

MINUTES

CULPEPER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING Orange/Madison Coop Orange, Virginia 22960 April 2nd, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lynn Graves at 9:40 A.M.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Lynn Graves, Madison County
Philip Morris, Greene County
Robert Bradford, Orange County
Robert Brame, Orange County
Tom O'Halloran, Culpeper County
Robert Runkle, Greene County
Mike Biniek, Rappahannock County
Steve Morris, Greene County Director, At Large
Sarah Sharpe, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Greene County

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jim Byrne, Madison County Associate Director
Warren Lee, Orange County, Associate Director
Brad Jarvis, Madison County, Virginia Cooperative Extension,
Associate Director
Monira Rifaat, Rappahannock County
Steve Hill, Madison County
Andrew Campbell, Culpeper County

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Wichelns, District Manager
JoAnn Neal, Administrative Secretary
Henny Calloway, Conservation Specialist
Richard Jacobs, Conservation Specialist
Kendall Dellinger, Conservation Specialist
David Massie, Conservation Specialist
W. Spencer Yager, Conservation Specialist
Amanda McCullen, Conservation Specialist
Stephanie DeNicola, Education Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Debbie Cross, DCR, CDC
Rex Rexrode, NRCS District Conservationist

1) CALL TO ORDER, MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

L. Graves welcomed everyone to Orange County. Following a moment of silence, Richard Jacobs led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were three handouts: Technical Committee Report Addendum, Technical Committee Letter to Steve Lamb and the DCR Monthly Report.

2) DRAFT MINUTES

L. Graves called for approval of the substance of the March 5th, 2019 Draft Board Meeting Minutes and for any substantive corrections or additions. M. Biniek moved to approve as presented. T. O'Halloran seconded the motion. (M. Biniek, T. O'Halloran, unanimous)

3) AGENDA APPROVAL

L. Graves called for Agenda approval. R. Bradford requested the Technical Committee Report be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Agenda as 5.1. T. O'Halloran moved to approve the Agenda as amended. P. Morris seconded the motion. (T. O'Halloran, P. Morris, unanimous)

4) CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda approved as modified.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATION
OPERATIONS
TREASURER'S REPORT

NRCS CONSERVATION PLANS –

Culpeper – 2 plans – 253 acres, Land Smoothing and Obstruction Removal Program-ECP
10 acres Land Smoothing and Obstruction Removal Program-ECP
Madison – 7 plans – 11 acres, Land Smoothing and Obstruction Removal, Critical Area Planting, Program-ECP
6 acres Land Smoothing and Obstruction Removal, Critical Area Planting, Program-ECP
15.6 acres Land Smoothing and Obstruction Removal Program-ECP
77.4 acres Land Smoothing Program-ECP
40.2 acres Obstruction Removal Program-ECP
30 acres Land Smoothing and Obstruction Removal Program-ECP
4 acres Land Smoothing, Obstruction Removal, Critical Area Planting, Fence Program-ECP
Orange – 1 plan - 119.1 acres Land Smoothing and Obstruction Removal Program-ECP
Greene – 2 plan - 8.5 acres Land Smoothing, Obstruction Removal, Critical Area Planting, Program- ECP
10 acres Obstruction Removal Program-ECP

5) ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

5.1) TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT –

Items in italics were added at the April Board Meeting held in Orange County, Virginia

1) The following BMP applicant has been approved by the Technical Committee for funding. All applications were thoroughly screened for compliance with Priority Recruitment Guidelines. All met at least two of the priority criteria.

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Instance</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Tax Credit</u>
CCI-SE-1	2019 VACS	Brian Dodson	07-19-0499	333780	Madison	\$ 2,426.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SE-1	2019 VACS	Hilton Farm	07-19-0503	333787	Orange	\$ 20,400.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SE-1	2019 VACS	Belle Monte LLC	07-19-0502	333786	Greene	\$ 19,900.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SE-1	2019 VACS	Warren Chewing	07-19-0498	333751	Orange	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SE-1	2019 VACS	Robert Wilbanks	07-19-0475	333630	Orange	\$ 13,100.00	\$ 0.00
SL-1	2019 VACS	Mike Coates	07-19-0443	332847	Madison	\$ 27,324.28	\$ 0.00
SL-1	2019 VACS	Honey Brook Farms LLC	07-19-0441	332845	Culpeper	\$ 49,625.00	\$ 0.00

FR-1	2019 VACS	CNM Wright Farms LLC	07-19-0504	333860	Madison	\$ 17,235.00	\$ 1,056.25
FR-3	2019 VACS	CNM Wright Farms LLC	07-19-0504	333861	Madison	\$ 18,700.00	\$ 425.00
LE-1T	DEQ16679	Brian Dodson	07-19-0484	333657	Madison	\$ 29,723.99	\$ 1,311.35
SL-10T	DEQ16546	Monira Rifaat	07-19-0501	333785	Rapp'k	\$ 12,225.00	\$ 0.00
SL-10T	DEQ16547	Custom Harvesters	07-19-0495	333748	Orange	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-10T	DEQ16678	Evan Bowman	07-19-0494	333747	Greene	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 0.00
NM-1A	2019 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC	07-19-0402	332179	Orange	\$ 6,584.04	\$ 0.00
NM-5P	2019 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC	07-19-0402	332180	Orange	\$ 11,813.44	\$ 0.00
NM-5N	2019 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC	07-19-0402	334087	Orange	\$ 6,697.76	\$ 0.00
NM-1A	2019 VACS	Western View LLC	07-19-0404	332183	Orange	\$ 1,062.20	\$ 0.00
NM-5P	2019 VACS	Western View LLC	07-19-0404	332185	Orange	\$ 4,248.80	\$ 0.00
NM-5N	2019 VACS	Western View LLC	07-19-0404	332184	Orange	\$ 3,084.48	\$ 0.00
NM-1A	2019 VACS	Tom Nixon	07-19-0406	332187	Orange	\$ 6,652.52	\$ 0.00
NM-5P	2019 VACS	Tom Nixon	07-19-0406	332189	Orange	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5N	2019 VACS	Tom Nixon	07-19-0406	332188	Orange	\$ 16,610.16	\$ 0.00
NM-1A	2019 VACS	Lewis A. Lamb & Sons	07-19-0410	332201	Madison	\$ 10,599.44	\$ 0.00
NM-5P	2019 VACS	Lewis A. Lamb & Sons	07-19-0410	332202	Madison	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5N	2019 VACS	Beauregard Farm LP	07-19-0507	334035	Culpeper	\$ 6,624.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5P	2019 VACS	Beauregard Farm LP	07-19-0507	334036	Culpeper	\$ 10,720.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5N	2019 VACS	Beauregard Farm Inc.	07-19-0506	334034	Culpeper	\$ 2,872.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5P	2019 VACS	Beauregard Farm Inc.	07-19-0506	333966	Culpeper	\$ 3,920.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5P	2019 VACS	Dennis Brown	07-19-0508	334037	Culpeper	\$ 10,048.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5P	2019 VACS	Glebe Farm LLC	07-19-0299	331522	Culpeper	\$ 12,786.80	\$ 0.00
SL-9	2019 VACS	Robert Runkle	07-19-0360	331925	Greene	\$ 1,502.80	\$ 375.70
LE-1T	Upper Hazel	Alan Zuschlag	07-19-0510	334096	Rapp'k	\$ 7,021.00	\$ 309.75
SL-8B	2019 VACS	Todd Harris	07-19-0527	334610	Orange	\$ 14,460.96	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2019 VACS	Richard Harris	07-19-0528	334612	Orange	\$ 2,779.20	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2019 VACS	Richard Harris	07-19-0528	334613	Orange	\$ 1,224.40	\$ 0.00
SL-9	2019 VACS	Tia Schurecht	07-19-0520	334388	Orange	\$ 3,844.73	\$ 961.18
LE-1T	FY16RFA	VA Grassfed Beef	07-19-0524	334475	Greene	\$ 63,985.88	\$ 2,822.91

2) The following BMP participants have been approved by the Technical Committee for payment:

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Instance</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Tax Credit</u>
CCI-SE-1	2019 VACS	Hilton Farm	07-19-0503	333787	Orange	\$ 20,400.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SE-1	2019 VACS	Belle Monte LLC	07-19-0502	333786	Greene	\$ 19,900.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SE-1	2019 VACS	Warren Chewing	07-19-0498	333751	Orange	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SE-1	2019 VACS	Robert Wilbanks	07-19-0475	333630	Orange	\$ 13,100.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SE1	2019 VACS	Copper Hill LLC	07-19-0444	332848	Madison	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SE1	2019 VACS	Robert Runkle	07-19-0307	331621	Culpeper	\$ 1,725.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SE1	2019 VACS	Eugene Triplett	07-19-0166	325942	Culpeper	\$ 460.00	\$ 0.00
SL-9	2019 VACS	Robert Runkle	07-19-0360	331925	Greene	\$ 1,502.80	\$ 375.70
SL-9	2019 VACS	JoAnne Walser	07-19-0241	332374	Culpeper	\$ 7,509.25	\$ 1,877.31
SL-8H	2019 VACS	Jim Gibson	07-19-0447	332852	Orange	\$ 3,320.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2019 VACS	Knight Cattle Corp.	07-19-0448	332854	Orange	\$ 2,121.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2019 VACS	Carlton Farms LLC	07-19-0285	331479	Orange	\$ 200.60	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2019 VACS	Millwood Farms LLC	07-19-0285	331479	Orange	\$ 400.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2019 VACS	Hunter Weaver	07-19-0206	328974	Madison	\$ 536.40	\$ 0.00

SL-8H	2019 VACS	Mike Coates	07-19-0353	331912	Madison	\$ 1,525.20	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2019 VACS	Randy Henshaw	07-19-0204	328954	Madison	\$ 600.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2019 VACS	Todd Harris	07-19-0527	334610	Orange	\$ 14,460.96	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2019 VACS	Richard Harris	07-19-0528	334612	Orange	\$ 2,779.20	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2019 VACS	Richard Harris	07-19-0528	334613	Orange	\$ 1,224.40	\$ 0.00

3) The following WQIF Residential applicants have been approved by the Technical Committee for funding:

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Instance</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Bruce Aiello	07-19-0349	333260	Culpeper	\$ 3,000.00
RB-3R	DEQNPSWQIF	Matthew Titone	07-19-0477	333639	Greene	\$ 1,000.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Amanda Reck	07-19-0483	333656	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Margo French	07-19-0210	333633	Culpeper	\$ 3,000.00
RB-3R	DEQNPSWQIF	William Hunt	07-19-0496	333749	Culpeper	\$ 1,300.00
RB-3R	DEQNPSWQIF	John Zett	07-19-0497	333750	Culpeper	\$ 1,000.00
RB-3R	DEQNPSWQIF	Michael Hofmann	07-19-0500	333782	Culpeper	\$ 1,600.00
RB-3R	DEQNPSWQIF	Cynthia Hoeffler	07-19-0482	333654	Greene	\$ 1,000.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Mark Runion	07-19-0493	333697	Orange	\$ 195.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Mark Runion	07-19-0493	333744	Orange	\$ 195.00
RB-4	DEQNPSWQIF	Paul Curtis	07-19-0432	332603	Culpeper	\$ 4,000.00
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Blanca Navarrete	07-19-0460	333405	Culpeper	\$ 3,750.00
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Jeff Hunnicutt*	07-19-0457	333365	Culpeper	\$ 2,500.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Wallace Dabney	07-19-0513	334269	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Shawn Leake	07-19-0517	334378	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-4	DEQNPSWQIF	Lisa Schafer	07-19-0491	333693	Orange	\$ 4,000.00

*Subject to change to a RB-4

4) The following Upper Hazel Residential applicants have been approved by the Technical Committee for funding:

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Instance</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
RB-3	DEQ16546	Marion Beers	07-19-0277	333584	Culpeper	\$ 2,500.00
RB-4	DEQ16546	Kate Woodward	07-19-0319	333659	Rappahannock	\$ 4,000.00
RB-4	DEQ16546	Joseph Rossetti	07-19-0363	333662	Culpeper	\$ 4,800.00
RB-1	DEQ16546	Henry Anklowitz	07-19-0525	334476	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQ16546	Betty McCutchen	07-19-0519	334387	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-3R	DEQ16546	Daniel McMahan	07-19-0518	334391	Rappahannock	\$ 1,000.00
RB-3R	DEQ16546	Steve Rasin	07-19-0511	334218	Rappahannock	\$ 1,000.00
RB-3	DEQ16546	John Woodard Jr.	07-19-0523	334447	Madison	\$ 2,500.00
RB-3R	DEQ16546	Charlene Brown	07-19-0516	334389	Culpeper	\$ 1,600.00
RB-1	DEQ16546	Chris Irmen	07-19-0509	334088	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQ16546	Maureen Harris	07-19-0521	334390	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00

5) The following Upper York Residential applicants have been approved by the Technical Committee for funding:

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Instance</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
RB-3R	DEQ16547	Brenda Bickley	07-19-0480	333648	Orange	\$ 1,000.00
RB-3R	DEQ16547	Mary Yates	07-19-0522	334428	Orange	\$ 1,000.00
RB-3R	DEQ16547	Lara Hammond	07-19-0526	334478	Orange	\$ 1,100.00

6) The following Upper Rapidan Residential applicants have been approved by the Technical Committee for funding:

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Instance</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	Wanda Geer	07-19-0479	333646	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-3	DEQFY16RFA	Kelly Clay	07-19-0485	333685	Greene	\$ 2,500.00

RB-3	DEQFY16RFA	Jerry Smith Jr.	07-19-0492	333695	Madison	\$ 3,000.00
RB-4	DEQFY16RFA	Rockwood 1 LLC	07-19-0399	332165	Orange	\$ 6,400.00
RB-3	DEQFY16RFA	Jeffrey Graham	07-19-0433	332605	Greene	\$ 2,500.00

7) The following WQIF Residential participants have been approved by the Technical Committee for payment:

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Instance</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Leslie Wilson	07-19-0025	309090	Culpeper	\$ 562.50
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Angela Hubbard	07-19-0468	333490	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-3R	DEQNPSWQIF	Markus Blank	07-19-0257	330991	Culpeper	\$ 187.50
RB-3R	DEQNPSWQIF	Ellen Thurnau	07-18-0055	281783	Greene	\$ 420.75
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Charles R. Henderson	07-19-0238	330755	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Susan D. Peterson	07-19-0071	331841	Rappahannock	\$ 3,160.00
RB-3R	DEQNPSWQIF	Stefanie Gustavus	07-19-0413	332228	Culpeper	\$ 1,000.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Willis Heacox	07-19-0225	330593	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Brynn Welch	07-19-0374	331990	Orange	\$ 195.00
RB-3R	DEQNPSWQIF	Tamara Jones	07-19-0215	330537	Greene	\$ 375.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Jane Bishop	07-19-0456	333508	Greene	\$ 240.00
RB-3R	DEQNPSWQIF	Julie Lohr	07-19-0107	332148	Madison	\$ 260.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Donald Bowman	07-19-0290	331487	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Marissa Bacelis	07-19-0227	330595	Orange	\$ 195.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Raymond Rush	07-19-0055	311347	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Allison Champion	07-19-0220	334040	Orange	\$ 165.00

8) The following Upper Rapidan Residential participants have been approved by the Technical Committee for payment:

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Instance</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	Frederick N. Jones	07-19-0453	333339	Orange	\$ 232.00
RB-3	DEQFY16RFA	Dana Lohr	07-19-0390	332143	Orange	\$ 880.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	Patricia Knight	07-19-0401	332177	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	Samuels Living Trust	07-19-0421	332291	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-3	DEQFY16RFA	Steven Goldberg	07-19-0268	331063	Orange	\$ 1,781.84
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	Samuel Taylor	07-19-0396	332151	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	Samuel Taylor	07-19-0396	332153	Greene	\$ 150.00

9) The following Upper York River Residential participants have been approved by the Technical Committee for payment:

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Instance</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
RB-4	DEQ16547	Larry McCormick	07-19-0378	331995	Orange	\$ 5,840.00
RB-3R	DEQ16547	Marion Hensley	07-19-0186	328247	Orange	\$ 337.50

10) The following Robinson River Residential participants have been approved by the Technical Committee for payment:

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Instance</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
RB-1	DEQ16679	Marvin Jenkins	07-19-0450	333278	Madison	\$ 240.00
RB-1	DEQ16679	Darryl Shifflett	07-19-0320	331826	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-3R	DEQ16679	Sharon Rothbaum	07-19-0296	331496	Madison	\$ 187.50

11) The following WQIF Residential applicant has been cancelled by the Technical Committee:

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Instance</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Gail Daniel	07-19-0092	314517	Greene	\$ 150.00

12) The following WQIF Residential Contracts have transferred responsibility:

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Instance</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
RB-3R	DEQNPSWQIF	Judith Lewis(original) to Franklin Williams(1 st Transfer Sept. 2017) Now to Danna S. Dunn	07-18-0039	278118	Rappahannock	\$ 350.00
RB-3R	DEQNPSWQIF	Stefanie Gustavus to Grace Kelly	07-19-0413	332228	Culpeper	\$ 1,000.00

13) The District Manager had several dam updates:

- a. Annual District dam inspections will take place in Madison on Tuesday, April 9th and in Culpeper on Wednesday, April 10th.
- b. District staff checked and installed all staff gauges on District dams. Several groundhog holes were smoke bombed and filled.
- c. The District Manager notified the winning bidder and sent the contract for construction of a new road at Caynor Lake.
- d. Synchronized Construction Inc. has posted bond for work at Beautiful Run #11 and expects to begin construction in April.

14) District Staff reported on the producer luncheons held in February and March. Turnout varied from county to county, but all responses were positive and have led to several follow up appointments.

15) The Committee discussed two current BMP's under lifespan:

- a. A Greene County producer is alleged to have allowed cattle into the riparian buffers on a stream exclusion with grazing land management project (SL-6). The Committee discussed writing a letter to the producer informing him that the cattle must not have access to the buffer for the lifespan of the practice (10 years) or the District would seek repayment of the cost share. *The letter was presented in draft format at the April Board Meeting and several edits were suggested by the Board. The letter was approved at the Board Meeting contingent on the changes.*
- b. A Madison County producer has informed District Staff that several flooding events from 2018 have killed 90% of the trees that were planted along the Rapidan River as part of a Reforestation of Crop, Hay and Pasture Land project (FR-1). She is asking to be released from the practice lifespan without repaying the portion of cost share received for that field. The Committee advised District Staff to have a conversation with the producer to see if she would leave the field as is and allow natural regeneration to occur.

The Technical Committee report was accepted by the Board for approval. R. Runkle abstained.

7) DIRECTORS REPORTS

- T. O'Halloran attended the Rappahannock River Basin Commission meeting at Dominion Speedway. Discussion occurred on a number of projects: River Gauge Project with real time data on river flow and notification capacity. They should be installed by the end of September, first of October. There are 28 identified gauges to be installed; the first 7 currently funded. Additional funding is being sought. The Healthy Watershed Project was discussed. They discussed using the same template as carbon credit trading. Carbon credit trading is worldwide where as healthy water is by watershed. Discussion followed. The contracts are not a lifetime. The contracts will be 10, 15, 20 years. They also discussed options for a statewide septic program.
- R. Runkle attended a dinner meeting at the Farm Bureau to lobby for Cost-Share and Technical Assistance for the District. R. Runkle reported on an article in the newspaper stating the Virginia Retirement System was underfunded again by the State of Virginia. Rivanna TMDL Meeting will be held on April 17, at 7 p.m. at PVCC in Greene County.
- P. Morris inquired if S. Morris, R. Runkle and himself should meet with the new Greene County Administrator who will begin employment on April 1. S. Morris suggested waiting before meeting with him.
- S. Sharpe announced she finished her Master's thesis last week and reported on the following:

- March 22 and 23 Women in Agriculture Gathering at Central High School and Cultural Center in Goochland.
- April 11th High Tunnel Production Workshop in Charlottesville 1:30-4:30.
- April 15th, 4 p.m. at the Northern Piedmont Research Station – CVCA Spring Meeting and Twilight field day.
- April 17 at the Madison Livestock Exchange 11:30a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Sheep and Goat Workshop
- T. O'Halloran announced on May 18th, there will be a Christmas Tree Workshop at his farm.
- L. Graves reported on a meeting regarding building code for wineries held last night at Graves Mountain Lodge. April 3rd is the Area II meeting at the Fauquier Country Club. April 5th is the Association meeting.

8) STAFF REPORTS

- S. Yager reported attending the Beef Meeting in Greene County at the PVCC.
- D. Massie reported attending the Culpeper Farmers Coop Spring Beef Producers meeting and said it was very well attended.
- S. DeNicola reported she and Richard will be at Graves Mountain Lodge for Heritage Day this Saturday. She reported 3,800 tree seedlings were sold. The NOAA Grant has started and we will be 6 days in Rappahannock Schools, followed by 6 days at Wetsel Middle School in Madison, April 19. Summer training for teachers will be in June. The Lawn Care Clinic will be a rolling clinic – where people pick up and mail soil samples themselves to Virginia Tech. The Grant is for 500 tests.
- A. McCullen passed her Nutrient Management Planner test. She announced a 1st of 4 part series at the Madison Extension Office on Women in Agriculture. K. Dellinger will also be there to speak on the septic program.
- Richard reported on two scheduled workshops completed. He attended a Pollinator Workshop put on by the Master Naturalists. The first Driveway Workshop was attended by about 20 people. The Department of Forestry also was there to present the program. Next Tuesday, April 9th, there is a Contractor's Workshop on land disturbing permits including, building and impacting streams and ponds. DEQ, the Army Corps of Engineers, Culpeper County, and Charles Wilson from DCR will be speaking.
- Greg reported we are ready to break ground on our two current dam construction projects:
 - Phase II at Dam Beautiful Run #11 embankment grading and training dike installation
 - Road relocation at Dam Mountain Run #8A.
 - The District request for geotechnical evaluation for Beautiful Run Dam # will be considered in December 2019.
- Greg has requested funds:
 - Watershed analysis, project design and cost estimate for 6 dams with corrugated metal spillways; proposal to line the spillways or equivalent.
 - Wave Berm construction on Beautiful Run Dam #2A
 - Foundation drain, design and cost estimate for 1 dam.

9) AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS – Rex Rexrode reported Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funding and contracts are still on hold. Contractors are completing the work on Mountain Run Dam #11. NRCS is working on more outreach - A. Cason and C. Pooton attended a Cut Flower Seminar in Goochland, C. Pooton attended the Women in Agriculture Conference and A. Cason attended the luncheon meeting that the District sponsored in Orange, Rappahannock and Greene Counties. R. Rexrode announced the Culpeper NRCS will be providing help with the Warrenton Service Center where one of the soil conservationist is on maternity leave. A. Cason will be on maternity leave in July. R. Rexrode reported FSA has finally started issuing plans to go forward with the flood damage assistance.

DCR

D. Cross reported Quarterly Reports are due April 15 – Attachment E, Quick Books Cash balance and P & L reports for the quarter. This is also the due date for RMP operational support requests to be submitted for the quarter. COIA Training is required for all directors every two years. The Area II Meeting will be offer the training. Results of 2017-2018 Financial Audits – Districts will receive the general management letter and matrix from Barry Marten, Chair of the VSWCB Audit Subcommittee.

Director Elections-Elected Director Positions: the general election is November 5, 2019. The filing deadline is 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, 2019. Forms you will need to complete:

- Certificate of Candidate Qualification – Local Offices
- Declaration of Candidacy
- Petition of Qualified Voters

SWCD Directors are not required to submit the Statement of Economic Interests, page 8.

Note the number of petition signatures needed, page 13.

Please contact your local General Registrar if there are any questions.

District Admin/Ops Training – Tuesday, May 7, (starting at 1 p.m.) and Wednesday, May 8th (ending at 3-3:30 p.m.) This will be held in Staunton at the Frontier Culture Museum, hoisted by VASWCD District Operations Committee who will hold workshops bi-annually to provide relevant and hands-on training and networking opportunities for Administrative staff. Topics: Attachment E, QuickBooks-related to budgeting, record retention, mentoring panel, VRS and more.

Ag Cost-Share:

- Carryovers – report to change, approaching deadline – district board must approve carryover report by June 30, 2019.
- Program Year 2020VACS Updates – Charlottesville, June 11th, at DOF.
- WIP III – public comment period will run through June 7. During the public comment period, a series of informational outreach meetings will be held. The final WIP III document is due to the US Environmental Protection Agency by August 9, 2019.

Dates to Remember:

- April 24th Virginia Soil & Water Conservation Board meeting, VA Horse Center, Lexington
- April 25th Area I Spring Meeting hosted by Headwaters SWCD, location TBD
- April 30th Area II Envirothon, James Long Park, Haymarket, host Northern VA & Prince William SWCDs
- May 22nd Virginia Soil & Water Conservation Board meeting, Pocahontas State Park
- June 4th 2020 VACS Update Meeting, Farmville
- June 11th Filing Deadline to seek election for SWCD Director Election day Nov.5th, 2019

- 10) **PLAN FOR APRIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS (in Orange at the Orange Service Center)**
Committees will meet on Tuesday, April 23rd, Personnel 9:00, Operations 9:30, and Technical 10:00 and RMP/TRC to follow. The Educational Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19th, in Madison at the Madison Extension Office at 4 p.m. **BOARD MEETING FOR MAY WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, MAY 7th, 2019 IN RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY AT THE WASHINGTON FIRE HALL.**

11) ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn the April, 2019 Board meeting at 11:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Graves, Chairman

JoAnn M. Neal
Administrative Secretary



Date Approved 5-7-2019