

MINUTES

CULPEPER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING Washington Fire Hall Rappahannock, Virginia 22740 October 1st, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lynn Graves at 9:39 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
Steve Hill, Madison County
Monira Rifaat, Rappahannock County
Mike Biniek, Rappahannock County
Warren Lee, Orange County, Associate Director
Steve Morris, Greene County, Director-At Large

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jim Byrne, Madison County Associate Director
Brad Jarvis, Madison County, Virginia Cooperative Extension,
Associate Director
Andrew Campbell, Culpeper County
Sarah Sharpe, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Greene County

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Rex Rexrode, NRCS District Conservationist
Mike Sands, Rappahannock County Resident
Joe Rosetti, Virginia Department of Forestry

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

L. Graves welcomed everyone to Rappahannock County. Following a moment of silence, Richard Jacobs led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were six handouts: District Technical Committee Report Addendum, 2019 VASWCD Annual Meeting Registration Forms, NRCS Plans, District Operations Committee Report (4), District Education Committee Report and the DCR Monthly Report.

2) DRAFT MINUTES

L. Graves called for approval of the substance of the September 3rd, 2019 Draft District Board Meeting Minutes and for any substantive corrections or additions. T. O'Halloran moved to approve as presented. P. Morris seconded the motion. (T. O'Halloran, P. Morris, unanimous)

3) **AGENDA APPROVAL**

L. Graves called for Agenda approval. Greg Wichelns requested the District Operations Committee Report be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Agenda as 5.1. R. Bradford requested the District Technical Committee Report be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Agenda as 5.2. Rex Rexrode requested the NRCS Conservation Plans be added to the Consent Agenda. 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

TREASURER’S REPORT

NRCS CONSERVATION PLANS –

Culpeper County -55.1 acres, CREP 2019, Forest Stand Improvement, Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
-11.6 acres, CREP 2019, Forest Stand Improvement, Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
-3.85 acres, CREP 2019, Forest Stand Improvement, Upland Wildlife Habitat Management

Greene County – 4.5 acres, EQIP 2019, Conservation Cover, Herbaceous Weed Treatment, Tree/Shrub Establishment

Madison County -3.2 acres, CREP 2019, Forest Stand Improvement, Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
-507 acres, EQIP 2019, Heavy Use Area Protection, Roof Runoff Structure, Roofs and Covers, Waste Storage Facility, Access Control, Fence, Livestock Pipeline, Nutrient Management, Prescribed Grazing, Pumping Plant, Underground Outlet, Water Well, Watering Facility

Orange County – 54.7 acres, CSP 2019, Conservation Cover, Herbaceous Weed Control, Tree/Shrub planting, Forest Stand Improvement

Rappahannock County – 1.8 acres, CREP 2019, Forest Stand Improvement, Upland Wildlife Habitat Management

5) **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

5.1) **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT-**

G. Wichelns reviewed the District’s Resource Management Plan Program “report card” from DCR. The District received 100% and was recognized at the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board Meeting recently. The Pilot RMP Program Review also had two other Districts involved; Headwaters and Three Rivers who both received a 95%.

The Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF) recently requested that co-holders of open space easements with VOF relinquish their co-holder status to simplify the holding process for VOF. The committee briefly discussed this and recommended continuing to co-hold all our open space easements with VOF unless any property owner requests a change, in which case the committee recommends reviewing on a case by case basis. The easement co-holdings were originally provided by CSWCD at the request of the landowner.

The District Manager reported on the current year’s Technical Assistance (TA) Policy of the Virginia

Soil and Water Conservation Board (VSWCB). Currently 85% of our TA is subject to recall; based on how much cost-share has been contracted as of June 30, 2020. It makes no allowance for all the other responsibilities of advertising, delivering the program and any cancellations or staff time spent with potential applicants declining to sign up and much other. The topic was brought forward to the District Manager by four other districts; John Marshall, Hanover-Caroline, Thomas Jefferson and Shenandoah Valley, all concerned that any new hiring and training was being held up due to this. All 5 district managers support requesting an amendment to current TA policy to allow for 50% retention. T. O'Halloran recommended sending a letter in support of the other 4 districts concern and including a position paper to the Chair of the Soil and Water Conservation Board with a copy to the VASWCD. R. Bradford seconded the motion. (O'Halloran, Bradford, unanimous)

The District Manager reported on his attendance at the initial meeting of the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board Technical Assistance (TA) Allocation Sub-committee, which has been charged with recommending a new TA funding formula for future cost share years. The formula is to support distribution of TA to support a \$35 million cost share program. These TA levels would in theory remain constant if cost share went below \$35 million. The manager reported voicing his concerns that the total amount being considered (13% or \$4.55 million) was too low and is not supported by any historical data or the budget template process. Discussion followed. The District Operations Committee recognized the need for building a coalition amongst districts to support the creation of a formula that is both relevant to individual district cost share allocations on a year by year basis and supports employee retention. The second meeting has not been scheduled yet. R. Bradford motioned to approved the Operations Report. T. O'Halloran seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Passed.

5.2) TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Items in italics were added at the October1, 2019 Board Meeting in Washington, Virginia

- 1) The following BMP applicants have 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>
SL-8B	2020 VACS	Bayard Young	07-20-0090	369910	Culpeper	\$ 1,536.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2020 VACS	Ashland Farms Inc.	07-20-0115	374184	Culpeper	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2020 VACS	Ashland Farms Inc.	07-20-0098	373189	Culpeper	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00
FR-3	2020 VACS	Christine Goodall	07-20-0100	373509	Madison	\$ 10,385.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2020 VACS	Jean Coates	07-20-0112	374113	Madison	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2020 VACS	Mike Coates	07-20-0095	372747	Madison	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2020 VACS	John Dawson II	07-20-0078	365836	Orange	\$ 43,993.50	\$ 0.00
SL-1	2020 VACS	Richard Girten	07-20-0080	365902	Orange	\$ 35,693.63	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2020 VACS	Scott Magnino	07-20-0083	366830	Madison	\$ 40,311.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2020 VACS	Hill-Walker LLC	07-20-0097	372783	Madison	\$ 96,330.00	\$ 0.00
SL-1	2020 VACS	Millwood Farm LLC	07-20-0114	374116	Orange	\$ 9,062.50	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2020 VACS	Millwood Farm LLC	07-20-0114	374115	Orange	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2020 VACS	Millwood Farm LLC	07-20-0122	374428	Orange	\$ 6,637.50	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2020 VACS	Triple R Investments LLC	07-20-0096	372751	Madison	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2020 VACS	Triple R Investments LLC	07-20-0094	372745	Madison	\$ 71,940.00	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2020 VACS	David Sears	07-20-0121	374426	Orange	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 0.00
WP-2B	Tax Credit	Longview Farm Estate	07-20-0119	374400	Culpeper	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,241.25
SL-8B	2020 VACS	<i>Belle Meade Farm LLC</i>	<i>07-20-0124</i>	<i>374658</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 4,800.00</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>

SL-8B	2020 VACS	Thomas Clark	07-20-0164	376347	Culpeper	\$ 2,976.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2020 VACS	Carl James	07-20-0165	376385	Culpeper	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00
SL-1	2020 VACS	Carl James	07-20-0167	376579	Culpeper	\$ 9,062.50	\$ 0.00
SL-7	2020 VACS	FMO LLC	07-20-0151	375932	Culpeper	\$ 32,274.00	\$ 2,689.50
CCI-FRB-1	2020 VACS	Tom Haught	07-20-0150	375796	Culpeper	\$ 7,480.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2020 VACS	Tom Haught	07-20-0147	375626	Culpeper	\$ 16,352.50	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2020 VACS	Carl Morris	07-20-0155	376217	Greene	\$ 88,639.50	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2020 VACS	Calvin Powell	07-20-0123	374456	Greene	\$ 72,350.18	\$ 0.00
NM-1A	2020 VACS	Tom Nixon	07-20-0135	375018	Orange	\$ 4,265.20	\$ 0.00
NM-5N	2020 VACS	Tom Nixon	07-20-0133	374979	Orange	\$ 10,278.40	\$ 0.00
NM-5P	2020 VACS	Tom Nixon	07-20-0133	374980	Orange	\$ 12,458.40	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2020 VACS	Tom Nixon	07-20-0134	374984	Orange	\$ 40,510.40	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2020 VACS	Tom Nixon	07-20-0134	374985	Orange	\$ 2,780.00	\$ 0.00
NM-1A	2020 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC	07-20-0129	374958	Orange	\$ 6,274.40	\$ 0.00
NM-5N	2020 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC	07-20-0132	374972	Orange	\$ 8,378.40	\$ 0.00
NM-5P	2020 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC	07-20-0132	374973	Orange	\$ 13,220.80	\$ 0.00
RMP-2	2020 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC	07-20-0089	369711	Orange	\$ 2,982.90	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2020 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC	07-20-0131	374969	Orange	\$ 7,204.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2020 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC	07-20-0131	374970	Orange	\$ 10,210.00	\$ 0.00
WQ-4	2020 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC	07-20-0130	374966	Orange	\$ 11,703.00	\$ 0.00
NM-1A	2020 VACS	Western View LLC	07-20-0126	374894	Culpeper	\$ 3,778.40	\$ 0.00
NM-5N	2020 VACS	Western View LLC	07-20-0128	374923	Culpeper	\$ 10,128.80	\$ 0.00
NM-5P	2020 VACS	Western View LLC	07-20-0128	374924	Culpeper	\$ 13,384.80	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2020 VACS	Western View LLC	07-20-0127	374898	Culpeper	\$ 31,359.20	\$ 0.00
WQ-4	2020 VACS	Western View LLC	07-20-0125	374855	Culpeper	\$ 8,157.00	\$ 0.00

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

Practice	Fund	Participant	Contract	Instance	County	Amount	Tax Credit
WP-2N	2020 VACS	Jonathan Boone	07-20-0030	346808	Madison	\$ 2,502.50	\$ 336.87
CCI-FRB-1	2020 VACS	Tom Haught	07-20-0150	375796	Culpeper	\$ 7,480.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2020 VACS	Tom Haught	07-20-0147	375626	Culpeper	\$ 16,352.50	\$ 0.00

3) The following WQIF Residential applicant has been approved by the Technical Committee for funding:

Practice	Fund	Participant	Contract	Instance	County	Amount
RB-3R	DEQNPSQIF	Thomas Barber	07-20-0117	374337	Culpeper	\$ 2,000.00

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

Practice	Fund	Participant	Contract	Instance	County	Amount
RB-1	DEQ16546	Kevin Jones	07-20-0093	371966	Rappahannock	\$ 175.00
RB-3R	DEQ16546	Elizabeth Oliver	07-20-0092	371962	Rappahannock	\$ 2,000.00
RB-3R	DEQ16546	Tommy Williams	07-20-0076	364432	Rappahannock	\$ 2,000.00
RB-3R	DEQ16546	Joseph O. Horvath	07-20-0116	374331	Culpeper	\$ 2,000.00
RB-1	DEQ16546	Kristen Eggleston	07-20-0118	374343	Culpeper	\$ 175.00
RB-3	DEQ16546	Edward C. Olmstead	07-20-0157	376254	Rappahannock	\$ 2,500.00
RB-5	DEQ16546	Ronald Frasier	07-20-0087	367448	Culpeper	\$ 12,000.00
RB-4	DEQ16546	Steve Jester	07-20-0017	376252	Rappahannock	\$ 4,000.00
RB-3	DEQ16546	Thomas V. Martin	07-20-0166	376419	Rappahannock	\$ 2,000.00
RB-1	DEQ16546	Kevin Jones	07-20-0093	371966	Rappahannock	\$ 175.00

5) The following Robinson River Residential participants 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	DEQ16679	David Davis	07-20-0159	376295	Madison	\$ 263.00
RB-3R	DEQ16679	Neil Hughes	07-20-0161	376293	Madison	\$ 3,000.00
RB-4P	DEQ16679	Celene Pumphrey	07-20-0021	376355	Madison	\$ 6,000.00
RB-3	DEQ16679	E.A. Clore Sons, Inc	07-20-0160	376289	Madison	\$ 2,500.00

6) 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-1	DEQ16547R	Brenda Bickley	07-19-0480	374114	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-3R	DEQ16574R	Robert D. Cox	07-20-0153	376206	Orange	\$ 3,000.00
RB-1	DEQ16547R	Stephen Sutphin	07-20-0162	376296	Orange	\$ 175.00
RB-1	DEQ16547R	Charles Ward	07-20-0163	376307	Orange	\$ 280.00
RB-4P	DEQ16547R	Ruth Paisley	07-20-0158	376284	Orange	\$ 6,000.00

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	Eugene Weakley	07-19-0566	335928	Culpeper	\$ 2,500.00
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Matthew Titone	07-20-0046	352171	Greene	\$ 2,300.00
RB-2	DEQNPSWQIF	Jorge Torres	07-19-0409	332198	Culpeper	\$ 3,318.84
RB-4	DEQNPSWQIF	Shirley Strait	07-20-0013	346325	Madison	\$ 6,400.00
RB-5	DEQNPSWQIF	Sean Askew	07-19-0563	335738	Culpeper	\$ 12,000.00

8) The following Upper Hazel 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	DEQ16546	William C. Smith	07-19-0548	335124	Culpeper	\$ 6,400.00
RB-3	DEQ16546	Edgar McClellan	07-19-0161	323201	Rappahannock	\$ 2,500.00
RB-1	DEQ16546	Christopher Kroboth	07-19-0582	336934	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-3	DEQ16546	Thomas Connelly	07-20-0032	363229	Culpeper	\$ 518.35

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-1	DEQ16547R	Robert Nicely	07-19-0451	333282	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQ16547R	Garry Hale	07-19-0541	334865	Orange	\$ 165.00
RB-1	DEQ16547R	Brenda Bickley	07-20-0113	374114	Orange	\$ 150.00

10) 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	DEQ16678	Robert Bradford	07-19-0586	337520	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-3R	DEQ16678	Robert Bradford	07-19-0586	337538	Orange	\$ 697.50
RB-1	DEQ16678	Kelly Clay	07-20-0086	367421	Greene	\$ 150.00

11) The following Residential applicants have 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-3R	DEQ16547	Barbara Gentry	07-19-0545	335109	Orange	\$ 1,000.00
RB-4	DEQ16547	Andrea Wilsman	07-20-0043	351367	Orange	\$ 4,000.00
RB-3R	DEQ16547	Brenda Bickley	07-19-0480	333648	Orange	\$ 1,000.00
RB-1	DEQ16547	Doris White	07-19-0470	333501	Orange	\$ 150.00

RB-1	DEQ16546	Tonya O'Neill	07-19-0266	331059	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-3R	DEQ16546	Laura Grigsby	07-18-0776	306612	Rappahannock	\$ 1,000.00
RB-3R	DEQ16546	Richard Ekins	07-19-0260	331001	Culpeper	\$ 1,000.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Joy Collins	07-19-0439	332841	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Chris Settle	07-19-0264	331026	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-3R	DEQNPSWQIF	Todd Christensen	07-19-0253	330974	Culpeper	\$ 1,100.00
RB-3R	DEQNPSWQIF	Christina Dennis	07-19-0249	330943	Culpeper	\$ 1,000.00
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	John Slack	07-19-0150	331834	Culpeper	\$ 3,250.00

12) The following Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP) practice has been approved by the Technical Committee for funding:

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Rainwater Harvest	John Gaffney	Madison	\$ 1,456.00

13) The District Manager gave an update on District dams:

- Beautiful Run #11 was re-seeded by the contractor in September.
- Mountain Run # 8A will potentially need to be reseeded this fall. We will wait to see how well the existing grass survives the dry weather.
- The Town of Culpeper has asked the District to participate in a desktop exercise in late October for the two town owned dams. Greg and David will attend.

14) The Technical Committee reviewed its Annual Plan of Work and is successfully meeting all of its goals.

15) The Technical Committee asked the Board on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 to delegate authority to the committee to act on their behalf to approve any SL-11's for RMP's prior to the October Technical Committee Meeting, due to seasonal planting deadlines.

M. Rifaat moved to approve the Technical Committee Report. T. O'Halloran seconded the motion. (Rifaat, O'Halloran, unanimous)

6) CLOSED SESSION: PERSONNEL

R. Runkle moved that the Board go into Closed Session at 10:26 A.M. as provided for in the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A) (1) to discuss personnel issues. The Associate Directors and the District Manager were invited to attend. T. O'Halloran seconded the motion. (Runkle, O'Halloran, unanimous)

Following the return from Closed Session, R. Runkle moved to reconvene at 10:45 A.M. (unanimous). Pursuant to the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-.3712. (D), "I move that the Board certify that to the best of the Board's knowledge only matters lawfully exempted and as identified in the motion by which the Closed Session was convened were heard or discussed by this Board". T. O'Halloran seconded the motion. (Runkle, T. O'Halloran, unanimous) T. O'Halloran moved to accept the recommendations from the Personnel Committee. R. Bradford seconded the motion. (T. O'Halloran, R. Bradford, unanimous)

7) DIRECTORS REPORTS

- M. Rifaat reported the Board of Supervisors of Rappahannock County is considering adoption of a Consent Agenda to reduce the length of their meetings.
- M. Biniek reported that the Rappahannock County Farm Tour was very successful. The Belle Meade school was part of the tour. He also attended the Rappahannock Farm Bureau Annual meeting. David Thornhill maintained the Chair position. Alan Clark is the new Co-Chair. D. Thornhill mentioned WIP 3 and also mentioned CSWCD has adequate funds to help the farmers in Rappahannock County.
- W. Lee reported that Orange County is seeking proposals for Stormwater Management Program Development. Greg mentioned that three or four years ago, the General Assembly allowed the localities to step back away from the stormwater management and have the state provide for such. Greene County was the only one to create their own Stormwater Management program.

DEQ performs functions to review plans for the counties. Orange County has advertised for proposal submissions to find a firm to create and provide the service for their development community.

- S. Hill reported attending the VSWCB meeting in Glen Allen and receiving a notebook for all to read.
- P. Morris reported he received two communications one from the state, one from the local school not to put any voting signs or pass out any voting information in the wrong place.
- T. O'Halloran attended the RRBC meeting on the Healthy Watershed Initiative that they have been working on. There are several on questions of concern; What is the water quality in the forest. How do you quantify that? They have now transferred the focus to carbon credits. They should have something out by May of 2020 based upon projects in Orange County and Essex County. This will be the base plan depending on locality focus. The conservation potential for money coming into the state of Virginia is \$18.7 billion dollars. The rain gauge study is to be finished in late November 2019.

WIP 3 – James Davis Martin was giving information on his high performance modeling program. Discussion followed.

Virginia Phase III Watershed Program – requires Nutrient Management Plans if the goals are not met by 2025.

- L. Graves reported attending the VASWCD meeting in Richmond in September. October 30, 2019, the Virginia Agri Business Annual Meeting. The VASWCD is also going to be meeting with Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources, Matt Strickler, and the Virginia Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, Bettina Ring.

8) STAFF REPORTS

- R. Jacobs reported helping out with the school programs. VCAP is doing well. They are focusing on expanding into Southwest Virginia and Southern Rivers. We have a VCAP project in Madison for Rainwater Harvesting. He also mentioned that he is on the Regulatory Panel for combining the Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater Programs. They had their third meeting yesterday. Three more meetings are scheduled. Richard will be doing a pond series in Rappahannock County for local landowners on design and maintenance. The workshop is part of RappU.
- S. DeNicola reported the Annual Report is completed. She attended MWEE at Graves Mountain Lodge with 275 6th graders from Greene County. Rappahannock County Schools MWEE starts this coming Monday. Madison County MWEE will start on October 22.
- Henny participated in the Rappahannock County Farm Tour this past Saturday at Caledonia Farm.
- Greg reported on the map he handed out. The map outlines the boundaries for Orange County, Louisa County and Spotsylvania County in relation to the Upper York TMDL watersheds. He is preparing a grant proposal for the Upper York Project for another 3 years. To enhance the possibility of getting a 3 year grant he is proposing to sub contract to the Thomas Jefferson SWCD in Goldmine Creek Watershed in Louisa County. This would be an additional watershed. The Thomas Jefferson SWCD will draft a MOU for this. Greg is requesting the Board delegate to the Operations Committee to approve a final draft from Thomas Jefferson SWCD. He is also preparing a proposal for the Hazel River TMDL Watershed for another 3 years.

Greg reported completing 3 wave berm designs for the District dams; one in Culpeper and two in Madison. One has been submitted for funding for construction in 2020.

P. Morris moved to allow the District Manager to sign the MOU with Thomas Jefferson SWCD. T. O'Halloran seconded the motion (Morris, O'Halloran, unanimous).

9) AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS – R. Rexrode reported September 30 is the end of the federal fiscal year. NRCS is operating on a continuing resolution. Funding will be at last year's level. Program details for the new year are still unavailable. EQIP will be available and so will the Conservation Security Program. More

information on the federal programs will come in November, 2019. They are continuing to work on an agricultural land easement (ALE Program) for Madden Farm in Culpeper County.

VDOF – J. Rosettie reported an update on administrative changes. The staff serving the District will be the same. D. Massie has contacted the Department of Forestry on tree planting projects. There was a media report in the Fauquier Times – Fall Issue on conservation in the region.

- 10) PLAN FOR OCTOBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS (in ORANGE at the Orange Service Center)**
Committees will meet on Tuesday, October 22nd, 2019, Personnel 9:00, Operations 9:30, Technical 10:00 and RMP/TRC to follow. The Educational Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019 in Madison at the Madison Extension Office at 4 p.m. **BOARD MEETING FOR NOVEMBER WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 2019 IN CULPEPER COUNTY AT PEPPERS RESTAURANT.**

11) ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Graves, Chairman



JoAnn M. Neal
Administrative Secretary

Date Approved _____