

MINUTES
CULPEPER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Pepper's Grill
Culpeper, Virginia 22701
November 1, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lynn Graves at 10:14 AM.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Lynn Graves, Madison County
Tom O'Halloran, Culpeper County
Dennis Verhoff, Culpeper County
Philip Morris, Greene County
Steve Morris, Greene County
Robert Runkle, Greene County
Stephen Hill, Madison County
Robert Bradford, Orange County
Robert Brame, Orange County
Mike Biniek, Rappahannock County
Sarah Sharpe, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Greene County
Brad Jarvis, Associate Director, Madison County
Bob Williamson, Associate Director, Culpeper County

DIRECTORS NOT PRESENT:

Mike Sands, Rappahannock County
Warren Lee, Associate Director, Orange County

STAFF PRESENT:

Greg Wichelns, District Manager
Stevie Ross, Administrative Secretary
Henny Calloway, Conservation Specialist
Kendall Dellinger, Conservation Specialist
Stephanie DeNicola, Education Specialist
Brandy Harris, Conservation Specialist
Richard Jacobs, Conservation Specialist
David Massie, Conservation Specialist
Amanda McCullen, Conservation Specialist
Lily Smith, Conservation Specialist
W. Spencer Yager, Conservation Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

Debbie Cross, DCR
Rex Rexrode, NRCS
Kinner Ingram, VDOF
Peter Schoderbeck, VDOF
Jamie Shenk, Beaugard Farm

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

L. Graves called the meeting to order at 10:14 AM. Following a moment of silence, W. Yager led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were seven handouts: Ag Technical Committee Additions, DCR Report, NRCS Report, three Staff Reports, and a VCE "Farm Transition Planning" Flyer.

2) **DRAFT MINUTES**

L. Graves called for approval of the substance of the October 4, 2022, Draft District Board Meeting Minutes and for any substantive corrections or additions. S. Hill moved to approve the Minutes as presented. R. Brame seconded the motion. (S. Hill, R. Brame, unanimous)

3) **AGENDA APPROVAL**

L. Graves called for Agenda approval. The Technical Committee Report was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Agenda as 5.1. RMP - TRC Report was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Agenda as 5.2. T. O’Halloran moved to adopt the Agenda as modified. R. Brame seconded the motion. (T. O’Halloran, R. Brame, unanimous)

4) **CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent Agenda adopted as modified.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT
TREASURER’S REPORT

5) **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

5.1) **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

R. Bradford read the additional contracts for approval or payment as Committee Report Additions.

R. Bradford reported that bids for flood water level monitoring sensors on dams will be opened by T. O’Halloran, G. Wichelns, and himself on November 8th and 10 am.

R. Bradford left the room at 10:19 am and abstained from any vote on the Technical Committee Report. S. Yager also left the room although he does not vote.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT WITH ADDITIONS:

October 20, 2022 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes (Updated)

Present: Robert Bradford, Chairman; Lynn Graves, Madison; Mike Sands, Rappahannock; Greg Wichelns, District Manager; Spencer Yager, Conservation Specialist; David Massie, Conservation Specialist; Amanda McCullen, Conservation Specialist; Henny Calloway, Conservation Specialist; Richard Jacobs, Conservation Specialist; Kendall Dellinger, Conservation Specialist; Brandy Harris, Conservation Specialist

Items in italics were added at the November 1, 2022 Board Meeting in Culpeper, 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>
CCI-SL-6W	2023 VACS	Robert Bradford	07-23-0091	515782	Orange	\$ 3,487.50	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6N	2023 VACS	Roy Boldridge	07-23-0092	516222	Culpeper	\$ 3,872.50	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2023 VACS	Chris Parrish	07-23-0093	516236	Rappahannock	\$ 5,117.50	\$ 0.00
CCI-SE-1	2023 VACS	Copper Hill LLC.	07-23-0102	516661	Madison	\$ 5,955.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-WP-4	2023 VACS	Western View LLC	07-23-0082	514658	Orange	\$ 9,925.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-WP-4	2023 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC	07-23-0084	514662	Orange	\$ 14,550.00	\$ 0.00
FR-3	2023 VACS	10 Gables Farm LLC	07-23-0130	517670	Madison	\$ 9,550.00	\$ 0.00
SL-1	2023 VACS	David Gray	07-23-0133	517801	Culpeper	\$ 6,187.50	\$ 0.00

SL-8B	2023 VACS	Mathews Custom Farming Inc.	07-23-0123	517611	Culpeper	\$ 41,804.10	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Aksel Falk	07-23-0124	517651	Madison	\$ 1,579.90	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2023 VACS	Tommy Fahrney	07-23-0131	517781	Rappahannock	\$ 619.50	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2023 VACS	Debra Speyer	07-23-0125	517654	Madison	\$ 2,887.50	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Hunter Weaver	07-23-0104	517303	Madison	\$ 600.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Alexander Stumpf	07-23-0117	517579	Orange	\$ 3,870.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Alexander Stumpf	07-23-0117	517581	Orange	\$ 640.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Jett Farms Inc	07-23-0113	517545	Madison	\$ 2,250.50	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Jett Farms Inc	07-23-0113	517546	Madison	\$ 600.00	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2023 VACS	Jett Farms Inc	07-23-0090	515777	Madison	\$ 1,877.25	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Shawn Woodfolk	07-23-0114	517562	Madison	\$ 14,551.80	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Charles Woolfrey Construction Inc.	07-23-0115	517567	Orange	\$ 20,700.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Charles Woolfrey Construction Inc.	07-23-0115	517568	Orange	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Boyd Farm LLC	07-23-0065	510914	Orange	\$ 85,014.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Glen Cove Farm Inc	07-23-0105	517570	Orange	\$ 4,928.70	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Donald Tatum	07-23-0129	517765	Madison	\$ 13,950.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Tatum Farm LLC	07-23-0128	517764	Madison	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Custom Harvesters	07-23-0127	517760	Orange	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Custom Harvesters	07-23-0127	517761	Orange	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Lewis A Lamb & Sons Inc	07-23-0109	517450	Madison	\$ 16,200.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Lewis A Lamb & Sons Inc	07-23-0109	517456	Madison	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Lazy Creek Farm Inc	07-23-0108	517448	Madison	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Lazy Creek Farm Inc	07-23-0108	517449	Madison	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Shepherd Sons Farm	07-23-0107	517447	Madison	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Marshall Dairy	07-23-0106	517446	Orange	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Dale Welch	07-23-0142	517892	Rappahannock	\$ 12,600.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Ashland Farms Inc.	07-23-0110	517468	Culpeper	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Wheatley Shackleford	07-23-0111	517521	Culpeper	\$ 700.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Wheatley Shackleford	07-23-0112	517522	Culpeper	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Kenneth Smith	07-23-0099	516500	Culpeper	\$ 45,812.70	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	William Brown III	07-23-0147	517966	Culpeper	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Dennis Brown	07-23-0146	517964	Culpeper	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Dennis Brown	07-23-0145	217963	Culpeper	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Beauregard Farm, Inc.	07-23-0141	517891	Culpeper	\$ 30,780.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Beauregard Farm, Inc.	07-23-0122	517605	Culpeper	\$ 3,130.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Beauregard Farm LP	07-23-0135	517814	Culpeper	\$ 3,160.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Beauregard Farm LP	07-23-0140	517890	Culpeper	\$ 119,610.00	\$ 0.00
WQ-4	2023 VACS	Beauregard Farm LP	07-23-0139	517889	Culpeper	\$ 3,420.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2023 VACS	Larry Grove	07-23-0154	518246	Rappahannock	\$ 2,875.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2023 VACS	Stephen Hill	07-23-0159	518451	Madison	\$ 10,538.75	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2023 VACS	RET Farm LLC	07-23-0160	518454	Madison	\$ 13,387.50	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2023 VACS	Erik Weaver	07-23-0155	518259	Madison	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SE-1	2023 VACS	Harrison Lohr	07-23-0157	518278	Madison	\$ 817.50	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2023 VACS	RET Farm LLC	07-23-0160	518453	Madison	\$ 12,743.75	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2023 VACS	Joe Johnson, Jr.	07-23-0161	518455	Madison	\$ 4,625.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2023 VACS	Gayle Collier	07-23-0162	518510	Greene	\$ 2,206.25	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2023 VACS	Red Oak Mountain – Lawyer’s Farm LLC	07-23-0175	518663	Rappahannock	\$ 6,728.75	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6N	2023 VACS	Debra Speyer	07-23-0126	517667	Madison	\$ 5,194.50	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6N	2023 VACS	Richard Bennett	07-23-0166	476277	Culpeper	\$ 2,137.50	\$ 0.00

CCI-SL-6W	2023 VACS	Richard Bennett	07-23-0166	518667	Culpeper	\$ 796.25	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Wedderburn Farm	07-23-0151	518271	Culpeper	\$ 9,720.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Paul Compton	07-23-0165	518576	Culpeper	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Payne Hay and Straw	07-23-0173	518636	Culpeper	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2023 VACS	Timothy Beahm	07-23-0156	518277	Rappahannock	\$ 5,043.75	\$ 0.00
FR-1	2023 VACS	Lab Laurentia LLC	07-23-0170	518621	Rappahannock	\$ 97,125.00	\$3,600.00
FR-3	2023 VACS	Lab Laurentia LLC	07-23-0170	518638	Rappahannock	\$ 23,875.00	\$ 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
CCI-SL-6W	2023 VACS	Robert Bradford	07-23-0091	515782	Orange	\$ 3,487.50	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6N	2023 VACS	Roy Boldridge	07-23-0092	516222	Culpeper	\$ 3,872.50	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2023 VACS	Chris Parrish	07-23-0093	516236	Rappahannock	\$ 5,117.50	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2023 VACS	Frank Thomas	07-23-0034	501994	Orange	\$ 3,044.93	\$ 0.00
CCI-SE-1	2023 VACS	Copper Hill LLC.	07-23-0102	516661	Madison	\$ 5,955.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-WP-4	2023 VACS	Western View LLC	07-23-0082	514658	Orange	\$ 9,925.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-WP-4	2023 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC	07-23-0084	514662	Orange	\$ 14,550.00	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2022 VACS	Betty Gardner	07-22-0424	478154	Orange	\$ 2,631.00	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2022 VACS	Jimmy Henshaw	07-22-0207	468186	Greene	\$ 4,741.50	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2022 VACS	Jimmy Henshaw	07-22-0207	468190	Greene	\$ 4,924.50	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2023 VACS	Adrianna Cowan-Waddy	07-23-0027	498853	Orange	\$ 5,152.50	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2023 VACS	Harvester Farms LLC	07-23-0071	513687	Madison	\$ 4,762.50	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2023 VACS	Richard Duncan*	07-23-0029	495639	Culpeper	\$ 11,653.50	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2022 VACS	Thornhill Farms LCC	07-22-0252	469531	Rappahannock	\$ 80,115.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2023 VACS	Thornhill Farms LCC**	07-22-0252	469531	Rappahannock	\$ 12,481.33	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2023 VACS	David Winks***	07-23-0005	487181	Rappahannock	\$ 48,363.54	\$ 476.77
SL-7	2022 VACS	Brent Scott****	07-22-0311	471893	Culpeper	\$ 487.50	\$ 612.63
WP-2N	2022 VACS	Brent Scott****	07-22-0311	470678	Culpeper	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,375.00
SL-7	2023 VACS	Brent Scott*****	07-22-0311	471893	Culpeper	\$ 104.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6N	2023 VACS	Debra Speyer	07-23-0126	517667	Madison	\$ 5,194.50	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6N	2023 VACS	Richard Bennett	07-23-0166	476277	Culpeper	\$ 2,137.50	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2023 VACS	Richard Bennett	07-23-0166	518667	Culpeper	\$ 796.25	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2023 VACS	Larry Grove	07-23-0154	518246	Rappahannock	\$ 2,875.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2023 VACS	Stephen Hill	07-23-0159	518451	Madison	\$ 10,538.75	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2023 VACS	RET Farm LLC	07-23-0160	518454	Madison	\$ 13,387.50	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2023 VACS	Erik Weaver	07-23-0155	518259	Madison	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SE-1	2023 VACS	Harrison Lohr	07-23-0157	518278	Madison	\$ 817.50	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2023 VACS	RET Farm LLC	07-23-0160	518453	Madison	\$ 12,743.75	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2023 VACS	Joe Johnson, Jr.	07-23-0161	518455	Madison	\$ 4,625.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2023 VACS	Gayle Collier	07-23-0162	518510	Greene	\$ 2,206.25	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2023 VACS	Red Oak Mountain – Lawyer’s Farm LLC	07-23-0175	518663	Rappahannock	\$ 6,728.75	\$ 0.00
FR-1	2022 VACS	David Dowler	07-22-0282	470569	Rappahannock	\$ 12,266.25	\$ 522.19
SL-1	2022 VACS	Aksel Falk	07-22-0108	457961	Madison	\$ 9,109.63	\$ 566.34
SL-6W	2022 VACS	Richard Bennett	07-22-0191	468034	Culpeper	\$ 21,087.50	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2023 VACS	Richard Bennett	07-22-0191	468034	Culpeper	\$ 652.00	\$ 0.00
SL-7	2022 VACS	Richard Bennett	07-22-0191	475566	Culpeper	\$ 2,905.60	\$ 218.50
SL-7	2023 VACS	Richard Bennett	07-22-0191	475566	Culpeper	\$ 590.40	\$ 0.00

*Increase for acreage added to contract.

**Increase for additional stream exclusion fencing.

***Increase for additional stone required for stream crossings and change from 10-year to 15-year lifespan.

****Increase in tax credit based on out-of-pocket expenses. Contract changed from wife's name to husband's name.

***** Increase for additional interior cross fencing. Contract changed from wife's name to husband's name.

3) 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	PO17083	William Yager	07-23-0137	517877	Orange	\$ 200.00
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>PO17083</i>	<i>Gene Christy</i>	<i>07-23-0172</i>	<i>518628</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 200.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>PO17083</i>	<i>April Galdamez</i>	<i>07-23-0168</i>	<i>518616</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 200.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>PO17083</i>	<i>Leslie Yager</i>	<i>07-23-0169</i>	<i>518620</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 1,100.00</i>

4) 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-3	PO16974	Ping Shu	07-23-0120	517595	Orange	\$ 2,500.00
RB-4	PO16974	Charles Bates	07-23-0103	516987	Orange	\$ 4,000.00
RB-3M	PO16974	Donald Herndon	07-23-0132	517805	Orange	\$ 1,000.00
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>PO16974</i>	<i>Benjamin Santiago Jr.</i>	<i>07-23-0171</i>	<i>518623</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 1,300.00</i>

5) The following Robinson 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	DEQ17220	April Fincham	07-23-0118	517588	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Michael Cason	07-23-0134	517810	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Rick Lyles	07-23-0138	517886	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Alice Hoffman	07-23-0144	517960	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Helen Robertson	07-23-0074	517461	Madison	\$ 220.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Allyson Barbour	07-23-0148	517975	Madison	\$ 300.00
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Janet Garrison</i>	<i>07-23-0164</i>	<i>518565</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 200.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Barbara Gibson</i>	<i>07-23-0174</i>	<i>518640</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 1,600.00</i>

6) 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	DEQ17220	Helen Robertson	07-23-0074	517461	Madison	\$ 206.25
RB-1	DEQ17220	Karen Payton	07-23-0011	487493	Madison	\$ 262.50
RB-1	DEQ17220	Charles Deane	07-23-0094	516410	Madison	\$ 320.00
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Barbara Gibson</i>	<i>07-23-0174</i>	<i>518640</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 400.00</i>

7) 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>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>PO16974</i>	<i>Jerry Shire</i>	<i>07-22-0246</i>	<i>477166</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 2,868.75</i>

8) The following Rapidan 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>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ17083</i>	<i>Gene Christy</i>	<i>07-23-0172</i>	<i>518628</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 200.00</i>

9) The following Upper Hazel 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>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>DEQ17084</i>	<i>Chris Simmons</i>	<i>07-23-0023</i>	<i>495741</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 585.00</i>

10) The following Residential applicants have been canceled 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-3M	DEQ17220	Helen Robertson	07-23-0074	514623	Madison	\$ 1,100.00
RB-3M	PO17083	Gene Christy	07-22-0357	474783	Orange	\$ 1,000.00
RB-3M	DEQ16679	Barbara Gibson	07-22-0407	477422	Madison	\$ 1,600.00

11) The following Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP) practices have been approved by the Technical Committee for funding:

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Conservation Landscaping (CL-1 Meadow)	Will Lloyd	Rappahannock	\$ 2,949.61
Rain Garden (RG)	Elizabeth Winters	Orange	\$ 6,520.00

12) The following Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP) practices have been approved by the Technical Committee for payment:

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Permeable Pavement (PP)	Richard Jacobs	Culpeper	\$ 8,000.00

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

- a. Beautiful Run #2A wave berm has been completed and the pool is at its normal level.
- b. Fence repairs were completed on Beautiful Run #1B and #4

14) The Technical Committee requests the authority of the Board to award the bids for the remote monitoring stations and a toe drain installation on November 8, 2022.

R. Runkle moved to approve the bid opening authority request, the Technical Committee Report and all aforementioned items without any further discussion. S. Hill seconded the motion. R. Bradford abstained. (R. Runkle, S. Hill, unanimous)

5.2) RMP-TRC COMMITTEE REPORT

G. Wichelns brought attention to the RMP-TRC Membership Contact List (Report Attachment) announcing that there is one director from each county listed as a member and that if there are any edits to be made, or requests to be removed, that it should be done as soon as possible. He reported that one director, M. Sands, made a request to edit his email address via email and shared that change with the board.

R. Bradford moved to approve the report and attachment as modified. S. Hill seconded the motion. (R. Bradford, S. Hill, unanimous)

6) CLOSED SESSION: PERSONNEL MATTERS AND LITIGATION

R. Runkle moved that the Board go into Closed Session at 10:22 A.M. as provided for in the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A) (1) and (7) and to discuss Personnel Matters and Litigation. The Associate Directors and the District Manager were invited to attend. T. O'Halloran seconded the motion. (R. Runkle, T. O'Halloran, unanimous)

Following the return from Closed Session, R. Runkle moved to reconvene at 10:36 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". P. Morris seconded the motion. (R. Runkle, P. Morris, unanimous)

R. Bradford moved to accept the recommendations from the Personnel Committee. S. Hill seconded the motion. (R. Bradford, S. Hill, unanimous)

7) DIRECTOR REPORTS

R. Bradford reported that he attended a Forestry Tour outside of the District where the Hardwood Initiative is of high focus. He reported that white oak is used in the bourbon and wine industries to create barrels and that the specific wood is in high demand and the competency of long term supply of concern.

D. Verhoff reported that the Virginia Association for Biological Farming will be having its 23rd Annual Virginia Biological Farming Conference January 6-8, 2023. He passed around documents containing additional information.

B. Jarvis reported that the Pesticide Collection Program had the largest turnout since the first time it was conducted, with about 5 tons of pesticide disposed of. He reported that he will be hosting Pesticide Certification courses on December 5th from 6-9 and December 7th from 9-12. He also reported that on November 5th from 9-12 he will be hosting a Horse Trailer Safety course, and that November 7th there will be a gathering with Virginia Motor Carriers and State Police to discuss Farm Use Tags and Weight Limit Exemptions.

S. Sharpe reported that she will be hosting a Farm Transition Workshop, the flyer of which was handed out prior to the meeting. This will be an opportunity to learn about Estate Planning with the help of a lawyer and a CPA who will be in attendance.

R. Runkle reported that at the Farm Bureau Legislation Meeting, farm use tag regulation complaints were addressed and that Farm Bureau will be sending comments to the General Assembly.

L. Graves reported that he attended the Virginia AgriBusiness Council Meeting with Matthew Wells and Andrew Smith where Cliff Williamson was recognized as the new Executive Director. He also reported that on November 13th he attended the VASWCD Meeting.

8) STAFF REPORTS

S. Ross reported that the District's Annual Banquet will be on November 17th and reminded all to RSVP. She also reminded all that to attend the VASWCD Annual Meeting, you must pre-register, and brought forms for interested parties. She also reported that the District Audit will be on Monday, December 19th.

S. DeNicola reported on the NOAA funded MWEE program. In Greene she reached 300 students, Culpeper reached 250 students, and Floyd T. Bins reached 180 students. She reported that all of the events went well and that the children enjoyed being outside. She also reported that the Envirothon training will be held at Graves Mountain Lodge on November 19th.

D. Massie reported that the District received two out of the ten Grand River Basin Clean Water Farm Awards available. The Rappahannock River Basin Award recipient is Heaven's Hollow Farm owned by the Gilley's, and the York River Basin Award recipient is Lakeland Farm, owned by the Sedwick's. The awards will be given to the recipients at the Annual Meeting.

G. Wichelns reported that he received notification for the approval of the new 319 Grant for Mountain Run/Muddy Run in Culpeper County and that it is expected to open by November 2023. Also, a new TMDL area is within Greene and Albemarle counties with Blue Run, Quarter Creek, Swift Run, and Stanardsville Run. This area is unique, because unlike others, its main impairment is the benthic community is degraded by sediment and indirectly by phosphorus. The Rivanna Conservation Alliance, UVA, and TJSWCD also have interest in this TMDL area.

9) AGENCY REPORTS

DCR – D. Cross submitted a written report and highlighted a few items on it. She reported that SWCD disbursement letters will be sent on November 9th and that deposits should occur within 30 days of receipt. She also reported that Katherine Kulbok has taken the position as Representative for SWCD issues at the Office of the Attorney General and provided her contact information. She reminded District Staff to complete their IT Security Awareness Training and that End of Lifespan Verifications need to be complete, both by November 30th.

NRCS – R. Rexrode submitted a written report and read a few items from it. He shared that NRCS State Conservationist, Edwin Martinez, came to the office on November 11th for a meet and greet and thanked G. Wichelns for his participation in such. He also reported that C. Bray has been certified as a level one Conservation Planner and that C. Kidwell is back from maternity leave and is now in the office three days per week.

VDOF – K. Ingram touched on the topic of the White Oak Initiative that was previously mentioned in R. Bradford’s Director’s Report. VDOF has a Cost Share Program for improving hardwood growth that is run by Joe Rosetti. He also reported that there is currently an open Forester position in the Department that is expected to be filled soon and that three additional positions are expected to become available shortly after, including two technician positions and one Forester position. He also reported that 2023 VDOF Calendars are in and that he will bring them to the next meeting for anyone who is interested.

10) PUBLIC COMMENT

L. Graves announced that the Virginia Chapter of the American Soil Conservation Society - Conservationist of the Year Award Recipient was Beauregard Farm and welcomed their Farm Manager, Jamie Shenk, to the District Board Meeting.

D. Massie reminded the Board that they had submitted the nomination of Beauregard Farm for this award back in October, 2021. He shared that the farm practices have been exceptionally well managed and named several accomplishments. D. Massie and L. Graves presented Jamie Shenk, Farm Manager of Beauregard Farm, with the award.

10) PLAN FOR NOVEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS (IN PERSON)

Committees will meet at the Culpeper District Office on Tuesday, November 29, 2022. Personnel 9:00, Operations 9:30, Legislative 10:00, Technical 10:30 followed by RMP-TRC. Tentatively, the Education Committee will meet at the Madison Extension Office on the same day at 3:30 PM. **BOARD MEETING FOR DECEMBER WILL TENTATIVELY BE HELD TUESDAY, December 13, 2022, in person, at 10:00 AM at PVCC in Greene County.**

11) ADJOURNMENT

L. Graves motioned to adjourn the November 1, 2022 Board meeting at 11:39 AM. T. O’Halloran seconded the motion. (L. Graves, T. O’Halloran, unanimous)

Respectfully Submitted,
Stevie Ross, Administrative Secretary

Lynn Graves, Chairman



Date Approved: December 13, 2022