

MINUTES

CULPEPER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING **Orange Madison Cooperative** **Orange, Virginia** **March 7, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lynn Graves at 9:40 A.M.

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

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

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER, MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
L. Graves welcomed everyone to Orange County. Following a moment of silence, R. Jacobs led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were six handouts: Technical Committee Report Addenda (2), RMP Review Committee Report (2), NRCS Conservation Plans, and DCR Monthly Report.
- 2) **DRAFT MINUTES**

L. Graves called for approval of the substance of the February 7th, 2017 Draft Board Meeting Minutes and for any substantive corrections or additions. R. Brame moved to approve as presented. P. Morris seconded the motion. (Brame, P. Morris, unanimous)

3) **AGENDA APPROVAL**

L. Graves called for Agenda approval. R. Bradford requested the Technical Committee Report be removed from the Consent Agenda and be added to the Agenda as 5.1. G. Wichelns requested the Closed Session be removed from the Agenda. Rex Rexrode requested the NRCS Conservation Plans be added to the Consent Agenda. M. Rifaat moved to approve the Agenda as amended. S. Hill seconded the motion. (Rifaat, Hill, unanimous)

4) **CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent Agenda approved as modified.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATIONAL

OPERATIONS

LEGISLATIVE

TREASURER'S REPORT

NRCS PLANS – Rappahannock County – **Mt. Vernon Farm LLC**, 34 acs. RCPP-BRP

Brush/Herbaceous Control, Forest stand Improvement

Andrew Smith, 11 acs. RCPP-BRP

Brush/Herbaceous Control, Forest stand Improvement

Annette Willis, 44 acs. RCPP-BRP

Brush/Herbaceous Control, Forest stand Improvement

Stephen Willis, 80 acs. RCPP-BRP

Brush/Herbaceous Control, Forest stand Improvement

Beverly Hunter, 28 acs. RCPP-BRP

Brush/Herbaceous Control, Forest stand Improvement

Greene County -

Cair Paravel Properties LLC, 8 acs. RCPP-BRP

Brush/Herbaceous Control, Forest stand Improvement

James Ballard, 66 acs. RCPP-BRP

Brush/Herbaceous Control, Forest stand Improvement

Madison County -

Eleanor Dana Squire, 3 acs. RCPP-BRP

Brush/Herbaceous Control, Forest stand Improvement

Culpeper County -

Jeff DuBro, 25 acs. RCPP/DCR Water system, Fencing Streams, Prescribe Grazing, Tree Plant and prep

G Wichelns reported the Minutes for the RMP-TRC Meeting which was held just before the last Board Meeting were handed out this morning.

5) **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA –**

5.1) **TECHNICAL REPORT –**

Items marked in italics were added at the March 7, 2017 Board Meeting in Orange County.

- 1) The following BMP applicants have been approved by the Technical Committee for funding. All applications were thoroughly screened for compliance with Priority Recruitment Guidelines. All met at least two of the priority criteria.

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Instance #</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Tax Credit</u>
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LE-1T	UYR TMDL	Eugene Green	07-17-0407	269205	Orange	\$ 5,644.00	\$ 249.00
SL-9	2017 VACS	Eugene Green	07-17-0407	269207	Orange	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 425.00
SL-9	2017 VACS	William Hogsten	07-17-0410	269208	Orange	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 610.00
SL-6	2017 VACS	Culton Goodall	07-17-0409	269206	Madison	\$ 50,684.00	\$3,167.75
SL-6	2017 VACS	James Arrington	07-15-0372	208790	Madison	\$ 52,537.50	\$ 0.00
SL-6	2017 VACS	Tasawar Bashiruddin	07-15-0359	208441	Orange	\$ 11,695.50	\$ 0.00
SL-6	2017 VACS	Wayne Harris	07-15-0352	208366	Orange	\$ 93,700.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6	2017 VACS	Bradley Rosenberger	07-15-0394	208389	Culpeper	\$ 84,759.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6	2017 VACS	Graves Family LP	07-15-0380	270356	Orange	\$ 73,042.00	\$ 0.00
LE-1T	Rapidan TMDL	Virginia Grassfed Beef LLC	07-17-0428	271627	Greene	\$ 70,000.00	\$3,666.25

2) The following BMP applicants have cancelled their projects with the District:

Practice	Fund	Participant	Contract #	Instance #	County	Amount	Tax Credit
LE-1T	DEQ15990	Grigsby Cattle Co.	07-17-0048	255493	Rappahannock	\$ 11,934.00	\$ 526.50
SL-6	2017 VACS	Ryan Armistead	07-17-0044	252672	Rappahannock	\$ 8,206.00	\$ 512.88

3) The following BMP participants have been approved by the Technical Committee for payment:

Practice	Fund	Participant	Contract #	Instance #	County	Amount	Tax Credit
LE-1T	RR TMDL	Randy Soderquist	07-17-0200	265819	Madison	\$ 29,160.10	\$1,286.47
SL-6	2017 VACS	Randy Soderquist	07-17-0313	267791	Madison	\$ 8,084.40	\$ 505.27
SL-6	2015 Earmark	Walter C. McLean Family Trust	07-15-0392	209358	Greene	\$ 252,434.84	\$ 0.00
SL-6	2016 Supp.	Dennis Brown*	07-15-0302	206331	Culpeper	\$ 96,646.75	\$ 0.00
SL-6	2016 VACS	Robert Drake	07-16-0349	236094	Culpeper	\$ 1,764.37	\$ 0.00
SL-6	2015 Earmark	Roger Gough	07-15-0088	199826	Madison	\$ 29,556.65	\$ 0.00
SL-6	2015 Earmark	Farm Colony Homeowners **	07-15-0354	208368	Greene	\$ 47,916.81	\$ 0.00
LE-1T	York TMDL	Thayer Drew***	07-17-0026	248532	Orange	\$ 16,272.74	\$ 717.91
LE-1T	UHR TMDL	White Horse Hill Farm	07-17-0107	263152	Rappahannock	\$ 11,880.11	\$ 524.12

*Increase due to extra fence, pipeline and an additional trough.

**Increase due to the depth of the well and needed to be fracked.

***Increase due to extra pipeline and pumping plant requirements.

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

Practice	Fund	Participant	Contract #	Instance #	County	Amount
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	Maxine Tanner	07-17-0392	268941	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	Wallace Dabney	07-17-0401	269181	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	Judith Pagter	07-17-0402	269182	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	Joyce Gentry	07-17-0403	269184	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	Lawrence Martz	07-17-0434	271633	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	Granville Weakley	07-17-0441	271690	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-3	DEQFY16RFA	Lightburn Farms	07-17-0439	271684	Madison	\$ 2,337.50

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

Practice	Fund	Participant	Contract #	Instance #	County	Amount
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Mona Senatro	07-17-0404	269185	Greene	\$ 100.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Kristina Magel	07-17-0391	268934	Madison	\$ 150.00

RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Deborah Lee	07-17-0393	268942	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Sheila Shifflett	07-17-0394	268943	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Elizabeth Woodward	07-17-0398	268968	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Donald Woodward	07-17-0399	268969	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Sam Strahan	07-17-0405	269196	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Wanda Carpenter	07-17-0406	269187	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Darcy Higgins	07-17-0376	268933	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Chad Morris	07-17-0395	268963	Greene	\$ 2,337.50
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Scott Lee	07-17-0378	268787	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	James Hickman	07-17-0382	268870	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Mark McDaniel	07-17-0383	268871	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Dean Hahn	07-17-0362	268695	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Clyde Scott	07-17-0384	268915	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Stephen Brown	07-17-0379	268826	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Jacque Towner	07-17-0386	268921	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Franklin Fishback	07-17-0389	268925	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Steven Walker	07-17-0396	268964	Culpeper	\$ 2,337.50
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Virginia Coulter	07-17-0387	268922	Rappahannock	\$ 2,337.50
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Eddie Rowe	07-17-0408	269203	Culpeper	\$ 2,337.50
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Chad Morris	07-17-0395	268963	Greene	\$ 2,337.50
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Craig Swingle	07-17-0433	271632	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Janice Atkinson	07-17-0432	271631	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Clark Blight	07-17-0431	271630	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Joseph Bianchini	07-17-0430	271629	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Crystal Bane	07-17-0429	271628	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Carroll Spencer	07-17-0121	264110	Greene	\$ 2,337.50
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Jessica Kime	07-17-0435	271635	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Glenn Gahagen	07-17-0442	271704	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Virgil Tyler	07-17-0417	270364	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Lois Weik	07-17-0415	270362	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Thomas Clarke	07-17-0412	270357	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	William Doyal	07-17-0413	270358	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	William Rogers	07-17-0419	270370	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Alethea Nuttall	07-17-0422	270660	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Claude Hitt	07-17-0424	270762	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Sandra Wood	07-17-0438	271668	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Thomas Barron	07-17-0418	270365	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Virginia Valentine	07-17-0414	270360	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Madelene Thumith	07-17-0416	270361	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Evelyn Kerr	07-17-0420	270497	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Francis Brown	07-17-0421	270532	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Chad Smith	07-17-0423	270723	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	David Alther	07-17-0426	271370	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Cherl Crews	07-17-0427	271371	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-4	DEQNPSWQIF	Virginia Coulter	07-17-0387	271462	Rappahannock	\$ 4,000.00
RB-3	DEQFY16RFA	Mary Southard	07-17-0329	268035	Orange	\$ 2,337.50

6) 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>
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RB-1	DEQ15972	George Racer	07-17-0400	268972	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQ15972	Charles Clatterbuck	07-17-0385	268920	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQ15972	Brenda Clark	07-17-0388	268924	Orange	\$ 150.00
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ15972R</i>	<i>Robert Caldwell</i>	<i>07-17-0435</i>	<i>271634</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-4P</i>	<i>DEQ15972R</i>	<i>Ann Leahy</i>	<i>07-17-0440</i>	<i>271685</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 4,500.00</i>

2) 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	DEQPO16119	Teresa Seay	07-17-0380	268834	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQPO16119	Michael Parker	07-17-0397	268967	Madison	\$ 150.00

7) 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-4	DEQ 15990R	Phoebe Muenger	07-17-0023	244262	Culpeper	\$ 1,912.50

8) The following Upper Rapidan River TMDL Residential participants has been approved for payment 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	DEQ FY16RFA	Garlene Daniel	07-17-0301	267131	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQ FY16RFA	Wendy Moubray	07-17-0207	265919	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQ FY16RFA	Kathleen Cannon	07-17-0276	266822	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	Kathleen Cannon	07-17-0276	266823	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	Laura Thacker	07-17-0246	266278	Madison	\$ 150.00

9) The following WQIF Residential participants have been approved by the Technical Committee for payment 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	DEQNPSWQIF	James Collins	07-17-0217	265962	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Sally White	07-17-0123	264200	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Pamela Harbourt	07-17-0248	266289	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Christine Stephens	07-17-0282	266847	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Phillip Cottens	07-17-0333	268048	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Phillip Cottens	07-17-0333	268049	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Pamela Garner	07-17-0334	268050	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	James Byrne	07-17-0283	266848	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Alvin Meadows	07-17-0338	268056	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Gerald Burnett	07-17-0335	268051	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Thomas Early	07-17-0252	266300	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Ida Thompson	07-17-0330	268037	Orange	\$ 137.50
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Douglas Burke	07-17-0285	266851	Greene	\$ 620.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Janet Roberts	07-17-0310	267770	Culpeper	\$ 140.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Karen Nesbit (Lamb)	07-17-0311	267784	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Pat Curry	07-17-0194	265747	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Joyce Epperly</i>	<i>07-17-0339</i>	<i>268073</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Wendy Weakley</i>	<i>07-17-0343</i>	<i>268120</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Timothy Webster</i>	<i>07-17-0160</i>	<i>265386</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Michael Collier</i>	<i>07-17-0167</i>	<i>265407</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Nancy Quass</i>	<i>07-17-0270</i>	<i>266794</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>

RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Samuel Reid	07-17-0289	266874	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Tim Bryan	07-17-0292	266952	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Greg Bookout	07-17-0320	267961	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Frank Gimbel	07-17-0293	267027	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Gail Brewer	07-17-0185	265624	Culpeper	\$ 147.50
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Joann Lambert	07-17-0360	268459	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Douglas Williams	07-17-0199	265943	Culpeper	\$2,137.50
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Susan Short	07-17-0226	266004	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Carroll L. Apperson III	07-17-0328	267989	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Harry Rogers	07-17-0326	267987	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Caryolyn Cox	07-17-0318	267825	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Frank Griffith	07-17-0308	267765	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	John Bogert	07-17-0138	264358	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Andrew Payton	07-17-0140	264446	Culpeper	\$ 150.00

10) 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-1	DEQPO16119	Dennis Verhoff	07-17-0312	267785	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQPO16119	Teresa Seay	07-17-0380	268834	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQPO16119	James S Withrow	07-17-0117	26378	Culpeper	\$ 150.00

11) The following Upper York River TMDL Residential participants has been approved for payment 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	DEQ 15972R	Alexandra Thomas	07-17-0305	267156	Orange	\$ 300.00
RB-1	DEQ15972	Charles Clatterbuck	07-17-0385	268920	Orange	\$ 150.00

12) The following WQIF 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-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Virginia Coulter	07-17-0387	268922	Rappahannock	\$ 2,337.50

13) The Technical Committee has now funded all SL-6's that were signed up during the "100% stream exclusion" initiative.

14) The Technical Committee opened the lone sealed bid for the two small projects on dams in Madison County. Synchronized Construction Services Inc. was awarded the project for \$29,647.

15) The District received a complaint from a cost share participant in Greene County that they received a bill from the telephone company since the local telephone line had been severed by the contractor who was driving fence posts for the project. The Committee discussed the issues involved and informed the landowner that it is a matter between the contractor and landowner and does not involve the District.

16) The District received a complaint from a contractor in Rappahannock County regarding not being paid for his work. The Committee discussed the matter and all relevant details and informed the contractor that this is a matter between the landowner and contractor and does not involve the District. The District has not paid the landowner since the project is not completed. This is standard protocol.

17) The annual dam inspections are scheduled for April 10th in Madison County and April 12th in Culpeper County. The District Manager will submit a funding request for concrete repair at two of the Culpeper dams.

18) The Technical Committee is requesting permission from the Board to transfer \$400,000.00 from FY 2017 VACS funds back into FY 2015 VACS to fund the last five remaining SL-6's which were "pending."

R. Bradford moved to approve the request and to approve the Technical Committee Report. M. Rifaat seconded the motion. (Bradford, Rifaat, unanimous)

6) DIRECTORS REPORTS

- Sarah Sharpe reported the Hydroponic Production workshop will be held, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 21, 2017 in Charlottesville, at the Albemarle County Office Building. Please register.
- B. Jarvis reported on an increased interest in grain sorghum production and there will be a breakfast meeting next week with some of the bigger producers. The buyer from Smithfield Seed will be present to talk to everyone. B. Jarvis also reported there will be a Grafting Workshop March 22, 2017, 1 p.m. at the Madison Extension Office, War Memorial Building, Madison, Virginia.
- M. Rifaat thanked S. DeNicola for her help with a luncheon scheduled in Charlottesville for a student from Rappahannock County who was in a leadership program. She was able to represent Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District at the luncheon.
- L. Graves announced April 1, 2017 is Heritage Day at Graves Mountain Lodge and Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District will be there.

7) STAFF REPORTS

- S. Yager reported on the 22nd of February, 2017 all five of the District technical staff attended the Vantage No-Till Conference in Harrisonburg, Virginia. It was an all-day event with equipment and speakers on no till. It was well attended.
- D. Massie reported on an article in the Lancaster Farmer about Jimmy Crosby, President of Virginia No-Till and one of the speakers at the Vantage No-Till Conference. He also announced that the Culpeper Farmers Coop is conducting a Calf College for Dairy Cows and Nutritional Information at Belair Dairy Farm in Batna, Virginia from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. with lunch served on March 21, 2017.
- A. Chester reported the technical staff attended a GPS seminar in Madison at the Madison Extension Office offered by DCR.
- S. DeNicola reported in April there are several Meaningful Watershed Experiences scheduled at Graves Mountain Lodge. The Area II Envirothon will be held April 26th at Graves Mountain Lodge. The special problem and presentation is on Ag Stewardship and Soil and Water Conservation.
- R. Jacobs reported he will be giving a presentation to the Master Gardner's from Culpeper, Madison, Orange and Greene this afternoon and will speak on VCAP and the Septic System Program. On March 9th, he will be assisting with contractors workshop at John Marshall SWCD in Warrenton. The morning session will be on agriculture and VCAP in the afternoon. On March 13, he will be in Henrico County to give a VCAP training to 30 employees from 20 soil and water conservation districts in the state and on March 30, there will be another such training in Charlottesville.
- G. Wichelns reported on a successful 2 year state audit and last week completed a separate two year federal audit (2015 and 2016). The two year federal audit occurred since the District exceeded the \$500,000 threshold of federal funds moving through our accounts. There will be a meeting with DEQ later this month on our 319 projects, mainly because of new people in the field for DEQ and to close out some of the grants. G. Wichelns submitted several additional small dam repair requests. One road section may need to be moved. Upper Hazel and Upper York 319 grants are up for renewal.

8) AGENCY REPORTS
NRCS

R. Rexrode reported on being very busy with planning and contracting. NRCS has received pre approval to do The Blue Ridge Prism Program focused on controlling invasive species in Madison and Greene counties. They have 22 pre approvals and 8 of those contracts are completed. NRCS has received 2 pre approvals for the RCPP/DCR 100% funding to fence out streams on farms. The funding for this program is not exhausted. They will issue another round of the Blue Ridge Prism Program contracts. In addition NRCS is ranking and preparing cost estimates on their EQIP program applications.

There is no new news on the filling of the vacancy for Melissa Allen's previous position. There will be a student intern coming to NRCS when school is out.

At the moment there is no U S Secretary of Agriculture.

DCR

D. Cross reported SWCDs can expect a FY18 Ag BMP program Beginning July 1, 2017 at \$16 million – approximately \$8.2 million from WQIF Reserves and \$8 million from the recordation fee. The Districts will maintain current levels of essential operational funding for FY18. Ag BMP Funding Study – Directs DCR to convene a stakeholder group “to evaluate methods to stabilize the fluctuations in funding for Ag BMPs” and report recommendations to the Chairmen of House Appropriations, Senate Finance and House and Senate Agriculture Committees November 15, 2017. RMP Implementation Study directs DCR to convene a stakeholder group “to examine funding, training and resource needs, as well as explore new incentives, for additional implementation of Resource Management Plans and report recommendations to the Governor and Chair of House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees by October 1, 2017.

April 17, 2017 Quarterly Reports are due. Results of 2015-2016 Financial Audits – Great news – no improvement recommendations for your District. 2019 Budget Template webinar – April 4th 2 p.m. This requires Board approval and is due to DCR by June 15. FY18 Budget – Finance committees should be preparing FY 18 budgets for board discussions with board approval in June/July.

Ag Cost Share – encourage bmp participants to complete their projects to receive payment prior to June 30 to reduce carryovers. VA VMP Technical Advisory Committee finished its work for this year and their PY2018 recommendations will go to the VSWCD on March 9th. Any suggested changes for the FY 2019 VACS program are due to Gary Moore by May 31st.

Cover Crops must have a current Nutrient Management Plan. CREP contract approvals have been suspended.

Dates to remember:

March 9:	Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board meeting ODEC, Glen Allen
March 28:	VASWCD Quarterly Board Meeting 9-4, ODEC, Glen Allen
April 11:	Area II Spring Meeting hosted by TJSWCD
April 17:	Quarterly Reports due
April 20:	Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board Meeting, ODEC, Glen Allen
April 26:	Area II Envirothon, Graves Mountain Lodge, Hosted by Culpeper and TJSWCD
May 2:	Area I Spring Meeting, VA Horse Center, Lexington
May/June:	Basic Accounting/Bookkeeping Training – Charlottesville
June 13:	PY2018 VACS Training, Charlottesville Dep.t of Forestry HQ,

9) **PLAN FOR MARCH COMMITTEE MEETINGS (in Culpeper at the Culpeper Office)**

Committees will meet on Tuesday, March 21st, 2017: Personnel 9:00, Operations 9:30, and Technical 10:00. The Educational Committee will meet on March, 21st, in Madison at the War Memorial Building at 4 P.M. **BOARD MEETING FOR APRIL WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH IN RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY AT THE WASHINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA.**

10) **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made to adjourn the March, 2017 Board meeting at 10:50.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Graves, Chairman



JoAnn M. Neal
Administrative Secretary

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