

MINUTES

CULPEPER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING Orange/Madison Cooperative Extension Orange Virginia 22727 February 4th, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lynn Graves at 10:40 A.M.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Lynn Graves, Madison County
Philip Morris, Greene County
Robert Bradford, Orange County
Robert Runkle, Greene County
Steve Hill, Madison County
Mike Biniek, Rappahannock County
Sarah Sharpe, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Greene County
Bob Williamson, Culpeper County, Associate Director
Robert Brame, Orange County

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Warren Lee, Orange County, Associate Director
Tom O'Halloran, Culpeper County
Dennis Verhoff, Culpeper County
Mike Sands, Rappahannock County
Steve Morris, Greene County, Director-At Large
Brad Jarvis, Madison County, Virginia Cooperative Extension,
Associate Director

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

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

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: District Technical Committee Report Addendum, NRCS Conservation Plan List to be approved by the Board, and the DCR Monthly Report.

2) DRAFT MINUTES

L. Graves called for approval of the substance of the January 7th, 2020 Draft District Board Meeting Minutes and for any substantive corrections or additions. S. Hill moved to approve as presented. M. Binek seconded the motion. (S. Hill, M. Binek, unanimous)

3) AGENDA APPROVAL

L. Graves called for Agenda approval. L. Graves requested the Operations Committee Report be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Agenda as 5.1. R. Bradford requested the Technical Committee Report be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Agenda as 5.2. S. Hill moved to approve the Agenda as amended. P. Morris seconded the motion. (S. Hill, P. Morris, unanimous)

4) CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda approved as modified.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Resource Management Plan (RMP) Technical Review Committee (TRC)
1-21-2020**

Present: Robert Bradford, TRC Chairman, Orange; Lynn Graves, District Chairman, Madison; Spencer Yager, Conservation Specialist; David Massie, Conservation Specialist; Kendall Dellinger, Conservation Specialist; Amanda McCullen; Conservation Specialist; Greg Wichelns, District Manager; Rex Rexrode, NRCS District Conservationist

The Chairman called the TRC meeting to order. The Committee reviewed the following 12 RMPs that were resubmitted for plan review from Madison and Orange counties. The TRC is recommending the following plans be approved by the Board for plan implementation:

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| • 7-17-0007 | 428.51 acres pasture | Orange County |
| • 7-20-0004 | 120.38 acres pasture and hayland | Madison County |
| • 7-20-0005 | 73.25 acres pasture and hayland | Madison County |
| • 7-20-0006 | 75.2 acres pasture | Madison County |
| • 7-20-0007 | 169.13 acres pasture | Madison County |
| • 7-20-0008 | 59.46 acres pasture and hayland | Madison County |
| • 7-20-0009 | 125.11 acres pasture | Madison County |
| • 7-20-0010 | 137.85 acres pasture and hayland | Madison County |
| • 7-20-0011 | 74.12 acres pasture and hayland | Madison County |
| • 7-20-0012 | 192.76 acres pasture and hayland | Madison County |
| • 7-20-0014 | 110.28 acres pasture and hayland | Orange County |
| • 7-20-0015 | 106.01 acres cropland | Orange County |

The following plan has been sent back to development per the plan writers request so that crop fields for the same farm can be added to this plan:

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| • 7-20-0013 | 20.92 acres hayland | Madison County |
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Staff has requested more information for the following plan and are waiting for the plan writers to resubmit:

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| • 7-15-0076 | 410 acres cropland and pasture | Culpeper County |
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There were no other topics discussed. Meeting adjourned.

TREASURER’S REPORT

NRCS CONSERVATION PLANS –

Culpeper - 159.9 acres – CSP-GCI Grassland Conservation Initiative.
150.8 acres – CSP-GCI Grassland Conservation Initiative.
15.7 acres – CSP-GCI Grassland Conservation Initiative.
64.1 acres - CSP-GCI Grassland Conservation Initiative.
Rappahannock - 24.1 acres – CSP-GCI Grassland Conservation Initiative.
14.9 acres – CSP-GCI Grassland Conservation Initiative.

5) ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

5.1) OPERATION COMMITTEE REPORT-

L. Graves presented a draft letter to the Chairman of the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board expressing continuing concern over the Technical Assistance Funding Policy. After the last meeting, there was discussion about the intent of what was actually said at that meeting. The letter addresses this concern. R. Bradford motioned to approve sending the letter and approval of the Operations Committee Report. P. Morris seconded the motion. (Bradford, Morris, unanimous)

5.2) TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Items in italics were added at the February 4, 2020 Board Meeting in Orange County, 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>
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SL-8B	2020 VACS	Mt. Pony Farms	07-20-0306	381860	Culpeper	\$ 20,187.80	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2020 VACS	Mt. Pony Farms	07-20-0284	382097	Culpeper	\$ 4,336.20	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2020 VACS	Glebe Farm LLC	07-20-0144	375401	Culpeper	\$ 5,388.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2020 VACS	Glebe Farm LLC	07-20-0143	375400	Culpeper	\$ 732.00	\$ 0.00
FR-1	2020 VACS	David M. Corcoran	07-20-0315	382937	Orange	\$ 5,980.00	\$ 0.00
FR-3	2020 VACS	David M. Corcoran	07-20-0315	382988	Orange	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2020 VACS	Alexander T. Stumpf	07-20-0149	375801	Orange	\$ 1,157.76	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2020 VACS	Alexander T. Stumpf	07-20-0149	375789	Orange	\$ 996.40	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2020 VACS	Wayne T. Harris	07-20-0314	382396	Orange	\$ 15,667.20	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2020 VACS	Belle Plaine Farm LLC	07-20-0274	380997	Madison	\$ 47,985.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2020 VACS	William McDaniel	07-20-0321	382998	Greene	\$ 3,898.00	\$ 0.00
NM-1A	2020 VACS	William McDaniel	07-20-0322	383001	Greene	\$ 871.76	\$ 0.00
CCI-CNT	2020 VACS	William McDaniel	07-20-0323	383002	Greene	\$ 2,831.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2020 VACS	Liberty Hall Plantation LLC	07-20-0324	383004	Culpeper	\$ 25,266.45	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2020 VACS	Green Leaf Land & Timber LLC	07-20-0316	382989	Culpeper	\$100,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2020 VACS	Richard Girten	07-20-0313	382352	Orange	\$ 13,225.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2020 VACS	Ann Gravett	07-20-0312	382242	Madison	\$ 25,125.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2020 VACS	Robert Fithian	07-20-0310	382232	Orange	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2020 VACS	McConnell Angus Farm	07-20-0305	381800	Orange	\$ 12,875.00	\$ 0.00
WP-2W	2020 VACS	Cherry Grove Farm Ent. Inc.	07-20-0311	382233	Orange	\$ 4,737.50	\$ 128.12
WP-2A	2020 VACS	Linsert LLC	07-20-0317	382991	Rappahannock	\$ 52,500.00	\$ 0.00
NM-1A	2020 VACS	Glenmary Holdings Farm LLC	07-20-0337	383637	Orange	\$ 4,564.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5P	2020 VACS	Glenmary Holdings Farm LLC	07-20-0338	383638	Orange	\$ 17,932.80	\$ 0.00
NM-5N	2020 VACS	Glenmary Holdings Farm LLC	07-20-0339	383639	Orange	\$ 13,561.20	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2020 VACS	Glenmary Holdings Farm LLC	07-20-0340	383640	Orange	\$ 23,075.52	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2020 VACS	Sophie Laporte	07-20-0084	367247	Madison	\$ 28,952.50	\$ 0.00

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-SL-6W	2020 VACS	Ann Gravett	07-20-0312	382242	Madison	\$ 25,125.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2020 VACS	Robert Fithian	07-20-0310	382232	Orange	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2020 VACS	McConnell Angus Farm	07-20-0305	381800	Orange	\$ 12,875.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2020 VACS	Connie Ballenger	07-20-0077	365627	Culpeper	\$ 20,367.14	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2020 VACS	Tucker Berry Farm	07-20-0101	373660	Madison	\$ 18,617.26	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2020 VACS	Liberty Hall Plantation LLC	07-20-0091	379514	Culpeper	\$ 8,458.20	\$ 0.00
SL-6N	2020 VACS	Greene Valley Stables LLC	07-20-0073	363494	Greene	\$ 13,310.48	\$ 1,109.20
NM-1A	2020 VACS	William McDaniel	07-20-0322	383001	Greene	\$ 680.80	\$ 0.00
LE-1T	Upper Hazel	Mont Medi LLC*	07-18-0463	303468	Rappahannock	\$ 41,454.54	\$ 1,828.88
LE-1T	Upper Hazel	Meredith Bolton	07-19-0438	332724	Rappahannock	\$ 36,909.37	\$ 1,628.35
WP-2B	Tax Credit	Longview Farm Estate	07-20-0119	374400	Culpeper	\$ 0.00	\$ 487.50

*Increase for additional stream exclusion fencing.

3) The following BMP 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>	<u>Tax Credit</u>
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

4) The following Upper Rapidan River 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	DEQ16678	Lorrie Chrisholm	07-20-0320	382997	Greene	\$ 175.00
RB-1	DEQ16678	Catherine Silman	07-20-0318	382994	Greene	\$ 175.00
RB-3R	DEQ16678	Nicole Baisden	07-20-0334	383594	Greene	\$ 2,000.00
RB-1	DEQ16678	Phillip Harper	07-20-0328	383337	Orange	\$ 175.00
RB-3R	DEQ16678	Lynn Robinette	07-20-0332	383590	Greene	\$ 2,000.00
RB-3R	DEQ16678	Doug Hill	07-20-0341	383644	Madison	\$ 2,000.00
RB-3R	DEQ16678	Doug Hill	07-20-0341	383646	Madison	\$ 2,000.00
RB-3R	DEQ16678	Doug Hill	07-20-0341	383647	Madison	\$ 2,000.00
RB-3R	DEQ16678	Doug Hill	07-20-0341	383648	Madison	\$ 2,000.00

5) The following WQIF Residential applicant has 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-5	DEQNPSWQIF	Elizabeth Henry	07-20-0047	352290	Orange	\$ 19,200.00

6) The following Upper Hazel River 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	DEQ16546	Sharon S. Kilpatrick	07-20-0336	383628	Rappahannock	\$ 3,000.00
RB-1	DEQ16546	Alan Dranitzke	07-20-0271	383044	Rappahannock	\$ 175.00
RB-1	DEQ16546	Susannah McNear	07-20-0085	382174	Rappahannock	\$ 175.00
RB-1	DEQ16546	Daniel Layton	07-20-0333	383592	Rappahannock	\$ 175.00

7) The following Robinson River Residential applicant has 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-4P	DEQ165679	Ryan Meszaros	07-20-0221	379486	Madison	\$ 6,000.00

8) The following Upper York River 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	DEQ16547	Gary Snead Jr.	07-20-0319	382995	Orange	\$ 175.00
RB-1	DEQ16547R	Clinton Frye	07-20-0330	383347	Orange	\$ 280.00
RB-4P	DEQ16547R	William Biscoe	07-20-0326	383320	Orange	\$ 7,800.00

9) The following Robinson River Residential participant has 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-3R	DEQ16679	Arthur Greene	07-20-0206	378219	Madison	\$ 162.50

10) The following WQIF Residential participant has 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	DEQNPSWQIF	Alan Buraghi	07-20-0270	380611	Greene	\$ 175.00

11) The following Upper York River Residential participant has 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	Kenneth Lohr	07-20-0294	381346	Orange	\$ 137.50

12) The following Upper Hazel 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	DEQ16546	Allison Hampton	07-20-0071	380161	Rappahannock	\$ 3,900.00
RB-1	DEQ16546	Susannah McNear	07-20-0085	367326	Rappahannock	\$ 175.00
RB-1	DEQ16546	Susannah McNear	07-20-0085	367327	Rappahannock	\$ 175.00
RB-1	DEQ16546	Susannah McNear	07-20-0085	382174	Rappahannock	\$ 175.00

13) The following residential applicants have been cancelled:

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Instance</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
RB-3R	DEQ16546	Susannah McNear	07-20-0085	367328	Rappahannock	\$ 2,000.00
RB-3R	DEQ16546	June Szeider	07-19-0585	337030	Culpeper	\$ 1,000.00
RB-3R	DEQ16546	June Szeider	07-19-0585	337031	Culpeper	\$ 1,000.00
RB-3R	DEQ16546	June Szeider	07-19-0585	337032	Culpeper	\$ 1,000.00

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

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dry Well	Jean Rose	Orange	\$ 3,500.00

15) The District Manager gave an update on the dams:

- a. District Staff participated in a Desktop Exercise for the Culpeper County dams with the District Dam Safety Engineer, Charles Wilson, and Culpeper County Emergency Services Staff.
- b. District Staff will participate in the same previously mentioned exercise for the Madison County dams on January 28, 2020 with Madison County Emergency Services.
- c. The District Manager has submitted a request to Schnabel Engineering for designs for the lining on the six Madison County dams that currently have corrugated metal primary spillways.
- d. Potential dates for the annual dam inspections are either April 1 & 2 or April 9 & 10.

16) The Committee briefly discussed the transfer of cost share funds to other District that may be in need. It was suggested that we wait until after the Soil and Water Board meets in March to make a decision.

17) There was a request from a landowner to move a section of stream exclusion fencing currently under contract due to frequent flooding damage. They requested the one time assistance to repair the fence and concurrently move the fence from the floodplain to higher up on a hillside to prevent future damage. It was requested that more information be gathered before any approval is granted.

18) The Technical Committee requested the authority of the Board of Directors to act on their behalf with approving a contract with Schnabel Engineering for comprehensive services for slip lining the primary spillways.

R. Bradford moved to approve the Technical Committee Report and to authorize the Technical Committee to approve a contract with Schnabel Engineering for comprehensive services for 6 slip lining designs and 2 construction proposals. R. Runkle seconded the motion. (Bradford, Runkle, unanimous)

6) DIRECTORS REPORTS

- S. Hill reported the District Legislative Committee discussed the January 18, 2020 VASWCD Legislative Report and identified several bills of interest to District Operations. The Committee Chair, Steve Hill suggested having the District Board adopt positions and then communicate with legislators by email. The District Manager will draft the emails and have them reviewed by the Committee Chair and the Culpeper District Directors and encourage their messaging. General Assembly Bills of Interest:

HB30 (Budget Bill) Item 373#7h and SB30 (Budget Bill) Item 373 #6.s – both budget amendments would provide \$4.55 million of general funds for base technical assistance for soil and water conservation districts. This would help stabilize technical assistance fluctuations from year to year. Support.

HB216 would require candidates for election to conservation district director positions to have political party affiliation. Oppose.

HB1422 and SB704 both would require nutrient management plans on all croplands of 50 acres or greater in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed of Virginia and would require stream exclusion fencing on any lands containing 20 or more cattle on same watershed lands as above; all by July 1, 2026. Oppose. Support Voluntary programs.

SB979 would require candidates for election to conservation district director to submit financial disclosure reporting prior to being elected. Currently swcd positions are exempt. Oppose. This bill if enacted would make it more difficult to get candidates for director positions.

S. Hill attended the dam training session in Madison last week and will be attending the picture hanging at Wetsel Middle School this afternoon.

Greg reported on several other legislative bills of relevance to conservation.

- S. Sharpe reported on the Beef Meeting this Thursday, February 6th, 2020 in Standardsville at PVCC at 6 p.m. to 8:30. Topics to be covered –Spring Calving Management and Planning your Breeding Strategy; Maximizing your forage and the benefits of intake modifying technology.
- L. Graves attended the Virginia Agri Business Legislative Banquet in Richmond in January; about 900 people attended. There will be pesticide training for the Orchard School Thursday, January 13th at Graves Mountain Lodge. He will be attending the NACD National Meeting in Las Vegas.

7) STAFF REPORTS

- W. Spencer Yager reported that last month he attended and spoke at the Virginia Cattleman's Association Meeting about the fencing legislation proposed and programs.
- S. DeNicola reported she and Richard will be hanging the map and photo at Wetsel Middle School in the atrium this afternoon. She also reported working with Richard on Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP) cost share program mailings for residents in Orange and Culpeper counties.
- A. McCullen attended the Virginia Forage and Grassland Council Meeting in Brandy Station, Virginia. The Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District also sponsored 6 producers to attend the meeting.
- D. Massie reported on the Virginia Forage and Grassland Council seminar in Brandy Station two weeks ago.
- R. Jacobs reported success at the contractor's workshop training for VCAP on January 30th at Lake of the Woods Community Center from 8:30 to 12:00 with 35 people attending. There were 10 or so residents, and installers and designers. Richard had an interview with the Greene County Record. They will be placing an article in the paper this weekend on Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP) cost share program for residents and Lawn Care Testing Program. We are hoping it will be republished in the newspapers in the other counties.
- H. Calloway attended the workshop that Richard had on January 30th.
- Greg reported on several topics:

1. On April 1st & 2nd, there will be annual inspections on dams. This will start at 9 a.m. at the Madison Extension Office and the next morning in Culpeper. Backup dates will be April 8th & 9th.
2. Greg reported once every 6 years the District is required to conduct a Desk Top Exercise with Emergency Service Coordinators, both in Madison and Culpeper counties. This will soon be completed for the next 6 years. There is also a required annual meeting with the Emergency Services Coordinators which is called Drill.

There was a special presentation to Mr. Charlie Thornton, Madison County 2019 Clean Water Farm Award. Photos were taken.

8) AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS – R. Rexrode reported NRCS has 6 (CSP) Conservation Security Program -GIC (Grassland Conservation Initiative) contracts to be approved by the Board. Eligibility depends on how the cropland was reported to FSA in Warrenton. FSA in Orange stated most farms are not eligible. It is determined on base cropland acres by FSA and how they were reported - contracted for rental fee of \$16.00 an acre for a 5 year period. Discussion followed on the CSP Grass Land Initiative – FSA will send out letters. Discussion followed.

EQIP program has \$26.5 million for financial assistance in Virginia for 2020. First signup will end the 28th of February. Rex made a presentation to a minority group of farmers in January that meet monthly at the Carver Center.

A Soil Conservation Technician and a Civil Engineer are to be located in the Culpeper Office. The Technician will be replacing Nancy Utz while the Engineer will be a new position. 2020 Grazing Planner calendars are in.

DCR – D. Cross reported 3rd Quarter Operational, Technical Assistance and Cost-Share disbursements letters are scheduled to be sent out 2/12/2020. Inventories should be updated on an annual basis. Mid-Year Personnel reviews need to be completed.

FY20 Base Technical Assistance Funding will be discussed at the March 26th, 2020 Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board meeting. New Directors – Mandatory Conflict of Interest (COIA) training for elected directors must be completed within two months of assuming office (2/28/2020). New Director Orientation Phase I for Culpeper will be announced. Phase II Orientation will be offered April 20, 2020 in Charlottesville; VA Dept. of Forestry Training Room.

DCR Staff changes: Roland Owens is leaving to go to DEQ. DCR is recruiting to fill this critical position. Jaclyn Friedman is the new CDC in our Suffolk Regional Office. Tappahannock CDC hiring process is underway. Marissa Roland is new part-time Agricultural Incentives Program Technician (helping David Bryan).

Conservation Planner Certification Courses are coming up: March 18th Virginia Cultural & Historic Resources and VA Rare Threatened and Endangered Species Protection. March 19th Virginia Ag. BMP & Cost Share Program and May 5th & 6th DCR Conservation Planning Program, location TBD.

Dates to remember:

March 26	VSWCB Meeting DOF, Charlottesville
April 6	New Director Orientation Phase 2 – Farmville
April 14	VASWCD Board Meeting
April 20	New Director Orientation Phase 2 - Charlottesville

- April 22 Area I Spring Meeting hosted by Shenandoah Valley SWCD
- April 28 New Director Orientation Phase 2 – Abingdon
- April 30 VSWCB Meeting Claytor Lake State Park
- May 12 Area II Spring Meeting, Middleburg Community Center, Hosted by Loudoun SWCD
- May 20 VSWCB Meeting, Pocahontas State Park

FORESTRY

Ed Furlow, Forester for Culpeper, Greene and Orange reported there will be a new Department of Forestry Watershed Specialist in Warrenton, position opening closes out February 5th. Short leaf pine leaf trees are available for planting. Again this year we are trying to save our Ash trees in Virginia. North of Route 64 the Ash tree is being consumed by the Emerald Ash Borer. DOF pays for half of the treatment for Ash trees – signup will begin April 1. Woods and Wildlife Conference February 29th, in Culpeper at the Daniel Tech Center.

- 9) PLAN FOR FEBRUARY COMMITTEE MEETINGS (in ORANGE at the ORANGE SERVICE CENTER)** Committees will meet on Thursday, February 20, 2020, Personnel 9:00, Operations 9:30, Legislative 10:00, Technical 10:30, and RMP/TRC if necessary after Technical Committee. Educational meeting will be held February 18th, 2020 at 4 P. M. in Madison at the Madison Extension Office. **BOARD MEETING FOR MARCH WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, March 3TH, 2020 IN CULPEPER AT THE PEPPERS RESTAURANT IN CULPEPER VIRGINIA.**

10) ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn the February 2020 Board meeting at 11:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Graves, Chairman



JoAnn M. Neal
Administrative Secretary

Date Approved 3/3/2020