisonburg, VA. Please let Amanda Campbell know if you will be attending so that she can register you. Registration is due by April 20th.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Martin reported that the audit will be held on February 28th.

LFSWCD Reports:

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

Nick and Sam have been working with Amanda Pennington on site visits to see if farmers qualify for animal waste facilities. They will meet again on the 27th. They have to be reviewed by engineering staff. A variance request is for any over \$100,000.

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

Conservation Specialist Report: Sloop had nothing to add to her written report. She reported that she has one VCAP project under construction.

Conservation Specialist Report: Livesay had nothing to add to his written report. He made WP-4 visits with Sam throughout Shenandoah County.

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

Education & Program Support Specialist: Ponn reviewed upcoming dates to remember. She passed around a signup sheet for the Envirothon. It will be held April 15th at Sherando Park in Stephens City.

Alliance for the Shenandoah Valley: Comanor reported that the Supreme Court will hear a case of Dominion vs. US Forest Service re the Atlantic Coast Pipeline on February 23rd.

Alternate Funding Committee: Richards had nothing to report.

Conservation Easement Committee: Richards reported that he has been out of the loop with easements. Gochenour has items that need to be signed and recorded at the courthouse in Clarke County.

Conservation Technical Committee: Childs reviewed the technical committee report. He reported that the tech committee approve 3 increases from 1010 VACS table.

Motion made to approve expenses listed on the report. Childs, Burkholder. Walls left the room. Motion passed.

Motion made to approve four WP-4 contract acts from 2020 VACS and recommended that the Board send request for funding variance to DCR for contract 13-20-0013 in the amount of \$141,268.25. Childs, Simpson, motion passed

Motion made to hire a seasonal worker temporarily to review field contracts and make sure troughs are working and measuring feet. (Childs, Hockman-Nicholas) Motion passed.

It will be a short term position application. Contract and paid on an hourly basis. Funds will be taken from TA.

Dam Safety Committee: Fagan was absent from the board meeting.

Education & Information Committee: Comanor gave an update on the January committee meeting. They are searching for a location to hold the 2020 awards luncheon. Planning for the Envirothon and nominations for the VASWCD scholarship. They are well on their way to completing the annual workplan. The next meeting will be held immediately following the March board meeting. Gessner and Comanor will be briefing Shen. Co. Board of Supervisors on March 5th. Staff is preparing materials for the presentation.

Finance Committee: Webb reported that the committee met at 9:00 a.m. and reviewed the annual plan of work and Purchasing Policy. They will be ready by next month.

Legislative Committee: Fagan was absent from the board meeting.

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

Operations Committee: Justin Mackay-Smith reviewed the annual plan of work. Two committees made changes. He is working on a new lease.

Personnel Committee: Simpson reviewed the Personnel Committee minutes.

Motion made to approve the Sheryl Ferguson contract. (Simpson, Burkholder, motion passed)

Shenandoah County Water Resources Advisory Committee: Comanor discussed the meeting held by the Water Resource Advisory Committee. They are a water quality advocate. The next meeting will be held February 3.

Shenandoah Pure Water Forum: Comanor discussed grant opportunities included in the meeting folder.

Urban BMP Committee: Marietta Walls reported that they have no active projects.

Agency Reports

Natural Resources Conservation Service: Barriteau distributed his written report.

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

Motion made to appoint Allyson Ponn as FOIA Officer and Amanda Campbell as Records Retention Officer. Webb, Childs, motion passed.

Virginia Dept. of Forestry: No written report submitted.

Virginia Cooperative Extension: Corey Childs reported on the Asian Longhorn Tick. The tick is over most of Virginia.

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 (Simpson, Webb, motion passed)

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

Approved