

# MINUTES

## CULPEPER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

### BOARD MEETING PVCC Stanardsville, Virginia January 3, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lynn Graves at 9:30 A.M.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Lynn Graves, Madison County  
Tom O'Halloran, Culpeper County  
Philip Morris, Greene County  
Robert Brame, Orange County  
Robert Runkle, Greene County  
Robert Bradford, Orange County  
Sarah Sharpe, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Greene County  
Monira Rifaat, Rappahannock County  
Michael Peterson, Rappahannock County  
Steve Hill, Madison County  
Steve Morris, Greene County Director, At Large  
Andrew Campbell, Culpeper County  
Brad Jarvis, Madison County, Virginia Cooperative Extension,  
Associate Director

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Dick McNear, Rappahannock County Associate Director  
Jim Byrne, Madison County Associate Director  
Warren Lee, Orange County Associate Director

**STAFF PRESENT:** Greg Wichelns, District Manager  
JoAnn Neal, Administrative Secretary  
Ashleigh Cason, Conservation Specialist  
W. Spencer Yager, Conservation Specialist  
David Massie, Conservation Specialist  
Richard Jacobs, Conservation Specialist  
Henny Calloway, Conservation Specialist  
Stephanie DeNicola, Information Specialist  
E. J. Burke, Conservation Specialist  
Amanda Chester, Conservation Specialist

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Rex Rexrode, NRCS District Conservationist  
Debbie Cross, CDC, Department of Conservation and Recreation  
Dr. Herbert Putz, Madison County resident

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

L. Graves welcomed everyone to Greene County. Following a moment of silence, R. Jacobs led the Pledge of Allegiance. There was one handout: Technical Committee Report Addendum.

L. Graves announced that T. O'Halloran was nominated for the VASWCD Watershed Connection Award by the Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District Board and won the award. The award was presented at the VASWCD Annual Meeting which he was unable to attend thus the Chairman presented it today.

DCR presented to the Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District at the VASWCD Annual Meeting a plaque in recognition for organizing a local tour to provide education and awareness of the Virginia Agricultural Cost-Share Program and its benefits to water quality to staff from the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget and the General Assembly Appropriations Committee. The Culpeper District was one of two Districts selected by DCR to provide the tours.

The Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District presented a plaque to the Natural Resource Conservation Services in Culpeper recognizing local USDA staff, current and past, for tireless efforts over many years in providing top quality service to agriculture producers in our 5 county service area. The District Board emphasized it's high priority on the mutually beneficial relationship between SWCD and our NRCS federal partner in accomplishing the mutual goals for natural resource management, education and stewardship and the benefit to our communities.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** – Dr. Herbert Putz introduced himself and read a letter he received from the District Board written on December 1, 2016 which included a copy of a Year 2000 final court order from Madison Circuit Court instructing that he not interfere with District operations at Beautiful Run Dam 7. Dr. Putz inquired why the letter was send and also why it was copied to Clarissa T. Berry, Commonwealth Attorney, Madison County. Chairman Graves stated that the District was making Clarissa T. Berry, Commonwealth Attorney, Madison County aware of the current situation since he (Putz) has on numerous occasions stated his intention to put cows back on the dam. The Virginia Division of Dam Safety recommended that no animals or grazing should occur on the dam for at least two years. The District has just reseeded the entire dam according to those same recommendations.

Dr. Putz brought up issues related to the easement held by the District for operation and maintenance of the dam. He insisted the temporary electric fence is ineffective and meant to harass him. Dr. Putz handed out photos of geese on the dam and other photos of past times when grass existed on the dam.

Dr. Putz brought to the Board's attention an agreement dated October 23, 1998 between the landowner (Herb Putz) and District that there at the time could be a grazing period and grass regrowth. There was a later letter from George Webb, which he read on grazing standards of minimum 2 to 4 inches in height and 80% coverage. Dr. Putz referred to and is requesting the removal of all electrical fences.

Dr. Putz stated because the CSWCD receives money from the government, you are obligated to take care of the wildlife, including the wild geese that he feeds.

Dr. Putz stated while you installed the wave berm the CSWCD killed his fish and he had to replace the fish in order to preserve the quality of the water at a cost of \$3,000. He stated he asked the Board to refund the damage caused for the fish and has had no response. If he does not get a response, he insisted he will go to court for the \$3,000.

Dr. Putz wanted to know what the CSWCD position was, since we are reaching the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, on the silting in of the pond reservoir.

Chairman Graves stated that it would be referred to committee and the CSWCD would let him know the District's position on the issues raised.

## 2) **DRAFT MINUTES**

L. Graves called for approval of the substance of the November 30th, 2016 Draft Board Meeting Minutes and for any substantive corrections or additions. T. O'Halloran moved to approve as presented. R. Runkle seconded the motion. (T. O'Halloran, R. Runkle, unanimous)

L. Graves presented Brad Jarvis with a plaque for his 19 years of service on the Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation Board 1998 – 2016. Brad Jarvis is still the Extension Agent in Madison County.

## 3) **AGENDA APPROVAL**

L. Graves called for Agenda approval. M. Rifaat requested the Legislative Committee Report be removed from the Consent Agenda and be added to the Agenda as 5.1. G. Wichelns requested the

Closed Session for Personnel have Probable Litigation added to the Closed Session. Rex Rexrode requested 6 plans be added to the Agenda under NRCS Plans. R. Brame moved to approve the Agenda as amended. M. Rifaat seconded the motion. (Brame, Rifaat, unanimous)

**4) CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent Agenda approved as modified.

COMMITTEE REPORTS  
EDUCATIONAL  
TECHNICAL

*\*Items in italics were added at the January 3, 20117 Board Meeting in Greene 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>
SL-8B	2017 VACS	Westernview Plantation	07-17-0265	266601	Culpeper	\$ 9,948.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2017 VACS	Madison Farms Locust Dale	07-17-0267	266604	Madison	\$ 13,474.70	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2017 VACS	Tom Nixon	07-17-0266	266603	Orange	\$ 44,508.48	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2017 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC	07-17-0263	266599	Orange	\$ 28,661.60	\$ 0.00
NM-1A	2017 VACS	Belle Meade Farm LLC	07-17-0262	266583	Culpeper	\$ 3,892.20	\$ 0.00
SL-1	2017 VACS	Scott Johnson	07-17-0281	266846	Orange	\$ 11,254.50	\$ 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>
SL-6	2016 CBIG	Sprague Farms LLC*	07-15-0283	205825	Orange	\$ 6,832.02	\$ 0.00
SL-6	2017 Earmark	Charlie Thorton	07-15-0356	208370	Madison	\$ 8,519.80	\$ 0.00
LE-1T	RR-LDR DEQ	Sheldon Yoder	07-17-0039	252252	Madison	\$ 30,113.64	\$ 1,328.54
LE-1T	UHR DEQ15990	Gilnockie Land Corp.**	07-16-0305	234241	Madison	\$ 37,886.03	\$ 1,671.44
SL-6	RCPP	James H. Aylor***	07-17-0029	248727	Madison	\$ 8,745.57	\$ 314.65

\*Increase of \$831.02 for new pressure tank on existing water system

\*\* Increase of \$4,060.28 due to need of pressure tank, extra pipeline and extra trough to replace a limited access.

\*\*\*Increase to the original payment that was authorized by DCR Staff.

- 3) The following approved SL-6 applicants have had their cost estimates revised by District Staff. The new total cost share amount is shown below:

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Instance #</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
SL-6	CB Earmark	Brian Farinholt	07-15-0378	208961	Greene	\$ 85,386.00
SL-6	CB Earmark	Walter C. McLean Family Trust	07-15-0392	209359	Greene	\$ 133,924.00
SL-6	CB Earmark	Walter C. McLean Family Trust	07-15-0392	209358	Greene	\$ 272,669.00

- 4) The following approved SL-6 applicants have had their cost estimates revised by District Staff. The new total cost share amount is shown below:

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Instance #</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
SL-6	2017 VACS	Mike Fitzgerald	07-17-0031	248935	Madison	\$ 25,496.00
SL-6T	2015 VACS	Catherine Deeds	07-15-0351	208365	Orange	\$ 20,186.25
SL-6T	UYR DEQ15972	Catherine Deeds	07-15-0351	208365	Orange	\$ 6,728.75

- 5) 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>
Rainwater Harvesting	William "Bill" Jones	Madison	\$ 2,849.48

- 6) The following Upper Hazel River TMDL 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	DEQ15990	Lois Snead	07-17-0241	266254	Rappahannock	\$ 2,333.50
RB-1	DEQ15990	Margaret Hufnagel	07-17-0259	266552	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQ15990	Jacob Aaronson	07-17-0264	266600	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQ15990	John Burke	07-17-0194	266553	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQ15990	David Litaker	07-17-0277	266830	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ15990</i>	<i>Gwendolyn Apperson</i>	<i>07-17-0294</i>	<i>267040</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>

- 7) The following Upper Rapidan River TMDL 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	DEQFY16RFA	William Huff III	07-17-0274	266819	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	William McMullen Jr.	07-17-0273	266814	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	William McMullen Jr.	07-17-0273	266818	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	Thomas Pendleton	07-17-0271	266812	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	Holly Kilby	07-17-0286	266866	Madison	\$ 150.00
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQFY16RFA</i>	<i>Garlene Daniel</i>	<i>07-17-0301</i>	<i>267131</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQFY16RFA</i>	<i>Stephanie Berry</i>	<i>07-17-0302</i>	<i>267135</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQFY16RFA</i>	<i>William Hill</i>	<i>07-17-0303</i>	<i>267138</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQFY16RFA</i>	<i>William Hill</i>	<i>07-17-0303</i>	<i>267143</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQFY16RFA</i>	<i>William Hill</i>	<i>07-17-0303</i>	<i>267147</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQFY16RFA</i>	<i>William Hill</i>	<i>07-17-0303</i>	<i>267148</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQFY16RFA</i>	<i>William Hill</i>	<i>07-17-0303</i>	<i>267149</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQFY16RFA</i>	<i>William Hill</i>	<i>07-17-0303</i>	<i>267150</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQFY16RFA</i>	<i>William Hill</i>	<i>07-17-0303</i>	<i>267151</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQFY16RFA</i>	<i>William Hill</i>	<i>07-17-0303</i>	<i>267152</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>

- 8) The following WQIF 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	DEQNPSWQIF	Nancy Quass	07-17-0270	266794	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Calvin Powell	07-17-0272	266813	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Kathleen Cannon	07-17-0276	266822	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Kathleen Cannon	07-17-0276	266823	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Michael Hoffman	07-17-0278	266841	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Amber Woods	07-17-0280	266844	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Christine Stephens	07-17-0282	266847	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	James Byrne	07-17-0283	266848	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Khalil Hassan	07-17-0284	266849	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Douglas Burke	07-17-0285	266851	Greene	\$ 2,337.50
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Samuel Reid	07-17-0289	266874	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Michael LaRosa	07-17-0286	266866	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Shane Clark	07-17-0279	266842	Madison	\$ 150.00

RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Jacob Aaronson	07-17-0264	266602	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Louis Moore	07-17-0261	266577	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Louis Moore	07-17-0261	266578	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Louis Moore	07-17-0261	266579	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Louis Moore	07-17-0261	266580	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Louis Moore	07-17-0261	266581	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Louis Moore	07-17-0261	266605	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>John King</i>	<i>07-17-0300</i>	<i>267127</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Gifford Powers</i>	<i>07-17-0297</i>	<i>267113</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>William Hill</i>	<i>07-17-0303</i>	<i>267144</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Frank L. Gimbel</i>	<i>07-17-0293</i>	<i>267027</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Timothy Bryan</i>	<i>07-17-0292</i>	<i>266952</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>

9) The following Upper York River TMDL 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>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ15972R</i>	<i>Harrison Bresee</i>	<i>07-17-0299</i>	<i>267119</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ15972R</i>	<i>Harrison Bresee</i>	<i>07-17-0299</i>	<i>267121</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ15972R</i>	<i>Karin Himmelmayer</i>	<i>07-17-0298</i>	<i>267115</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ15972R</i>	<i>Karin Himmelmayer</i>	<i>07-17-0298</i>	<i>267116</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-3</i>	<i>DEQ15972R</i>	<i>Alexandra Thomas</i>	<i>07-17-0305</i>	<i>267156</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 2,337.50</i>

10) The following Upper Hazel River TMDL 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	DEQ15990R	Lorraine Duisit	07-17-0125	264203	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-3	DEQ15990R	Frederick Eggers	07-17-0054	258912	Rappahannock	\$ 837.50
RB-4P	DEQ15990R	James Offutt IV	07-17-0076	262229	Rappahannock	\$ 4,500.00
RB-1	DEQ15990R	William Lasater	07-17-0222	265971	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ15990R</i>	<i>Margaret Hufnagel</i>	<i>07-17-0259</i>	<i>266552</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-3</i>	<i>DEQ15990R</i>	<i>Lois Snead</i>	<i>07-17-0241</i>	<i>266254</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 550.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ15990R</i>	<i>David Litaker</i>	<i>07-17-0277</i>	<i>266830</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ15990R</i>	<i>Wilhelmina Price</i>	<i>07-17-0150</i>	<i>265354</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ15990R</i>	<i>Wilhelmina Price</i>	<i>07-17-0191</i>	<i>265685</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ15990R</i>	<i>Carolyn Beahm</i>	<i>07-17-0295</i>	<i>267084</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>

11) The following WQIF Residential participants 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-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Patricia Woycik-Shaw	07-17-0171	265418	Orange	\$ 1,512.25
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Patricia Woycik-Shaw	07-17-0152	265420	Orange	\$ 1,512.25
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	James McGrail	07-17-0164	265397	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Nancy Woods	07-17-0161	265388	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Sue Shifflett	07-17-0128	264234	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Pauline Vismar	07-17-0099	263083	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Alan Shotwell	07-17-0142	264519	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Timothy Pagano	07-17-0178	265517	Rappahannock	\$ 147.50
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Willard McGee	07-17-0224	265973	Rappahannock	\$ 137.50
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Jeanne Jarrett	07-17-0183	265523	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Annette Tingler</i>	<i>07-17-0146</i>	<i>265324</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>

<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Vernon Welsted</i>	<i>07-17-0190</i>	<i>265682</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Janet Dean</i>	<i>07-17-0225</i>	<i>266003</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>

12) The following Upper York River TMDL 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	DEQ15972R	Mary Schlegel	07-17-0012	239166	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQ15972R	James Miles	07-17-0093	263000	Orange	\$ 137.50
RB-3	DEQ15972R	James Foster	07-17-0038	251480	Orange	\$ 2,337.50
RB-1	DEQ15972R	Louise Hill	07-17-0052	258910	Orange	\$ 150.00

13) The following Rapidan River TMDL 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	DEQFY16RFA	Leslie Bell	07-17-0068	262182	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	Emogene Nelson	07-17-0103	263127	Madison	\$ 150.00

14) The following Robinson River TMDL Residential participants have been approved by the Technical Committee for payment:

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Instance #</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
RB-3	DEQPO16119	Harold Slaughter	07-16-0335	235480	Madison	\$ 350.00
RB-1	DEQPO16119	Emma Berry	07-17-0116	263770	Madison	\$ 150.00

15) The following Upper Hazel River TMDL Residential participant has 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-1	DEQ15990R	Rita Somerville	07-17-0239	266251	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00

16) The Technical Committee heard a report from Staff about the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). There was discussion about current projects under construction and those that have been completed and paid.

17) District Staff received a precision ag equipment tax credit request from Brooke Farm, Mr. Chambers, for the purchase of Precision Agricultural Equipment (VA Code 58.1-337). Steve Hopkins, with Virginia Cooperative Extension, verified the equipment to be eligible for the tax credit.

## OPERATIONS

### TREASURER'S REPORT

NRCS PLANS – Shepherds & Sons Madison County, Tract 858, 17.8 acres, Tract 1643, 140.3 acres, Tract 1865, 39.8 acres, Tract 1915, 47.9 acres, Tract 2140, 35.5 acres, Conserv. Crop rotation, No-Till, Nut. Mgmt. HEL  
Cherry Grove, Orange County, Tract 3233, 1.4 Acres, Filter Strip, Weed Control, Wildlife Mgmt. CREP

## 5) ADDITIONS TO AGENDA –

### 5.1) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT -

M. Rifaat reported the Governor presented on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December his modification of the biennial budget. The Districts were fortunate that operations funding was not reduced, but there are no increases for the

second year of the biennium. The Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts is going to lobby for an increase to the Governor's proposal for cost-share and technical assistance. There is no mention in the Governor's proposal of cost-share dollars. If there is not cost-share dollars, there is no technical assistance. January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 is Legislation Day in Richmond. This session of the General Assembly convenes on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Anyone who would like to go, please go to plead our case. S. Morris stated the information he gave Monira was addressed at the Farm Bureau Legislative Meeting. Two of the legislators were not aware that the cost-share money included the technical assistance money.

G. Wichelns stated the Water Quality Improvement Fund is where technical assistance is appropriated. Decision is made by the Soil and Water Board on how funding is distributed to districts. D. Cross stated it is not less than 8% in technical assistance. There is nothing in the Governor's budget for cost-share and technical assistance for FY18. D. Cross stated the recordation fee is \$9 million of which \$1.2 million in technical assistance comes off the top.

The District Legislative Committee membership is open to anybody who wants to attend. M. Rifaat has asked her colleagues to consider being a vice-chair for the legislative committee. Andrew Campbell and Steve Hill are being considered.

L. Graves stated Delegate Lingamfelter is trying to tie the RMP's to land use tax. He would like to give the landowners another benefit.

## **6) CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL/LITIGATION**

R. Runkle moved that the Board go into Closed Session at 10:30 A.M. as provided for in the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A) (1) to discuss personnel issues and as provided for in the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A) (7) to discuss potential litigation. The Associate Directors and the District Manager were invited to attend. T. O'Halloran seconded the motion. (Runkle, O'Halloran, unanimous)

Following the return from Closed Session, R. Runkle moved to reconvene at 10:55 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". R. Brame seconded the motion. (Runkle, Brame, unanimous) R. Brame made the motion to accept the recommendations from the Personnel Committee except #4 on the report. R. Bradford seconded the motion. (Brame, Bradford, unanimous)

## **7) DIRECTORS REPORTS**

- S. Sharpe reported on new programs to begin: Small Farms Conference in Greene on February 18, 2017 at PVCC. Beekeeping Class in Greene Extension office January 30 and February 1. Minimum of 10 participants and a maximum of 20.
- R. Runkle reported on the Annual Meeting held in Roanoke in December, and he heard Don Lemond, Virginia Department of General Services, on Risk Management. Monday afternoon there was a panel discussion having 4 of the leaders of the different departments speak; Natural Resource Conservation Service, Department of Forestry, Department of Conservation and Recreation and Department of Environmental Quality. He found it very informative.
- Lynn Graves reported all 47 Districts were represented by directors at the Annual Meeting in Roanoke in December. It is now a requirement in the grant agreement with DCR that one director from each District must attend. Heritage Day is April 1, 2017 at Graves Mountain Lodge.
- S. Morris reported on the Farm Bureau Legislative Meeting in Harrisonburg and news of water recycling. They have a system now where they process it through the plant and inject it back into the aquifer. It is rumored that everywhere east of 95 will one day have to pay for their water.
- M. Rifaat inquired about the Resource Management Planning. Greg reported we have had our first and second request for verification of implementation on a farm. The Planner has not completed his work. Is there going to be a funding stream for RMP? D. Cross stated there is no funding for the technical assistance on RMP's. There is money in the Cost-Share program for RMP II. A payment that the landowner would receive after his plan has been verified. The landowner can submit an application to

the District for \$5 per acre up to \$6,000. M. Rifaat stated it is a story of us taking the lead and not being paid for our work. Discussion followed.

## 8) STAFF REPORTS

- S. DeNicola reported that she and the District Manager are working on a new grant for Teacher Professional Development and are setting up meetings with each county to secure their support. CSWCD did receive the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund License Plate Grant of \$5,000 for Orange County Professional Development.
- G. Wichelns commented the plaques received earlier in the meeting were well deserved by both NRCS and Virginia Cooperative Extension (Brad Jarvis). The very productive working relationship with these partnerships in the Culpeper District has existed for many, many decades, was well established long before any of us currently present arrived and it is a top priority to steward this relationship into the future. Directors also are extremely valuable in this working relationship. He complimented Mr. Jarvis for his years of contributions to that relationship.

## 9) AGENCY REPORTS NRCS

R. Rexrode reported the Soil Conservationist position in the Culpeper office has been advertised and closed. We are still waiting for a panel of candidates to make a choice. Early this summer NRCS will be receiving an intern from college who is interested in a career helping us. NRCS still does not have guidance on the programs. R. Rexrode stated on behalf of himself and his staff he wanted to thank the District for the recognition and honor received from the District.

### DCR

D. Cross reported Officer Elections for 2017 should be completed in January. Quarterly reports are due January 17, 2017. Temporary injunction of Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) – on 11/22/16 a federal judge in Texas blocked the U.S. Department of Labor’s rule to extend overtime pay. The injunction may not permanently block the rule, but did block its 12/01/16 mandatory implementation. FY 2018 Budget – On 12/16/16 Governor McAuliffe put forth his amendments to the Biennial Budget. According to an email from the VASWCD on 12/20/16 districts can expect the following impacts:

- Maintain current levels of essential operational funding for FY18
- FY18 Agriculture BMP cost-share levels will only include funding from recordation fees, derived from income collected from the fee which is dependent on real estate sales.
- Technical Assistance from recordation funds for cost-share will hold at \$1.2 million.

Dates to remember:

- January 11: General Assembly convenes
- January 12: VASWCD Legislative Day  
Engineer Workgroup Meeting, DOF Charlottesville
- January 17: Ag BMP TAC meeting, DOF Charlottesville
- January 31: Engineering Training, Pressure Watering Systems, Prince George Co.  
Conservation Planning/Certification Stakeholder’s Group initial meeting.

T. O’Halloran motion to approve B. Jarvis as an Associate Director of Madison County. S. Hill seconded the motion. O’Halloran, Hill, unanimous.

B. Jarvis mentioned dated to remember:

- January 18 – Crop Production, Rapidan Fire House 9:30 registration to 2 P.M.
- January 23 - Winter Beef Producer Meeting, Barbourville Firehouse 5 P.M. registration.
- January 27 – Farm Safety Dinner, 45 or older to participate – Wetsel Middle School, starts at 6 P.M.
- January 22 to 24, 2017 – American Forage and Grassland Council Annual Meeting Hotel Roanoke.



10) **PLAN FOR JANUARY COMMITTEE MEETINGS (in Culpeper at the Culpeper Office)**  
Committees will meet on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017: Personnel 9:00, Operations 9:30, Legislative 10:00 and Technical 10:30 with RMP TRC to follow Technical if needed. The Educational Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 31, in Madison at the War Memorial Building at 4 P.M. **BOARD MEETING FOR FEBRUARY WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> IN MADISON AT THE MADISON EXTENSION OFFICE IN MADISON, VIRGINIA.**

12) **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made to adjourn the January, 2017 Board meeting at 11:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Graves, Chairman



JoAnn M. Neal  
Administrative Secretary

Date Approved 2-7-2017