

MINUTES

CULPEPER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING **Washington Volunteer Fire Hall** **Washington, Virginia** **April 4, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lynn Graves at 9:30 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
Sarah Sharpe, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Greene County
Tom O'Halloran, Culpeper County
Steve Morris, Greene County Director, At Large

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Dick McNear, Rappahannock County Associate Director
Jim Byrne, Madison County Associate Director
Warren Lee, Orange County Associate Director
Brad Jarvis, Madison County, Virginia Cooperative Extension,
Associate Director
Steve Hill, Madison County
Andrew Campbell, Culpeper County
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
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
Joe Rosetti, Virginia Department of Forestry
Sarah Long, Virginia Department of Forestry
Jeremy Faulconer, Virginia Department of Forestry
Patti Peterson, Rappahannock Resident

- 1) CALL TO ORDER, MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
L. Graves welcomed everyone to Rappahannock County. Following a moment of silence, S. Yager led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were six handouts: Technical Committee Report Addenda (2), NRCS Conservation Plans, Draft Letter to U.S. Senators and Representatives, Draft Letter to Tom Apollonio, and DCR Monthly Report. L. Graves welcomed and introduced Joe Rosettie, Sarah Long, and Jeremy Faulconer of the Virginia Department of Forestry. M. Rifaat introduced Patti

Peterson, Rappahannock County resident, who is interested in conservation and willing to learn more about the District.

2) **DRAFT MINUTES**

L. Graves called for approval of the substance of the March 7th, 2017 Draft Board Meeting Minutes and for any substantive corrections or additions. R. Bradford moved to approve as presented. S. Morris seconded the motion. (Bradford, S. 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 York TMDL grant contract extension be added. Rex Rexrode requested the NRCS Conservation Plans be added to the Consent Agenda. M. Rifaat moved to approve the Agenda as amended. R. Brame seconded the motion. (Rifaat, Brame, unanimous)

4) **CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent Agenda approved as modified.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATIONAL

OPERATIONS

LEGISLATIVE

YORK TMDL GRANT (3 month) EXTENSION

TREASURER’S REPORT

NRCS PLANS – Rappahannock County – **Monique Maniet**, 23 acs. RCPP-BRP

Brush/Herbaceous Control, Forest Stand Improvement

Michael Wenger, 25 acs. RCPP-BRP

Brush/Herbaceous Control, Forest Stand Improvement

Greene County -

Alton Keel, 9.3 acs. RCPP-BRP

Brush Control, Forest Stand Improvement

Frank Biasioli, 75 acs. RCPP-BRP

Brush/Herbaceous Control, Forest Stand Improvement

Madison County -

Carolyn Smith, 34 acs. RCPP-BRP

Brush/Herbaceous Control, Forest Stand Improvement

Jeffrey Green, 11 acs. RCPP-BRP

Brush/Herbaceous Control, Forest Stand Improvement

5) **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA –**

5.1) **TECHNICAL REPORT –**

Items marked in italics were added at the April 4, 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.

Practice	Fund	Participant	Contract #	Instance #	County	Amount	Tax Credit
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

+2017 VACS Transfer for SL-6 practices.

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
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Craig Swingle</i>	<i>07-17-0433</i>	<i>271632</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Janice Atkinson</i>	<i>07-17-0432</i>	<i>271631</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Clark Blight</i>	<i>07-17-0431</i>	<i>271630</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Joseph Bianchini</i>	<i>07-17-0430</i>	<i>271629</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Crystal Bane</i>	<i>07-17-0429</i>	<i>271628</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-3</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Carroll Spencer</i>	<i>07-17-0121</i>	<i>264110</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>\$ 2,337.50</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Jessica Kime</i>	<i>07-17-0435</i>	<i>271635</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Glenn Gahagen</i>	<i>07-17-0442</i>	<i>271704</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Virgil Tyler</i>	<i>07-17-0417</i>	<i>270364</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Lois Weik</i>	<i>07-17-0415</i>	<i>270362</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Thomas Clarke</i>	<i>07-17-0412</i>	<i>270357</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>William Doyal</i>	<i>07-17-0413</i>	<i>270358</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>William Rogers</i>	<i>07-17-0419</i>	<i>270370</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Alethea Nuttall</i>	<i>07-17-0422</i>	<i>270660</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Claude Hitt</i>	<i>07-17-0424</i>	<i>270762</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Sandra Wood</i>	<i>07-17-0438</i>	<i>271668</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Thomas Barron</i>	<i>07-17-0418</i>	<i>270365</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Virginia Valentine</i>	<i>07-17-0414</i>	<i>270360</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Madelene Thumith</i>	<i>07-17-0416</i>	<i>270361</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Evelyn Kerr</i>	<i>07-17-0420</i>	<i>270497</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Francis Brown</i>	<i>07-17-0421</i>	<i>270532</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Chad Smith</i>	<i>07-17-0423</i>	<i>270723</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>David Alther</i>	<i>07-17-0426</i>	<i>271370</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Cherl Crews</i>	<i>07-17-0427</i>	<i>271371</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-4</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Virginia Coulter</i>	<i>07-17-0387</i>	<i>271462</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 4,000.00</i>
<i>RB-3</i>	<i>DEQFY16RFA</i>	<i>Mary Southard</i>	<i>07-17-0329</i>	<i>268035</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 2,337.50</i>

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>
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>

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

8) The following Upper Hazel River TMDL 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-4	DEQ 15990R	Phoebe Muenger	07-17-0023	244262	Culpeper	\$ 1,912.50

9) The following Upper Rapidan River TMDL Residential participants have 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

10) 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>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Samuel Reid</i>	<i>07-17-0289</i>	<i>266874</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Tim Bryan</i>	<i>07-17-0292</i>	<i>266952</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Greg Bookout</i>	<i>07-17-0320</i>	<i>267961</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Frank 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>Gail Brewer</i>	<i>07-17-0185</i>	<i>265624</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 147.50</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Joann Lambert</i>	<i>07-17-0360</i>	<i>268459</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>

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	Carolyn 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

11) 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

12) 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

13) 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

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

15) 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.

16) 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.

17) 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.

18) 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.

19) 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 reported that G. Wichelns was contacted by Tom Apollonia, a resident who lives near Caynor Lake, inquiring about landowners who wish to propose a form of biological remediation to address the aquatic weed growth. G. Wichelns addressed the inquiry with a draft letter stating the District does not hold any authority over the introduction of grass carp or any other fish species into any surface water in the District. That authority resides with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. There will be potential work needed on the structure in the future. He stated impoundment pools are very shallow. A letter to Mr. Apollonia was discussed. R. Brame motioned to approve the letter with editorial changes. T. O'Halloran seconded the motion. (Brame, O'Halloran, unanimous)

R. Bradford moved to approve the request for the transfer of funds and to approve the Technical Committee Report. T. O'Halloran seconded the motion. (Bradford, O'Halloran, unanimous)

5.2 LETTER TO SENATOR WARNER

M. Rifaat reported President Trump has sent to Congress a budget that contains significant cuts for the USDA, agricultural community and Conservation Technical Assistance. John Peterson who is chair of the Northern Virginia SWCD and is also a Board member of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) concurred with the importance of the communications. He is very active with Congress and NACD is asking for help from the districts to contact our senators and representatives to inform them that this budget proposal does significant harm to the conservation districts and conservation implementation. Discussion followed. M. Rifaat motioned to approve the letter. T. O'Halloran seconded the motion. R. Brame abstained. (Rifaat, O'Halloran, motion passed)

6) DIRECTORS REPORTS

- S. Morris and R. Runkle attended the Farm Bureau Policy Development meeting last week at Graves Mountain Lodge. A lot of the proposed recommendations related to the work of the soil and water conservation districts.
- Sarah Sharpe reported the Cattle Dinner Meeting in Greene on March 30, 2017 at the Blue Ridge Café was very well attended. .
- P. Morris reported he will be attending the Area II Meeting being hosted by Thomas Jefferson SWCD on April 11, in Barboursville, Virginia.
- R. Brame commended Sarah Sharpe for her knowledge and energy for her beef programs.
- L. Graves announced Heritage Day at Graves Mountain Lodge on April 1, 2017 was very successful and thanked S. DeNicola and R. Jacobs for their help.

7) STAFF REPORTS

- E. J. Burke attended the 2017 NRCS Boot Camp last week on conservation planning and stated he really appreciated the opportunity to attend. It was very educational.
- S. Yager reported on attending a ribbon cutting ceremony at Grelen Nursery and met the Governor's wife and the Secretary of Agriculture. He spoke with both about the family farm and what he does now.
- S. DeNicola reported the second annual tree seedling sale is completed. There were over 215 orders. April 26th will be the Area II Envirothon. NOAH's grant will be awarded in 7 days on April 15, 2017. The projects start in July 2017.
- G. Wichelns reported he and R. Jacobs are working with the Orange County Planning Department on a training program on erosion and sediment control and stormwater in late spring for contractors, inspectors, and developers.

8) AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS

R. Rexrode reported a new face in the office, Faye Ann Crawford, who is a NRCS Pathways intern. She has completed her internship and has a full time job in Martinsburg, West Virginia. She will be with Culpeper NRCS for 30 days.

R. Rexrode commended the Department of Forestry (DOF) staff in attendance for all their work checking on CREP sites and looking for invasive species while doing so and, working on the Blue Ridge Prism contracts. He said DOF staff were instrumental in also getting a lot of conservation on the ground.

DCR

Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board is responsible for allocating operational, cost share, and technical assistance funds to districts and will be addressing management of these funds at their upcoming meetings. CREP contract approvals have been suspended. On March 28th, the Virginia

Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts reported that DCR will provide 50% state match to the nineteen contracts were approved by FSA before the suspension.

April 17, 2017 3rd Quarter Attachment E and QuickBooks Reports, and RMP Funding Requests are due. Results of two year 2015-2016 Financial Audits – no improvement recommendations for your District. Well done! 2019 Budget Template webinar – April 4th 2 p.m. The submission requires Board approval and a signed copy is due to DCR and an electronic copy submitted to Stephanie Martin no later than June 15. FY18 Budget – Finance committees should be preparing FY 18 budgets for board discussions with board approval in June/July.

Ag Cost Share – 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 on file before being paid. Encourage BMP participants to complete their projects to receive payment prior to June 30, 2017 to reduce carryovers.

Dates to remember:

- 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
- June 5: Basic Accounting/Bookkeeping Training – Charlottesville
- June 13: PY2018 VACS Training, Charlottesville Dep.t of Forestry HQ
- June 15: 19 Budget Template due
- June 20 & 21: VASWCD Director Training and Board Meeting Stonewall Jackson Motel, Staunton
- June 30: Cost estimates must be entered in tracking for all remaining 2015 Pending SL-6 practices

9) PLAN FOR APRIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS (in Orange at the Orange Service Center)

Committees will meet on Tuesday, April 18th, 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 MAY WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, MAY 2nd IN CULPEPER COUNTY AT THE VFW HALL IN CULPEPER, VIRGINIA ON ROUTE 522.**

J. Rosettie thanked R. Rexrode for recognizing the VDOF. Sarah Long, DOF, is new to the area and has done most of the work on the Blue Ridge Prism Project. She has also been working actively on CREP projects. S. Long reported that both the species planted and the deer population in the area have a high impact on the ratio of living plants. Sites more remote have a less chance of regeneration due to deer presence. Discussion followed.

10) ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn the April, 2017 Board meeting at 10:55.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Graves, Chairman



JoAnn M. Neal
Administrative Secretary

Date Approved 5-2-2017