

MINUTES

CULPEPER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

VFW Hall

Culpeper, Virginia

May 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lynn Graves at 9:35 A.M.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Lynn Graves, Madison County
Andrew Campbell, Culpeper County
Michael Peterson, Rappahannock 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
Warren Lee, Orange County Associate Director

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Dick McNear, Rappahannock County Associate Director
Jim Byrne, Madison County Associate Director
Steve Hill, Madison County
Philip Morris, Greene County
Brad Jarvis, Madison County, Virginia Cooperative Extension,
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
Joe Rosetti, Virginia Department of Forestry
Camille Racer, Rappahannock Resident
Josh Racer, Youth Conservation Leadership Institute (Senior at
Rappahannock High School.
Jamie Shenk, Beauregard Farm, Rappahannock River Watershed Basin
Winner

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

L. Graves welcomed everyone to Culpeper County. Following a moment of silence,

R. Jacobs led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were three handouts: Technical Committee Report Addendum, Finance Committee Report and DCR Monthly Report. L. Graves welcomed Jamie Shenk, Manager of Beauregard Farms, Rappahannock River Basin Winner, Joe Rosettie, of the Virginia Department of Forestry, Camille and Josh Racer of Rappahannock County.

2) **DRAFT MINUTES**

L. Graves called for approval of the substance of the April 4th, 2017 Draft Board Meeting Minutes and for any substantive corrections or additions. R. Bradford moved to approve as presented. T. O'Halloran seconded the motion. (Bradford, T. O'Halloran, unanimous)

D. Massie presented Jamie Shenk, Manager of Beauregard Farms, who previously won the Culpeper County Clean Water Farm Award, and is now being recognized by the Virginia General Assembly with a resolution for the Rappahannock River Grand Basin Award. Mr. Shenk received a framed, signed resolution from the General Assembly.

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 four (4) small dam repair contracts with DCR and the Finance Committee Report be added to the Consent Agenda and to remove the Educational Committee Report. Rex Rexrode requested the NRCS Conservation Plans be added to the Consent Agenda. T. O'Halloran moved to approve the Agenda as amended. M. Rifaat seconded the motion. (O' Halloran, M. Rifaat, unanimous)

4) **CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent Agenda approved as modified.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OPERATIONS

LEGISLATIVE

FINANCE

DAM REPAIR CONTRACTS; SDR 17002, 17003, 17004, 17005

TREASURER'S REPORT

NRCS PLANS – Rappahannock County – **Samantha Ahdoot**, 13.5 acs. RCPP-BRP

Brush/Herbaceous Control, Forest Stand Improvement

Kathy Eggers, 21 acs. RCPP-BRP

Brush/Herbaceous Control

Melanie Kipjanski, 1 ac. EQIP/ Hoop House

Greene County -

David Vanderveer, 36 acs. RCPP-BRP

Brush/Herbaceous Control, Forest Stand Improvement

Brian Farinbolt, 14 acs. RCPP-BRP

Brush/Herbaceous Control, Forest Stand Improvement

Madison County -

David Cooper, 8.3 acs. RCPP-BRP

Brush/Herbaceous Control, Forest Stand Improvement

Susan Pooton, 35 acs. RCPP-BRP

Brush/Herbaceous Control, Forest Stand Improvement

Constance Chamberlin, 14.3 acs. RCPP-BRP

Brush/Herbaceous Control, Forest Stand Improvement

Frederick Eberle, 4 acs. EQIP Wildlife Conservation

Cover, Herbaceous Control, Cover Crop, Habitat Mgmt.

Orange County -

Richard Vansantvoed, 3 acs. EQIP Wildlife Conservation

Cover, Herbaceous Control, Cover Crop, Habitat Mgmt.

Asia Fetterolf, 1 acs. EQIP/ Hoop House

5) ADDITIONS TO AGENDA –

5.1) TECHNICAL REPORT –

Items marked in italics were added at the May 2, 2017 Board Meeting in Culpeper 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. Robert Runkle was absent for this approval.

<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>
LE-1T	Rapidan TMDL	Tatum Farm LLC	07-17-0486	273128	Madison	\$ 44,778.00	\$1,975.50
LE-1T	York TMDL	Brian Gibson	07-17-0496	273313	Orange	\$ 27,965.00	\$1,233.75
SL-6B	Tax Credit	Robert Runkle	07-17-0448	273142	Greene	\$ 0.00	\$ 840.00
WP-4F	2017 VACS	Heavenly Acres Farm	07-17-0172	365432	Greene	\$ 30,000.00	\$2,500.00
<i>SL-1</i>	<i>2017 VACS</i>	<i>Alnell Farm</i>	<i>07-17-0514</i>	<i>273439</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 34,741.25</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>LE-1T</i>	<i>Upper Hazel</i>	<i>Sunny View LLC</i>	<i>07-17-0529</i>	<i>273580</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 8,024.00</i>	<i>\$ 354.00</i>

- 2) *The following Resource Management Plans have been approved by the Technical Committee for funding with the DCR's RMP set aside funds:*

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Instance #</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<i>RMP-1</i>	<i>RMP (SB)</i>	<i>07-17-0533</i>	<i>273659 - 273664</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 23,946.30</i>
<i>RMP-1</i>	<i>RMP (SB)</i>	<i>07-17-0532</i>	<i>273653 - 273658</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 19,380.70</i>
<i>RMP-1</i>	<i>RMP (SB)</i>	<i>07-17-0034</i>	<i>273665 - 273666</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 5,324.30</i>

- 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>
SL-8B	2017 VACS	Paul Heatwole	07-17-0144	264879	Culpeper	\$ 8,408.80	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2017 VACS	J-Team Dairy LLC	07-17-0235	266215	Orange	\$ 2,979.60	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2017 VACS	E.V. Baker	07-17-0204	265901	Orange	\$ 13,849.15	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2017 VACS	E.V. Baker	07-17-0204	265905	Orange	\$ 5,010.80	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2017 VACS	Donald Wayne Tatum	07-17-0081	262708	Madison	\$ 4,080.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2017 VACS	Wedderburn Farm	07-17-0084	262717	Culpeper	\$ 5,299.20	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2017 VACS	Dale Welch	07-17-0077	262230	Rappahannock	\$ 6,410.00	\$ 0.00
<i>SL-6</i>	<i>2017 Earmark</i>	<i>Brian Farinholt*</i>	<i>07-15-0378</i>	<i>208961</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>\$ 92,928.50</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>SL-6</i>	<i>2017 VACS</i>	<i>Hannah Salazar</i>	<i>07-17-0018</i>	<i>241024</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 20,789.60</i>	<i>\$ 1,299.35</i>
<i>SL-1</i>	<i>2017 VACS</i>	<i>Scott Johnson</i>	<i>07-17-0281</i>	<i>266846</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 11,254.50</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>SL-1</i>	<i>2017 VACS</i>	<i>Thomas Mountjoy</i>	<i>07-17-0448</i>	<i>272150</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 13,747.50</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
WP-3	2017 VACS	Ben Southard	07-17-0437	271645	Orange	\$ 1,882.50	\$ 156.87
SL-8B	2017 VACS	Piedmont Grain and Cattle	07-17-0290	266878	Madison	\$ 7,270.40	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2017 VACS	Phil and Phillip Goodwin	07-17-0238	266221	Orange	\$ 564.32	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2017 VACS	Phil and Phillip Goodwin	07-17-0238	266220	Orange	\$ 1,262.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2017 VACS	Madison Farm Locust Dale	07-17-0267	266604	Madison	\$ 13,474.70	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2017 VACS	Charles Woolfery	07-17-0120	264109	Orange	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 0.00
<i>SL-1</i>	<i>2017 VACS</i>	<i>Thomas Mountjoy</i>	<i>07-17-0448</i>	<i>272150</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 13,747.50</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
WP-3	2017 VACS	Ben Southard	07-17-0437	271645	Orange	\$ 1,882.50	\$ 156.87
SL-8B	2017 VACS	Piedmont Grain and Cattle	07-17-0290	266878	Madison	\$ 7,270.40	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2017 VACS	Phil and Phillip Goodwin	07-17-0238	266221	Orange	\$ 564.32	\$ 0.00

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SL-8H	2017 VACS	Phil and Phillip Goodwin	07-17-0238	266220	Orange	\$ 1,262.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2017 VACS	Madison Farm Locust Dale	07-17-0267	266604	Madison	\$ 13,474.70	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2017 VACS	Charles Woolfery	07-17-0120	264109	Orange	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2017 VACS	Charles Woolfery	07-17-0120	264108	Orange	\$ 4,018.20	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2017 VACS	Custom Harvesters	07-17-0258	226316	Orange	\$ 14,945.10	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2017 VACS	Richard Harris	07-17-0193	265721	Orange	\$ 3,757.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2017 VACS	W. J. Davis	07-17-0139	264391	Madison	\$ 2,298.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2017 VACS	Jett Farms Inc.	07-17-0041	252332	Madison	\$ 1,050.80	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2017 VACS	Jett Farms Inc.	07-17-0041	252328	Madison	\$ 1,155.20	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2017 VACS	Bobby McDaniel	07-17-0168	265410	Greene	\$ 180.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2017 VACS	Bobby McDaniel	07-17-0168	266867	Greene	\$ 300.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2017 VACS	Stuart Morris, Jr.	07-17-0106	263143	Greene	\$ 880.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2017 VACS	Stuart Morris, Jr.	07-17-0106	266865	Greene	\$ 400.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2017 VACS	Mike Coates	07-17-0134	264285	Madison	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2017 VACS	Wedderburn Farm	07-17-0084	262717	Culpeper	\$ 5,299.20	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2017 VACS	Alnell Farm	07-17-0045	252680	Rappahannock	\$ 3,840.00	\$ 0.00
NM-1A	2017 VACS	Wedderburn Farm	07-17-0085	262740	Culpeper	\$ 597.40	\$ 0.00

**Increase of \$7,542.50 due to fracking of well and extra stream exclusion fence.*

4) *The following BMP applicant has cancelled their project with the District:*

<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	2017 Earmark	John McDaniel	07-15-0227	203903	Greene	\$ 25,139.10	\$ 0.00

5) 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	Dorothy Morris	07-17-0508	273342	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	John Davis	07-17-0503	273328	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	Lee Nixon	07-17-0502	273322	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	William vonRaab	07-17-0521	273528	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	John Harding	07-17-0515	273477	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	Joyce Stanley	07-17-0538	273683	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	Felicia Hall	07-17-0537	273682	Madison	\$ 150.00

6) 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	Claudia Wisom-Land	07-17-0500	273319	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Sharon Savage	07-17-0501	273321	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Diana Wright	07-17-0504	273337	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Gary Forrest	07-17-0505	273338	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Phillip Brockman	07-17-0506	273339	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Danny Douglas	07-17-0507	273340	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	David Moore	07-17-0509	273343	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Daniel Endres	07-17-0510	273346	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Thomas Pulaski	07-17-0511	273358	Madison	\$ 150.00

RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Hagazi Kebede	07-17-0489	273143	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Judith Frederick	07-17-0491	273145	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Judith Frederick	07-17-0491	273341	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-4	DEQNPSWQIF	Randolph Tyson	07-17-0462	272743	Culpeper	\$ 4,000.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Eric Hohman	07-17-0495	273311	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Walter W. Burton	07-17-0497	273314	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Aurelia Lance	07-17-0539	273685	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Donald Johnson	07-17-0498	273316	Greene	\$ 2,337.50
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Mildred Tyner	07-17-0524	273531	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Mildred Tyner	07-17-0524	273668	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Brandon Donaghy	07-17-0526	273570	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Jason Breeden	07-17-0525	273569	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Lori Murray	07-17-0523	273530	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Nicholas Luthman	07-17-0522	273529	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Diann Kelliher	07-17-0520	273497	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Quayne Gennaro	07-17-0519	273494	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	William Anderson	07-17-0516	273478	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	John Hutchens	07-17-0517	273490	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Marion Beers	07-17-0512	273141	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Melvin Holley	07-17-0513	273420	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Ronnie Plaster	07-17-0540	273688	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Robert Brown ii	07-17-0541	273691	Culpeper	\$ 2,337.50
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Richard Murguia	07-17-0490	273144	Culpeper	\$ 850.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Harvey Jenkins	07-17-0527	273578	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Charles Jenkins	07-17-0528	273579	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Sandee Mersereau	07-17-0535	273674	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Richard Huntington	07-17-0536	273678	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Stephanie Cox	07-17-0530	273651	Culpeper	\$ 150.00

7) 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	Brenda Clark	07-17-0388	268924	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQ15972R	Melissa Wilson	07-17-0518	273493	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-4	DEQ15972R	Loraine Highlander	07-17-0034	273526	Orange	\$ 4,000.00

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	Maxine Tanner	07-17-0392	268941	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQ FY16RFA	Mark Beall	07-17-0159	265385	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQ FY16RFA	Warren Shifflett	07-17-0169	265415	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	Joyce Gentry	07-17-0403	269184	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-3	DEQFY16RFA	Ellen Nagase	07-17-0345	268126	Madison	\$ 2,298.26
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	James Hale	07-17-0242	266257	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	Holly Kilby	07-17-0287	266868	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-1	DEQFY16RFA	James O'Reilly	07-17-0229	266044	Madison	\$ 150.00

9) The following Robinson 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-1	DEQPO16119	Robert Peters	07-17-0467	272856	Culpeper	\$ 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-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Cedar Homes LLC	07-17-0364	268747	Orange	\$ 2,225.00
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Cedar Homes LLC	07-17-0364	268748	Orange	\$ 2,237.50
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Deborah Lee	07-17-0393	268942	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Kenneth Smith	07-17-0211	265934	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Kenneth Smith	07-17-0211	265940	Culpeper	\$ 140.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Kenneth Smith	07-17-0211	265942	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Kenneth Smith	07-17-0211	265944	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Kenneth Smith	07-17-0211	265948	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Kenneth Smith	07-17-0211	265949	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Brent Wilson	07-17-0071	262209	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	George Krynitsky	07-17-0370	268757	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Mary Cantwell	07-17-0111	263198	Rappahannock	\$ 1,466.25
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Bruce Wyman	07-17-0251	268385	Culpeper	\$ 200.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Robin Soutter	07-17-0483	273020	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Edna Soutter	07-17-0481	273017	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Phyllis Outlaw	07-17-0309	267766	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Dean Hahn	07-17-0362	268695	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Jacob Aaronson	07-17-0264	266600	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Jacob Aaronson	07-17-0264	266602	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Patricia Baron	07-17-0463	272744	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Burton Laub	07-17-0322	267983	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Amber Woods	07-17-0280	266844	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Edith Johnson	07-17-0214	265956	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Daniel Dowling	07-17-0368	268753	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Carroll Spencer	07-17-0121	270763	Greene	\$ 271.50
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Cristobel Wetsel	07-17-0218	265963	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Franklin Fishback	07-17-0389	268925	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Bonnie Baldwin	07-17-0137	264357	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Jennifer Aldrich	07-17-0452	272374	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Jennifer Aldrich	07-17-0452	272376	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Carolyn Beahm	07-17-0295	267084	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Richard Murguia	07-17-0490	273144	Culpeper	\$ 850.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Judith Frederick	07-17-0491	273145, 273341	Culpeper	\$ 300.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Joan Bonsignore	07-17-0356	268378	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	William Rogers	07-17-0419	270370	Culpeper	\$ 150.00

11) The following WQIF Residential participants have been canceled by the Technical Committee.

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Instance #</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Tracey Shifflett	07-17-0366	268750	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Clark Blight	07-17-0431	271630	Greene	\$ 150.00

- 12) The Committee reviewed the list of dam maintenance work that will be performed in the summer of 2017.
- 13) The Committee reviewed the amounts proposed by DCR for FY18 cost share and technical assistance; \$896,698 and \$127,595. Due to reassessment of nonpoint source loading, the District's decimal fraction has been lowered from 0.10342 to 0.06459.
- 14) The Committee reviewed progress on the agricultural stewardship act complaint in Rappahannock County. Sediment control measures have been installed and some hydro-seeding accomplished.
- 15) The Committee reviewed a complaint on lack of approval of a cover crop request. The producer never made application to the program nor contacted District staff with follow up on planting dates.
- 16) *The Committee requested that the Board authorize the District Manager to advertise a Request for Proposals for the purpose of obtaining small dam engineering support.*

Robert Bradford read the proposal for the purpose of obtaining small dam engineering support at the Board Meeting and discussion followed as to why this came about.

R. Bradford requested the consent for the Technical Committee to award the mowing contracts for bid at the next Technical Committee meeting in May. R. Brame motioned to approve Technical Committee Report with the corrections of April 18 Technical Committee report and the additions. M. Rifaat seconded the motion. (Brame, Rifaat, unanimous)

6) **CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL**

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. 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 10:45 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) T. O'Halloran made the motion to accept the recommendations from the Personnel Committee with the amendment. M. Peterson seconded the motion. (O'Halloran, Peterson, unanimous)

7) **DIRECTORS REPORTS**

- M Peterson reported that in the Rappahannock News three weeks ago there was a front page story about Eldon Farm which is one of the largest farms in Rappahannock County covering 7,000 acres. It is owned by Lane Industries in the Midwest. The article in the paper was about their shifting their focus to renovations on barns, rental houses and installing hiking and riding trails around the farm. Fencing projects have also been completed. It is a cow/calf farm.
- M. Rifaat introduced Camille Racer and her son Joshua, residents of Rappahannock County. M. Rifaat reported the Board of Supervisors for Rappahannock County is undergoing an interesting organizational change. The Board of Supervisors has no committees. All discussion is at the Board level, which makes for a very long meeting. Now they are considering going to a Consent Agenda. Rappahannock Board of Supervisors is also limiting any activity in the Court House due to the legal issues in the county and for security purposes.
- R. Runkle reported several articles in the Harrisonburg newspaper about all that they were doing with the Envirothon. Stanardsville District in Greene County will have 3 county people running for Supervisor in the next election.
- T. O'Halloran reported the Rappahannock River Basin Commission has sponsored a program for the Healthy Watershed Forest TMDL Project. The 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement includes

outcomes for protecting healthy watersheds, high-conservation priority wetlands, and forestland of highest value for maintaining water quality. To accomplish this, there is agreement among the signatories to use management strategies whose aim is to improve the knowledge of land conversion and associated impacts throughout the Watershed by developing a methodology and metrics to characterize the rate of farmland, forestland and wetland conversion, and by measuring the extent and rate of change in impervious surface coverage. The goal is to provide localities with the tools they will need to quantify potential impacts of land conversion and evaluate policy options, incentives, and planning tools that could continually improve their capacity to reduce the rate of conversion of agricultural lands, forestlands, and wetlands. Greg Evans of the Virginia Department of Forestry is leading the project and is promoting the retention of forested land in the Rappahannock River Basin by developing the tools to allow credits in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Model for the ecosystem services they provide. The original test area was the George Washington Regional Planning District in the Middle Basin area. They now are encouraging Pennsylvania and Virginia to continue with the studies to strengthen forest retention.

- L. Graves reported he attended the Virginia Agri Business Council Board meeting and discussion occurred on the treatment of animals. It was mentioned that PETA was reportedly targeting people who were showing animals at the fair. Also, coming up this weekend at Graves Mountain Lodge the Virginia Legislative Horse Council will have their trail ride. Tuesday of last week L. Graves attended the Madison Board of Supervisors meeting.
- S. Sharpe reported on her Goat Production workshop at Pratley Farm in Fluvanna County. For those interested in a Cut Flower Production Workshop, Shawn Appling and she will be holding a workshop in Madison, dates to be announced. They will also be talking about High Tunnel Production. The USDA is having a workshop at the Public House Produce in Luray Virginia June 6th on Soil Health and Production.

8) STAFF REPORTS

- S. DeNicola reported that staff is still waiting on the NOAA grant announcement, no information yet. April 26th was the Area II Envirothon. Seven teams competed and Thomas Jefferson School for Math and Science in Fairfax came in first and Albemarle High School came in second. Wakefield Country Day School came in fifth. B. Jarvis and S. Hill attended and were judges for the presentations at the Envirothon.
- R. Jacobs reported attended a workshop conference on stormwater management practices and rain water harvesting on May 2nd, 2017. On this Thursday, May 4th, in the Town of Orange the District is sponsoring a contractor's workshop on erosion control and stormwater management. May 17th, in Northern Virginia there will be a training on Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP) on permeable pavement and how the VCAP program can help fund the projects. VCAP 2016 allocation was about \$250,000 with 20 outstanding projects. VCAP 2017 allocation was \$500,000 with 30 projects statewide. Nineteen soil and water districts out of the 30 that are in the Bay area have projects that have been approved.
- D. Massie reported he and A. Chester will be attending on Thursday, May 18th, "Roundabout at the Horse Farm", at Magnolia Equestrian Farm in Stevensburg. This is a field day event and they will be talking on the Septic and Ag BMP programs available. David will be taking a class in Middleburg on Healthy Horses Healthy Land for 6 weeks, every Monday for 6 weeks and he will be receiving a Certificate for the course.
- H. Calloway reported attending the Madison County Green and Clean Day and spoke to everyone on the septic program.
- G. Wichelns reported there was discussion on the Desk Top Guide. The Area II member on the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board sent emails on the following documents to review: Desk Top Guide, Annual Administration and Operations Grant and Technical Assistance and Cost Share Grant. Discussion followed. Beginning in FY18 the Culpeper SWCD percentage of total statewide cost share will be smaller, at least for now. We are going to get \$900,000 in cost share for FY18, under the old assessment process we would have gotten \$1.4 million. Under the current assessment we are

going to get \$127,500 for technical assistance under the old \$141,000. There is no impact on Administration or Operations funding. Non-Point Assessment is difficult to understand. M. Rifaat asked “What am I to do as a Director to prevent the reductions, who do I talk to.” There is a stakeholder’s study group established to consider the stabilizing of the Cost Share Program, this information from the study group will go to the General Assembly. Delegate Webert is a key player to contact. Discussion followed.

G. Wichelns stated the more work we do and the better we do it, the less money we might receive, all based on the computer model.

9) AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS

No report.

DCR

Conservation Selling Skills – DCR is offering this course in the fall of 2017. It is a 2 day course, fourteen hour workshop that combines lecture, discussion, exercises and role-play practice sessions to enable professional staff of conservation partner organizations to more effectively achieve the goals of their organization and satisfy the needs of those we serve.

The new Assistant Attorney General assigned to districts is Robert N. Drewry, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, 202 North 9th Street, Richmond, VA 23219 (804) 371-8329, email: RDrewry@oag.state.va.va.us . Kelci Block transferred elsewhere in the OAG’s Office.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) – All 19 FSA approved CREP contracts will be honored at the 50% state match rate. (\$252,000) The other 60+ unapproved CREP contracts in process Feb 22 will receive no less than 25% state match. Once the CREP Program is unsuspending, the Board has reaffirmed its intent to apply a 25% state match to CREP payments in FY18.

Draft 2018 Cost Share and Technical Assistance policy and grant agreement are in the review process by the VSWCB with expected final approval by May 23. FY 2019 program changes and suggestions due May 31 to Gary Moore.

2017 Spot checks have begun. Approximately 10% administrative reviews will be conducted as well.

2016 Spot-Checks – any outstanding spot check from 2016 should be reconciled by June 30, required Board action with formal decisions communicated in writing.

Dates to remember:

- May 23: Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board Meeting
- May 31: FY19 VACS program suggested changes due to Gary Moore
- June 5: Basic Accounting/Bookkeeping Training – Charlottesville
- June 6: Advanced Accounting/Bookkeeping Training (VRS speaker 1 p.m.)
Charlottesville DOF
- 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
- July 17: End of Year Financial & Cost Share Reports Due – Carryover, Cash Balance and SL-6 Pending Lack of Funding, as well as Att. E, EOY Rollover Report, Cash Balance and Profit and Loss reports.

DOF

J. Rossetti reported fire season is over, plantings are completed, reforestation of timber starts

May 1st, and they are taking applications next Tuesday in the Warrenton office. The Department of Forestry facilitates the tree planting and herbicides applications. This will be the last year for the spray release.

10) PLAN FOR MAY COMMITTEE MEETINGS (in Culpeper at the Culpeper Office)

Committees will meet on Monday, May 22nd, 2017: Personnel 9:00, Operations 9:30, Technical 10:00 and RMP 10:30. The Educational Committee will be announced. **BOARD MEETING FOR JUNE WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 6th, IN GRENE COUNTY AT THE PVCC STANARDSVILLE, VIRGINIA.**

11) ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn the May, 2017 Board meeting at 11:20.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Graves, Chairman



JoAnn M. Neal
Administrative Secretary

Date Approved 6-6-17