

MINUTES
CULPEPER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
EverGro – Orange Branch
Orange County, Virginia
October 1, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lynn Graves at 10:07 AM.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Lynn Graves, Madison County
Anthony Jewett, Madison County
Robert Williamson, Culpeper County
Dennis Verhoff, Culpeper County
Robert Runkle, Greene County
Robert Bradford, Orange County
Robert Brame, Orange County
Mike Biniek, Rappahannock County
Sarah Sharpe, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Greene County

DIRECTORS NOT PRESENT:

David Cox, Greene County
Mike Sands, Rappahannock County
Steve Morris, At-Large Director, Greene County

STAFF PRESENT:

Greg Wichelns, District Manager
Stevie Ross, Administrative Secretary/Financial Specialist
Henny Calloway, Conservation Specialist
Kendall Dellinger, Conservation Specialist
Richard Jacobs, Conservation Specialist
David Massie, Conservation Specialist
Amanda McCullen, Conservation Specialist
Cheyenne Sheridan, Conservation Specialist
Lily Smith, Conservation Specialist
W. Spencer Yager, Conservation Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

Molly Elgin, Orange County

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

L. Graves called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM. Following a moment of silence, S. Yager led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were six handouts: Technical Committee Additions, four Staff Reports, and DCR Report.

2) DRAFT MINUTES

L. Graves called for approval of the substance of the September 3, 2024, Draft District Board Meeting Minutes and for any substantive corrections or additions. A. Jewett moved to approve the Minutes as presented. R. Brame seconded the motion. (A. Jewett, 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. R. Runkle moved to adopt the Agenda as modified. D. Verhoff seconded the motion. (R. Runkle, D. Verhoff, unanimous)

4) CONSENT AGENDA

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

Culpeper	15.4 Acres	CREP Reenrollment Brush and Weed Management, Forest Stand Improvement, Wildlife Habitat Management
Culpeper	216 Acres	EQIP IRA Grazing Management, Access Control, Livestock Water System
Madison	104.2 Acres	EQIP IRA Waste Storage Facility and Grazing Management
Rappahannock	2 Acres	CSP GCI Grazing Management
Madison	194.8 Acres	EQIP IRA Waste Storage Structure and Grazing Management

5) ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

5.1) TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT WITH ADDITIONS

September 17, 2024 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes (Updated)

Present: Robert Bradford, Chairman; Lynn Graves, Madison; Tom O’Halloran, Culpeper; Robert Runkle, Greene; Anthony Jewett, Madison; Mike Sands, Rappahannock; Greg Wichelns, District Manager; Spencer Yager, Conservation Specialist; David Massie, Conservation Specialist; Amanda McCullen, Conservation Specialist; Kendall Dellinger, Conservation Specialist; Lily Smith, Conservation Specialist; Cheyenne Sheridan, Conservation Specialist
Henny Calloway, Conservation Specialist; Richard Jacobs, Conservation Specialist; Rex Rexrode, NRCS District Conservationist

Items in italics were added at the October 1, 2024 Board Meeting in Orange, Virginia

1) The following conservation plans were thoroughly reviewed by the Technical Committee and recommended for Board approval:

JJT Virginia Property Ventures LP	CP-7-23-0092
Francis McGuigan	CP-7-25-0156
Sue Evangelista	CP-7-25-0034
William Green	CP-7-25-0033
W. Spencer Yager	CP-7-25-0031
Bjorn Bolte	CP-7-25-0036
Vivian Utz	CP-7-25-0032
Lee-Lynn Farms, LLC	EQIP 2018 7433A724121

2) 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>
FR-1	2025 VACS	Sue Evangelista	07-25-0185	622601	Culpeper	\$ 2,725.00	\$ 0.00
FR-1	2025 VACS	William Green	07-25-0183	622500	Culpeper	\$ 6,762.50	\$ 0.00
FR-1	2025 VACS	Bjorn Bolte	07-25-0167	617172	Rappahannock	\$ 21,800.00	\$ 0.00
FR-3	2025 VACS	Bjorn Bolte	07-25-0167	617180	Rappahannock	\$ 2,237.50	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2025 VACS	Francis McGuigan	07-25-0156	611287	Greene	\$ 17,831.55	\$ 241.99
SL-6W	2025 VACS	Jeremey Burner	07-25-0134	606563	Orange	\$ 11,005.12	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2025 VACS	W. Spencer Yager	07-25-0184	622508	Orange	\$ 22,738.00	\$ 364.95
SL-6W	2025 VACS	JJT Virginia Property Ventures LP	07-25-0176	527726	Madison	\$ 97,282.00	\$ 0.00
SL-7	2025 VACS	Francis McGuigan	07-25-0156	611289	Greene	\$ 16,060.80	\$1,003.80
SL-7	2025 VACS	Jeremey Burner	07-25-0134	611314	Orange	\$ 806.72	\$ 133.91
SL-8B	2025 VACS	Douglas Coleman Farms, LLC	07-25-0180	622299	Culpeper	\$ 7,988.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2025 VACS	Roy Boldridge	07-25-0181	622343	Culpeper	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2025 VACS	Glebe Farm LLC	07-25-0173	619486	Culpeper	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2025 VACS	Glebe Farm LLC	07-25-0174	620232	Culpeper	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 0.00
WP-4	2025 VACS	Lee-Lynn Farms, LLC	07-25-0100	594358	Madison	\$ 63,659.00	\$ 0.00
WQ-4	2025 VACS	Glebe Farm LLC	07-25-0175	620233	Culpeper	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2025 VACS	Vivian Utz	07-25-0182	622422	Madison	\$ 43,813.50	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2025 VACS	Yowell Farm Ent	07-25-0214	624619	Madison	\$ 14,840.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2025 VACS	Yowell Farm Ent	07-25-0214	624620	Madison	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 0.00

3) 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-6N	2025 VACS	Sidney Colvin	07-25-0087	592562	Culpeper	\$ 11,342.50	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6N	2025 VACS	Charles Johnson	07-25-0008	588867	Rappahannock	\$ 5,342.25	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6N	2025 VACS	Robert Bradford	07-25-0103	597568	Orange	\$ 675.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2025 VACS	Slate Mill Farm	07-25-0040	590122	Greene	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0.00
FR-1	2025 VACS	Theodore Bujewski	07-25-0011	592998	Madison	\$ 1,030.00	\$ 0.00
FR-3	2025 VACS	Theodore Bujewski	07-25-0011	593044	Madison	\$ 19,242.50	\$ 0.00
FR-3	2025 VACS	Dana Milbank	07-25-0010	588925	Rappahannock	\$ 9,724.13	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2024 VACS	Robert Balcerzak	07-24-0200	571914	Rappahannock	\$ 18,181.35	\$ 2,083.86
SL-10	2025 VACS	Charles Johnson	07-25-0025	589978	Rappahannock	\$ 1,725.00	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2025 VACS	Sidney Colvin	07-25-0086	592564	Culpeper	\$ 5,906.25	\$ 0.00
NM-3C	2024 VACS	<i>Knight Cattle Corp</i>	07-24-0588	586917	Orange	\$ 1,561.88	\$ 0.00
NM-3C	2024 VACS	<i>Ben Southard</i>	07-24-0587	586916	Orange	\$ 441.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5P	2024 VACS	<i>Somerset Plantation Inc</i>	07-24-0658	588591	Orange	\$ 3,611.20	\$ 0.00
SL-6N	UHR Ag.	<i>Lindsay Eastham</i>	07-24-0215	588574	Rappahannock	\$ 41,583.81	\$ 4,455.41
SL-6W	2023 VACS	<i>Calvin Powell</i>	07-23-0396	474984	Greene	\$ 58,733.21	\$ 0.00
SL-7	2024 VACS	<i>CherryBrook Hunter Ponies LLC*</i>	07-24-0675	468151	Rappahannock	\$ 30,409.80	\$ 4,161.64
SL-10	2025 VACS	<i>Raymond Mills</i>	07-25-0026	589979	Culpeper	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 0.00
WP-2N	2024 VACS	<i>Alden Pullen</i>	07-24-0374	582925	Culpeper	\$ 16,421.95	\$ 2,736.99

4) The following BMP participants have been approved by the Technical Committee for an increase:

<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-6W	2024 VACS	Wade F. Bradshaw*	07-24-0189	564234	Madison	\$ 53,060.03	\$ 760.56
SL-7	2024 VACS	CherryBrook Hunter Ponies LLC**	07-24-0675	468151	Rappahannock	\$ 320.80	\$ 4,161.64

*The Technical Committee approved an increase of \$5,000.00 for larger concrete pads around the water troughs.

**The Technical Committee approved an increase of \$380.20 of 2024 VACS funds due to additional stone required for trough type and pipeline work required due to rock.

5) The following BMP participant has been cancelled by the Technical Committee:

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Instance</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Tax Credit</u>
NM-3C	2024 VACS	Wheatley J Shackelford	07-24-0615	587270	Culpeper	\$ 528.00	\$ 0.00

6) The following Mountain Run, Muddy Run, and Lower 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-1	PO17406	Ian Masson	07-25-0166	613740	Culpeper	\$ 270.00
RB-1	PO17406	Elizabeth Disbrow	07-25-0171	618544	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	PO17406	Todd Hetzer	07-25-0177	621452	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-3M	PO17406	Tyler Shifflett	07-25-0178	621457	Culpeper	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	PO17406	Elizabeth Disbrow	07-25-0171	618555	Culpeper	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	PO17406	Angela Kouwenhoven*	07-24-0591	586961	Culpeper	\$ 3,000.00
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>PO17406</i>	<i>Robert McDonald</i>	<i>07-25-0234</i>	<i>626988</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 360.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>PO17406</i>	<i>Max Weber</i>	<i>07-25-0235</i>	<i>627003</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 292.50</i>

*Angela Kouwenhoven was increased to RB-3M Level 2

7) 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	Beverly Coates	07-25-0188	623184	Madison	\$ 360.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Calvin Graves	07-25-0224	625068	Madison	\$ 225.00
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Inez Banks</i>	<i>07-25-0216</i>	<i>624671</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 225.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Ruth Nicholson</i>	<i>07-25-0213</i>	<i>624580</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 360.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Diana Varner</i>	<i>07-25-0206</i>	<i>624523</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 225.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Pamela Welder</i>	<i>07-25-0200</i>	<i>623605</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 225.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Edward Napier</i>	<i>07-25-0238</i>	<i>628221</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 225.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Janet Hylar</i>	<i>07-25-0239</i>	<i>628249</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 1,950.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Lisa Davis</i>	<i>07-25-0187</i>	<i>622952</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 1,625.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Warren Breeden</i>	<i>07-25-0186</i>	<i>622885</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 3,575.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Brian Galasso</i>	<i>07-25-0240</i>	<i>628285</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 2,600.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Susan Korfanty</i>	<i>07-25-0245</i>	<i>628390</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 1,625.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Carol Shirey</i>	<i>07-25-0194</i>	<i>623213</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 2,437.50</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Von's Retreat LLC</i>	<i>07-25-0210</i>	<i>624564</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 1,625.00</i>

8) The following Locally Funded 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	Locally Funded	David Jacobus	07-25-0168	618352	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Brittany Bache	07-25-0169	618376	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Sharon Deemer	07-25-0170	618601	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	James Jones	07-25-0107	617217	Culpeper	\$ 3,725.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	LaDawn Herndon	07-25-0191	623200	Orange	\$ 225.00
RB-3M	Locally Funded	Linda Haselton	07-25-0195	623246	Greene	\$ 2,437.50
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Joey Taylor</i>	<i>07-25-0208</i>	<i>624537</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>\$ 337.50</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Tyler Lienhart</i>	<i>07-25-0244</i>	<i>628371</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>\$ 270.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>John Griffin</i>	<i>07-25-0231</i>	<i>625417</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 225.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Edwin Webster</i>	<i>07-25-0223</i>	<i>625067</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>\$ 225.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Dale Webster</i>	<i>07-25-0196</i>	<i>623441</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>\$ 225.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Amy Midkiff</i>	<i>07-25-0217</i>	<i>624851</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 225.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Gerrit DeGraaf</i>	<i>07-25-0199</i>	<i>623561</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>\$ 225.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Lynn Gould</i>	<i>07-25-0207</i>	<i>624526</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>\$ 1,625.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Elizabeth Bailey</i>	<i>07-25-0198</i>	<i>623514</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 1,625.00</i>

RB-3M	Locally Funded	Charles Lewis	07-25-0237	628197	Greene	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	Locally Funded	Doriene Steeves	07-25-0212	624569	Greene	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	Locally Funded	Russell Parrott	07-25-0246	628608	Greene	\$ 3,250.00
RB-3M	Locally Funded	Anna Levin	07-25-0218	624888	Culpeper	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	Locally Funded	Anna Levin	07-25-0219	624900	Culpeper	\$ 1,625.00

* James Jones changed from RB-3M to RB-3.

9) 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-1	DEQ17084	James Blubaugh	07-25-0190	623192	Rappahannock	\$ 255.00
RB-3M	DEQ17084	Deborah Proper	07-25-0193	623203	Culpeper	\$ 1,787.50
RB-3M	DEQ17084	Douglas Ubelaker	07-25-0189	623190	Rappahannock	\$ 1,625.00
RB-1	DEQ17084	Mark Anderson	07-25-0197	623468	Rappahannock	\$ 225.00
RB-1	DEQ17084	Lucas Pipes	07-25-0140	625069	Rappahannock	\$ 225.00
RB-1	DEQ17084	Lucas Pipes	07-25-0140	625072	Rappahannock	\$ 225.00
RB-1	DEQ17084	Twila Neelo-Bracken	07-25-0229	625084	Rappahannock	\$ 360.00
RB-1	DEQ17084	Nathaniel Merritt	07-25-0228	625082	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-3M	DEQ17084	Randolph Parker	07-25-0202	623679	Culpeper	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	DEQ17084	Kathleen Burney	07-25-0230	625104	Rappahannock	\$ 3,250.00
RB-3M	DEQ17084	Steven Olson	07-25-0227	625077	Rappahannock	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	DEQ17084	Michael Murphy	07-25-0201	623676	Culpeper	\$ 1,625.00

10) The following Upper Rapidan 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	PO17083	Mary Harp	07-25-0221	625022	Greene	\$ 225.00
RB-3M	PO17083	Christopher Haag	07-25-0242	628358	Greene	\$ 3,250.00
RB-3M	PO17083	James Henshaw	07-25-0243	628366	Greene	\$ 2,600.00
RB-3M	PO17083	James Henshaw	07-25-0243	628544	Greene	\$ 2,600.00

11) 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	PO17407	Robert Murphy	07-25-0215	624665	Orange	\$ 225.00
RB-1	PO17407	Jenny Bond	07-25-0211	624565	Orange	\$ 225.00
RB-1	PO17407	Kenwood Farm LLC	07-25-0241	628288	Orange	\$ 225.00
RB-1	PO17407	Kenwood Farm LLC	07-25-0241	628319	Orange	\$ 225.00
RB-1	PO17407	Kenwood Farm LLC	07-25-0241	628332	Orange	\$ 225.00
RB-1	PO17407	Kenwood Farm LLC	07-25-0241	628340	Orange	\$ 225.00
RB-1	PO17407	Kenwood Farm LLC	07-25-0241	628349	Orange	\$ 225.00
RB-3M	PO17407	Jeanne Hupp	07-25-0209	624547	Orange	\$ 2,437.50
RB-3M	PO17407	Joseph Messere	07-25-0236	628166	Orange	\$ 1,625.00

12) The following Mountain Run, Muddy Run, and Lower 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-1	PO17406	Stuart Calwell	07-25-0160	611426	Culpeper	\$ 212.50
RB-1	PO17406	Randolph Jones	07-25-0161	611428	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	PO17406	Russell Chaney	07-25-0146	608672	Culpeper	\$ 200.00
RB-3M	PO17406	Jeannette Edwards	07-24-0455	584860	Culpeper	\$ 2,000.00
RB-1	PO17406	Eudora G. Lyell	07-25-0148	608731	Culpeper	\$ 212.50

13) The following Locally Funded 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	Locally Funded	William Harnage	07-25-0165	611467	Culpeper	\$ 212.50
RB-1	Locally Funded	Stephen Brown	07-25-0097	593056	Culpeper	\$ 200.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	David Jacobus	07-25-0168	618352	Culpeper	\$ 200.00
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Linda Weller</i>	<i>07-25-0051</i>	<i>590332</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 300.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Lilly Jenkins</i>	<i>07-25-0047</i>	<i>590325</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>\$ 187.50</i>

14) The following Upper Rapidan 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>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>PO17083</i>	<i>Kevin Dodson</i>	<i>07-25-0007</i>	<i>588817</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 187.50</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>PO17083</i>	<i>Leo Kudej III</i>	<i>07-25-0046</i>	<i>590333</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 206.25</i>

15) 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>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Katherine Kelliher</i>	<i>07-25-0133</i>	<i>605918</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 225.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Timothy Hill</i>	<i>07-25-0041</i>	<i>590133</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 320.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Jennifer Bierhuizen</i>	<i>07-24-0631</i>	<i>587571</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 200.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Thomas Wells</i>	<i>07-24-0582</i>	<i>586871</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 200.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Jane Sperry</i>	<i>07-24-0574</i>	<i>586723</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 200.00</i>

16) 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>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>PO17407</i>	<i>Stacy Southard</i>	<i>07-25-0061</i>	<i>590755</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 281.25</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>PO17407</i>	<i>Anthony Farone</i>	<i>07-25-0055</i>	<i>590344</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 187.50</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>PO17407</i>	<i>Melvin Monroe</i>	<i>07-25-0054</i>	<i>590340</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 187.50</i>

17) The following Residential participants 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-3	Locally Funded	James Jones	07-25-0107	598012	Culpeper	\$ 1,625.00
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>DEQ17407</i>	<i>George Lloyd</i>	<i>07-24-0412</i>	<i>583802</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 1,000.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Warren Breeden</i>	<i>07-24-0662</i>	<i>588600</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 1,000.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>PO17083</i>	<i>Christopher Haag</i>	<i>07-24-0541</i>	<i>586167</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>\$ 1,000.00</i>
<i>RB-5</i>	<i>DEQ17084</i>	<i>Nayeli Rivas</i>	<i>07-24-0547</i>	<i>586198</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 19,200.00</i>

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

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Conservation Landscaping Meadow (CL-1)	Dana Milbanks	Rappahannock	\$ 5,440.00
Conservation Landscaping Tree Planting (CL-2)	Ling Vuong	Culpeper	\$ 1,893.55

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

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<i>Rainwater Harvesting</i>	<i>Jason Champion</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 1,374.39</i>
<i>Conservation Landscaping Mixed Bed (CL-3)</i>	<i>Scott Jenkins*</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 6,841.02</i>

**There was a cost share increase of \$233.82 due to additional wood mulch for smothering planting area.*

20) The following Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP) practice has been cancelled at the request of the applicant:

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Conservation Landscaping Meadow (CL-1)	Dana Milbanks	Rappahannock	\$ 4,800.00

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

- a. The District will soon be able to sign a contract for dam repair work on Beautiful Run #1B.
- b. Mountain Run #13 (Merrimac) is currently at normal pool level. The contractor is waiting for the soil to dry out before excavation can begin.

22) Rex Rexrode, NRCS District Conservationist, brought several conservation plans to be signed by District Directors.

23) *The Madison County Clean Water Farm Award recipient has been changed to Lewis A. Lamb & Sons Inc.*

R. Bradford made a motion to accept the Technical Committee Report with Additions. R. Williamson seconded the motion. (R. Bradford, R. Williamson, unanimous)

6) **CLOSED SESSION: PERSONNEL MATTERS**

R. Runkle moved that the Board go into Closed Session at 10:15 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. R. Bradford seconded the motion. (R. Runkle, R. Bradford, unanimous)

Following the return from Closed Session, R. Runkle moved to reconvene at 10:29 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". M. Biniek seconded the motion. (R. Runkle, M. Biniek, unanimous)

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

7) **DIRECTOR REPORTS**

D. Verhoff reported that one juvenile hummingbird remains on his property, while the others have departed for the season. He has observed that males typically leave first, followed by females, and then the young.

R. Runkle reported attending a TMDL meeting in Stanardsville focused on the North Fork Rivanna River area. Discussions at the meeting indicated progress towards developing an Implementation Plan. Suggestions were made to hire additional staff at the Culpeper and Thomas Jefferson Districts to address the anticipated increase in workload resulting from this project.

R. Bradford introduced Molly Elgin to the Board. Elgin, a resident of Orange County whose family owns and operates one of the last remaining dairy farms in the county. In the form of a motion, he nominated her for the position of Associate Director. R. Brame seconded the motion. (R. Bradford, R. Brame, unanimous)

R. Williamson reported that he has completed his oath of office.

L. Graves reported on his attendance at the DCR Dam Safety meeting in Richmond, where discussions began on how to address the issues related to privately owned dams that are not being properly maintained. He also reported his attendance at the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Meeting. Additionally, he announced that the Graves Mountain Apple Harvest Festival is scheduled to begin this weekend from 10-4 on Saturday and Sunday.

S. Sharpe reported on the success of her Fencing Workshops in terms of attendance and participation. She also noted the high level of engagement at the District's New Landowner

Conservation Services Workshop, noting a particularly high interest in her presentation on farmland leases.

8) STAFF REPORTS

A. McCullen reported that she gave a presentation on the District’s Septic Cost Share Programs at the Rappahannock River Basin Commission Meeting. She also noted that Mr. O’Halloran was recognized at the meeting, marking his final participation as a member of the Commission.

S. Yager reported that he represented the District at the Conservation Speed Dating event in Graves Mill and that the event was well attended. He informed the Board that he met with the VACS Cover Crop Committee and confirmed that, apart from minor language adjustments, no significant changes were made. He also reported on his assistance to S. Sharpe with her Fencing Workshops, with the upcoming workshop scheduled to include on-site fence construction.

D. Massie reported that the District has successfully completed all BMP verifications and is currently in the process of planning awards.

R. Jacobs provided an update on the performance of the recently hired VCAP Assistant, Ed Stuart, who has been effectively handling initial inquiries and conducting site visits. He also reported his attendance at Career Day in Orange County, as well as STEM Day at A.J. Richardson School in Culpeper County.

G. Wichelns reported that the District’s New Landowner Conservation Services Workshop received a high turnout with over 80 registrations, and feedback from attendees was positive. He also informed the Board that a new truck is scheduled for delivery on Friday, increasing the fleet size to 8 vehicles. Additionally, he mentioned the ongoing transition to the new IT platform at the Culpeper office, as well as the finalization of the lease for the new Orange office location and of space upgrades. He assured the Board that the dams are functioning well despite heavy rainfall, and that contracted dam work will commence once the land dries up.

9) PLAN FOR OCTOBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committees will meet at the Madison Extension Office on Tuesday, October 22, 2024. Personnel 9:00, Operations 9:30, Technical 10:00. The Education Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at the Madison County Extension Office at 3:30. **BOARD MEETING FOR NOVEMBER WILL BE HELD AT 10:00 AM ON TUESDAY, November 5, 2024, in person, at Pepper’s Grill in Culpeper County, Virginia.**

10) ADJOURNMENT

L. Graves motioned to adjourn the October 2024 Board meeting at 10:55 AM. D. Verhoff seconded the motion. (L. Graves, D. Verhoff, unanimous)

Respectfully Submitted,
Stevie Ross, Administrative Secretary/Financial Specialist

Lynn Graves, Chairman



Date Approved: November 5, 2024