

MINUTES
CULPEPER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Pepper's Grill
Culpeper, Virginia
September 5, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lynn Graves at 10:02 AM.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

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

DIRECTORS NOT PRESENT:

Robert Brame, Orange County
Brad Jarvis, Associate Director, Madison County

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ashleigh Cason, NRCS
Debbie Cross, DCR

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

L. Graves called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. Following a moment of silence, W. Yager led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were three handouts: Education Committee Report, Technical Committee Additions, and DCR Report with FY2023 District Assessment Reports.

2) DRAFT MINUTES

L. Graves called for approval of the substance of the August 1, 2023, Draft District Board Meeting Minutes and for any substantive corrections or additions. S. Hill moved to approve the Minutes as presented. P. Morris seconded the motion. (S. Hill, P. Morris, 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. A Closed Session to discuss Personnel Matters was added to the Agenda as 5.2. M. Sands moved to adopt the Agenda as modified. S. Morris seconded the motion. (M. Sands, S. Morris, unanimous)

4) CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda adopted as modified.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
 EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT
 TREASURER'S REPORT
 NRCS CONSERVATION PLANS

Culpeper 9 Acres Fencing, Pasture Management
 Rappahannock 53.8 Acres Forest Management, Invasive Species Control, Carbon Sequestration

5) ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

5.1) TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT WITH ADDITIONS:

August 22, 2023 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes (Updated)

Present: Robert Bradford, Chairman; Lynn Graves, Madison; Tom O'Halloran, Culpeper; Robert Runkle, Greene; Steve Morris, Greene; Philip Morris, Greene; Greg Wichelns, District Manager; Spencer Yager, Conservation Specialist; David Massie, Conservation Specialist; Henny Calloway, Conservation Specialist; Lily Smith, Conservation Specialist; Kendall Dellinger, Conservation Specialist; Richard Jacobs, Conservation Specialist

Items in italics were added at the September 5, 2023 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-CNT	2024 VACS	Liberty Mills Farm LLC	07-24-0056	541019	Orange	\$ 871.25	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2024 VACS	Jose L. Torres	07-24-0085	549749	Orange	\$ 2,038.75	\$ 0.00
SL-1	2024 VACS	Bruce Hegyi	07-24-0078	546364	Culpeper	\$ 15,262.50	\$ 0.00
SL-1	2024 VACS	Erich Jenkins	07-24-0067	542585	Madison	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-1	2024 VACS	Piedmont Grain & Cattle Inc.	07-24-0091	550034	Orange	\$ 6,187.50	\$ 0.00
SL-1	2024 VACS	Paul Compton	07-24-0116	557747	Culpeper	\$ 15,250.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6N	2024 VACS	Triple R Investments LLC	07-24-0054	540117	Madison	\$ 38,642.50	\$ 5,201.88
SL-6W	2024 VACS	George Hamm	07-24-0055	540123	Madison	\$ 74,343.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2024 VACS	Erich Jenkins	07-24-0066	542538	Madison	\$ 67,511.03	\$ 795.31
SL-6W	2024 VACS	Mine Run Ag Inc.	07-24-0079	537852	Orange	\$ 52,333.44	\$ 1,614.11
SL-6W	2024 VACS	William C. Hill	07-24-0123	558239	Madison	\$ 19,440.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2024 VACS	Sandra Brady	07-24-0051	538839	Madison	\$ 40,290.00	\$ 652.50
SL-7	2024 VACS	Triple R Investments LLC	07-24-0053	540161	Madison	\$ 5,060.00	\$ 316.25
SL-7	2024 VACS	Jose L. Torres	07-24-0086	549756	Orange	\$ 3,958.00	\$ 247.38
SL-8B	2024 VACS	Michael Nicholson	07-24-0050	538793	Culpeper	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2024 VACS	Ashland Farms Inc.	07-24-0119	558066	Culpeper	\$ 2,420.00	\$ 0.00

SL-8B	2024 VACS	Meadow Grove Farm LLC	07-24-0122	558234	Rappahannock	\$ 2,047.50	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2024 VACS	AJ Miller Farms, LLC	07-24-0081	547352	Orange	\$ 49,500.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2024 VACS	Madison Farms Locust Dale LLC.	07-24-0088	549997	Madison	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2024 VACS	Madison Farms Locust Dale LLC.	07-24-0087	549992	Madison	\$ 43,200.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2024 VACS	Mine Run Ag Inc.	07-24-0089	550006	Orange	\$ 21,050.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2024 VACS	Mine Run Ag Inc.	07-24-0090	550030	Orange	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2024 VACS	Piedmont Grain & Cattle Inc	07-24-0092	550038	Orange	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2024 VACS	Piedmont Grain & Cattle Inc	07-24-0093	550042	Orange	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2024 VACS	Jett Farms Inc.	07-24-0099	552236	Orange	\$ 600.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2024 VACS	Jett Farms Inc.	07-24-0099	552232	Orange	\$ 2,250.50	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2024 VACS	Erich Jenkins	07-24-0100	552255	Madison	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2024 VACS	Somerset Plantation Inc	07-24-0102	552390	Orange	\$ 30,400.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2024 VACS	Somerset Plantation Inc	07-24-0103	552453	Orange	\$ 700.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2024 VACS	Ben Southard	07-24-0104	552514	Orange	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2024 VACS	Knight Cattle Corp	07-24-0105	552520	Orange	\$ 24,450.00	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2024 VACS	Jose L. Torres	07-24-0084	549725	Orange	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2024 VACS	Bruce Hegyi	07-24-0077	546210	Culpeper	\$ 4,926.75	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2024 VACS	Bruce Hegyi	07-24-0107	555722	Culpeper	\$ 4,041.75	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2024 VACS	Bruce Hegyi	07-24-0109	555760	Culpeper	\$ 1,897.50	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2024 VACS	Timber Meade Poultry LLC	07-24-0074	544521	Orange	\$ 2,625.00	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2024 VACS	J. Wells Waugh	07-24-0075	544522	Orange	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 0.00
WP-2A	2024 VACS	Clifton Pleasant	07-24-0120	558072	Culpeper	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 0.00
WP-4SF	2024 VACS	Henshaw & Sons Farm LLC	07-24-0121	558079	Madison	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SE-1	2024 VACS	Millwood Farm LLC	07-24-0106	553230	Orange	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SE-1	2024 VACS	CHE Enterprises LLC	07-24-0057	541144	Madison	\$ 8,370.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2024 VACS	CHE Enterprises LLC	07-24-0057	541145	Madison	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2024 VACS	Merlyn Koontz	07-24-0047	537848	Orange	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2024 VACS	Rock Hill of Rappahannock LLC	07-24-0052	539229	Rappahannock	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2024 VACS	AMCARWILL LLC	07-24-0110	555786	Madison	\$ 28,543.50	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2024 VACS	Ronnie Hawkins	07-24-0076	544545	Madison	\$ 33,778.50	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2024 VACS	Rose River Farm LLC	07-24-0048	537986	Madison	\$ 42,452.50	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2024 VACS	Kemper Aylor	07-24-0098	523703	Madison	\$ 49,791.75	\$ 0.00
WP-4LL	2024 VACS	Garrett Chambers	07-24-0144	562264	Orange	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 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	2024 VACS	Jose L. Torres	07-24-0085	549749	Orange	\$ 2,038.75	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2023 VACS	Robert M. Hildebrand*	07-23-0284	521763	Greene	\$ 67,549.00	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2024 VACS	Jose L. Torres	07-24-0084	549725	Orange	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SE-1	2024 VACS	Millwood Farm LLC	07-24-0106	553230	Orange	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SE-1	2024 VACS	CHE Enterprises LLC	07-24-0057	541144	Madison	\$ 8,370.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2024 VACS	CHE Enterprises LLC	07-24-0057	541145	Madison	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2024 VACS	Merlyn Koontz	07-24-0047	537848	Orange	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2024 VACS	Rock Hill of Rappahannock LLC	07-24-0052	539229	Rappahannock	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 0.00
FR-1	2023 VACS	Castleton Farms LLC	07-23-0269	521286	Rappahannock	\$ 10,593.75	\$ 906.25
FR-3	2023 VACS	Castleton Farms LLC	07-23-0269	521287	Rappahannock	\$ 4,390.00	\$ 0.00
NM-3C	2023 VACS	Mike Coates	07-23-0360	524211	Madison	\$ 1,399.20	\$ 0.00
NM-3C	2023 VACS	Brandy Rock Farm Inc	07-23-0483	529473	Culpeper	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5P	2023 VACS	Beauregard Farm LP**	07-23-0282	521750	Culpeper	\$ 12,024.00	\$ 0.00

NM-5P	2023 VACS	Beauregard Farm, Inc**	07-23-0283	521751	Culpeper	\$ 4,504.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5N	2023 VACS	Beauregard Farm LP	07-23-0282	521749	Culpeper	\$ 7,032.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5N	2023 VACS	Beauregard Farm, Inc	07-23-0283	521752	Culpeper	\$ 1,893.60	\$ 0.00
SL-6N	2023 VACS	Jonathan E Boone	07-23-0293	521940	Madison	\$ 15,290.70	\$ 2,753.94
SL-6W	2023 VACS	Highland Ridge Farm***	07-23-0080	476611	Culpeper	\$ 86,034.33	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2023 VACS	Senterfitt Farms****	07-23-0245	518768	Madison	\$ 174,758.63	\$ 2,665.16
SL-7	2022 VACS	Merlyn Koontz	07-22-0181	467790	Orange	\$ 22,211.25	\$ 1,388.20

The Technical Committee approved an increase for:

*Additional protective sleeving of pipeline due to substantial rock and additional stream exclusion fencing footage due to rocky terrain.

**additional acres receiving variable rate fertilizer in accordance with the nutrient management plan.

***additional footage of pipeline and interior cross fencing. Buffer acres increased due to fencing layout.

**** additional footage of pipeline and interior cross fencing.

3) The following BMP applicant has cancelled their application:

Practice	Fund	Participant	Contract	Instance	County	Amount	Tax Credit
CCI-SE-1	2024 VACS	George Racer	07-24-0017	532389	Orange	\$ 475.00	\$ 0.00

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

Practice	Fund	Participant	Contract	Instance	County	Amount
RB-1	DEQ17220	Desiree Keener	07-24-0061	547644	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-3M	DEQ17220	Sandra Mowchan	07-24-0112	556530	Madison	\$ 3,200.00
RB-4P	DEQ17220	Dana Lohr	07-24-0124	558240	Madison	\$ 6,000.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Lynn Henshaw	07-24-0130	561141	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-3M	DEQ17220	Michael Hale	07-24-0131	561171	Madison	\$ 1,500.00
RB-3M	DEQ17220	Louis Kreh	07-24-0142	561951	Madison	\$ 1,000.00

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

Practice	Fund	Participant	Contract	Instance	County	Amount
RB-1	DEQ17084	James Humes	07-24-0036	547645	Culpeper	\$ 200.00
RB-3M	DEQ17084	Dorothy Scott	07-24-0043	547861	Rappahannock	\$ 3,200.00
RB-1	DEQ17084	Victoria Fortuna	07-24-0137	561926	Rappahannock	\$ 200.00
RB-3M	DEQ17084	Alice Racer	07-24-0132	561234	Rappahannock	\$ 1,600.00

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

Practice	Fund	Participant	Contract	Instance	County	Amount
RB-3M	PO17083	Charles Atwell	07-24-0117	557851	Madison	\$ 1,000.00
RB-3M	PO17083	Jennings Webb	07-24-0113	556531	Madison	\$ 1,600.00
RB-3M	PO17083	Joshua Geer	07-24-0114	556663	Madison	\$ 1,000.00
RB-3M	PO17083	Teresa Benschhoff	07-24-0115	557009	Greene	\$ 1,000.00
RB-1	PO17083	Diana Dodge	07-24-0134	561237	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	PO17083	Diana Dodge	07-24-0134	561241	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	PO17083	Diana Dodge	07-24-0134	561245	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	PO17083	Diana Dodge	07-24-0134	561251	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	PO17083	Diana Dodge	07-24-0134	561256	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	PO17083	Diana Dodge	07-24-0134	561314	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	PO17083	Diana Dodge	07-24-0134	561354	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	PO17083	David Lamb	07-24-0141	561941	Orange	\$ 320.00
RB-3M	PO17083	David Estes	07-24-0139	561928	Greene	\$ 1,600.00
RB-3M	PO17083	Willian Hood	07-24-0138	561927	Madison	\$ 1,000.00

7) 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-3M	PO16974	Silvestre Castelan	07-24-0111	556496	Orange	\$ 1,600.00
RB-4	PO16974	Michael Gredler	07-24-0118	557932	Orange	\$ 4,400.00

8) 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	PO16974	Oscar Landes	07-23-0387	525086	Orange	\$ 220.00
RB-3M	PO16974	Donald Herndon	07-24-0070	543165	Orange	\$ 1,550.00

9) The following Upper 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>
RB-3M	PO17083	Dennis Brida	07-24-0027	532987	Madison	\$ 1,300.00

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	DEQ17220	Frederick Banks	07-24-0020	532579	Madison	\$ 300.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Sarah Carter	07-24-0021	532581	Madison	\$ 320.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Jack Jeffries	07-23-0450	527982	Madison	\$ 192.50
RB-1	DEQ17220	Charles Kenyon	07-24-0026	532957	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Betty Hutchind	07-24-0006	533486	Madison	\$ 300.00
RB-4	DEQ17220	Judith Kendall	07-23-0280	528979	Madison	\$ 6,000.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Everette Kline Jr.	07-24-0060	542046	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Donald Nicholson	07-23-0478	529463	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-3M	DEQ17220	Beverly Garrison	07-24-0062	542079	Madison	\$ 1,635.00

11) 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	DEQ17084	James Humes	07-24-0036	535947	Culpeper	\$ 1,000.00
RB-3M	DEQ17220	Desiree Keener	07-24-0061	542067	Madison	\$ 1,000.00
RB-3M	DEQ17084	Dorothy Scott	07-24-0043	536081	Rappahannock	\$ 1,600.00
RB-3M	PO16974	Steve Bowling	07-23-0422	526510	Orange	\$ 1,000.00
RB-3M	DEQ17084	Victoria Fortuna	07-23-0479	529464	Rappahannock	\$ 1,000.00

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

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Conservation Landscaping – Riparian Buffer (CL-5)	Rappahannock County Recreational Facility Authority (RCRFA)	Rappahannock	\$ 4,000.00

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

- a. The second dam mowing of the season has been completed on all dams.
- b. The District Manager recently had a conference call with Schnabel Engineering to discuss plans for Beautiful Run #7 and Beautiful Run #1B. No funding has been allocated to Beautiful Run #7 for construction at this time.
- c. The District Manager is closely monitoring possible land development near Mountain Run #18 (Catalpa).

14) The Technical Committee reviewed the Annual Plan of Work and feels that it meets all the requirements.

15) The Technical Committee discussed the Technical Advisory Committee recommendations for the PY2025.

R. Bradford stated that contract number 07-24-0144 for the WP-4LL instance will need to be re-approved to accommodate an amended date and updated funding source.

R. Bradford moved to approve the Technical Committee Report as presented, including the funding approval for contract number 07-24-0144. M. Sands seconded the motion. (R. Bradford, M. Sands, unanimous)

5.2) CLOSED SESSION: PERSONNEL MATTERS

R. Runkle moved that the Board go into Closed Session at 10:06 A.M. as provided for in the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A) (1) to discuss Personnel Matters. 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 10:26 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. (R. Runkle, T. O'Halloran, unanimous)

R. Bradford moved to accept the recommendations from the Personnel Committee. T. O'Halloran seconded the motion. (R. Bradford, T. O'Halloran, unanimous)

6) DIRECTOR REPORTS

S. Morris provided an update on his attendance at the Greene County Farm and Ag Show held in August. He conveyed that the event was successful, with a notable turnout of children showcasing animals, resulting in the program running beyond its scheduled time. Additionally, he informed the Board that Greg, Kendall, and Lily were also present at different intervals throughout the event. S. Morris highlighted that the McDaniel's were interviewed by the RFD TV Network regarding their dairy production facility.

R. Runkle informed the Board that the Morton family's Cattle Run Farm in Ruckersville had been awarded a \$20,000 grant from the American Farmland Trust. R. Runkle expressed satisfaction in witnessing the acknowledgment of Greene County farmers.

M. Biniak highlighted the urgent requirement for rainfall in and around the Shenandoah Valley.

S. Sharpe provided updates on various activities. It was noted that the recent episode of the Sunday Morning Farm Bureau Broadcast showcased Greene County. Additionally, Sharpe informed the Board about the ongoing Well Water Testing Clinic in Orange, Madison, and Greene Counties. She anticipates a participation rate of 55 tests per county and emphasized a limited availability of slots. Sharpe mentioned that with each well water testing clinic inquiry, she distributed the District's septic magnets and other relevant District information. Sharpe highlighted an employment opportunity for an Ag Agent in Orange County and encouraged interested individuals to submit their applications. Lastly, she announced two upcoming programs: a Beef Cattle Program scheduled for October 23 and a How to Start a Farm Program on November 17.

T. O'Halloran reported on the need for precipitation and an alarmingly diminished water level in the pond situated on his premises.

L. Graves reported his intention to attend the Legislative Committee Meeting scheduled for today at 1:00, as well as the forthcoming Association Meeting on September 27. In addition, he conveyed his preparations for the upcoming autumn season.

7) **STAFF REPORTS**

R. Jacobs reported that he has begun the process of VCAP Spot Checks and that he will provide an update next month.

W. S. Yager reported that Orange County's FSA-CED, Cynthia Smith, will be retiring at the end of September after a career of over thirty years.

D. Massie reported that District Spot Checks have been completed and that the Technical Committee will report on this at the next Board Meeting.

S. DeNicola reported that the Annual Report has been completed and posted. She also reported that the NOAA Grant has been extended through January 31, 2024.

G. Wichelns reported that the development of a Rivanna River TMDL Implementation Plan will launch on September 20, eventually opening the door for 319 funded projects to extend into the southern half of Greene County. He also reported that the District has been investigating the impact of proposed land development and its encroachment on one of the District dams in Culpeper County. The District's standing policy regarding lands surrounding dams outlines certain areas to be preserved and that the long-term integrity of the easement must remain intact. There will be more reports on this later. Wichelns also reported that the Final Draft Lease and Construction Contract for the Culpeper District Office Expansion is expected to be reviewed during the Operations Committee Meeting later this month. He also reported that the Final Public Meeting for the Mountain Run PCB TMDL will commence tomorrow. Lastly, G. Wichelns reported on his intention to attend today's Legislative Committee Meeting.

8) **AGENCY REPORTS**

DCR- D. Cross submitted a written report and highlighted a few key items. First, she congratulated S. DeNicola on being the first of her Districts to complete the Annual Report, which is not officially due until September 30th. She then reminded all Directors that this year, most will be required to complete Conflict of Interest Act (COIA) training this year and provided information on how to accomplish this. She also updated all Directors and Staff about the new Engineering Assistance Request Form and the progress of spot checks, end of lifespan verifications, and administrative reviews. D. Cross also reviewed with the Board the FY2023 Assessment of SWCD Compliance with Grant Agreements for both the Ag Program and District Administration and congratulated the District on its outstanding performance in all categories.

9) **PLAN FOR SEPTEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS (IN PERSON)**

Committees will meet at the Culpeper District Office on Tuesday, September 19, 2023. Personnel 9:00, Operations 9:30, Technical 10:00. The Education Committee will meet on the same day at the Madison Extension Office at 3:30. **BOARD MEETING FOR OCTOBER WILL BE HELD AT 10:00 AM ON TUESDAY, October 3, 2023, in person, at PVCC in Greene County.**

10) **ADJOURNMENT**

L. Graves motioned to adjourn the September 2023 Board meeting at 11:02 AM. D. Verhoff seconded the motion. (L. Graves, D. Verhoff, unanimous)

Respectfully Submitted,
Stevie Ross, Administrative Secretary

Lynn Graves, Chairman



Date Approved: October 3, 2023