

MINUTES

CULPEPER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

VFW Hall

Culpeper, Virginia

November 30th, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lynn Graves at 10:15 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
Associate Director
Monira Rifaat, Rappahannock County

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Dick McNear, Rappahannock County Associate Director
Jim Byrne, Madison County Associate Director
Michael Peterson, Rappahannock County
Warren Lee, Orange County Associate Director
Steve Morris, Greene County Director, At Large
Brad Jarvis, Madison County, Virginia Cooperative Extension
Steve Hill, Madison County
Andrew Campbell, Culpeper 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

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 two handouts: Technical Committee Report Addendum, and Employee Reports.

2) DRAFT MINUTES

L. Graves called for approval of the substance of the November 1st, 2016 Draft Board Meeting Minutes and for any substantive corrections or additions. R. Brame moved to approve as presented. R. Bradford seconded the motion. (R. Brame, R. Bradford, 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 a Closed Session for Personnel be added to the Agenda as 5.2. 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

OPERATIONS

TREASURER’S REPORT

NRCS PLANS – None

G. Wichelns requested the Board approval and signature authority for T. O’Halloran, Treasurer to sign two grant contract extensions from DEQ that will be received before our next board meeting.

5) ADDITIONS TO AGENDA –

5.1) TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT -

Items in italics were added at the November 30, 2016 Board Meeting in Culpeper, 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	Pullen Farm LLC	07-17-0192	265694	Culpeper	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2017 VACS	Paul Compton	07-17-0195	265749	Culpeper	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2017 VACS	Bayard Young	07-17-0202	265833	Culpeper	\$ 736.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2017 VACS	W. J. Davis	07-17-0139	264391	Madison	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2017 VACS	Paul Heatwole	07-17-0144	264879	Culpeper	\$ 8,408.80	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2017 VACS	Wayne T. Harris	07-17-0187	265671	Orange	\$ 5,940.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2017 VACS	Wayne T. Harris	07-17-0187	265670	Orange	\$ 4,520.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2017 VACS	Richard Harris	07-17-0193	265721	Orange	\$ 3,757.00	\$ 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-8H	2017 VACS	Jim Gibson	07-17-0205	265906	Orange	\$ 1,909.40	\$ 0.00
SL-6	2017 VACS	Carolton Farms LLC	07-17-0147	266092	Orange	\$ 11,194.00	\$ 699.63
LE-1T	RR-LDR	Randy Soderquist	07-17-0200	265819	Madison	\$ 31,229.00	\$ 1,377.75
<i>SL-8B</i>	<i>2017 VACS</i>	<i>Phil & Phillip Goodwin</i>	<i>07-17-0238</i>	<i>266211</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 564.32</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>SL-8H</i>	<i>2017 VACS</i>	<i>Phil & Phillip Goodwin</i>	<i>07-17-0238</i>	<i>266220</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 1,059.60</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>SL-8B</i>	<i>2017 VACS</i>	<i>Lewis A. Lamb and Sons Inc.</i>	<i>07-17-0237</i>	<i>266219</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 12,076.80</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>SL-8H</i>	<i>2017 VACS</i>	<i>Lewis A. Lamb and Sons Inc.</i>	<i>07-17-0237</i>	<i>266217</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 7,510.00</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>

SL-8H	2017 VACS	Glen Cove Farm Inc.	07-17-0236	266216	Orange	\$ 952.40	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2017 VACS	Custom Harvesters	07-17-0258	266316	Orange	\$ 14,945.10	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2017 VACS	J-Team Dairy LLC	07-17-0235	266215	Orange	\$ 2,979.60	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2017 VACS	Nathan Rosenberger	07-17-0197	265453	Culpeper	\$ 12,600.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2017 VACS	Nathan Rosenberger	07-17-0197	265752	Culpeper	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2017 VACS	Bradley Rosenberger	07-17-0196	265751	Culpeper	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2017 VACS	Bradley Rosenberger	07-17-0196	265750	Culpeper	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00

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

Practice	Fund	Participant	Contract #	Instance #	County	Amount	Tax Credit
SL-6	RCPP	James H. Aylor	07-17-0029	248727	Madison	\$ 26,188.58	\$ 0.00
SL-9	2017 VACS	George Heiser	07-17-0079	262243	Rappahannock	\$ 2,846.27	\$ 711.56
SL-6B	Tax Credit	Robert Runkle	07-17-0100	263100	Greene	\$ 0.00	\$1,024.50
LE-1T	RR-LDR	Randy Soderquist	07-16-0342	235832	Madison	\$ 26,697.14	\$1,177.81
SL-1	2017 VACS	Doug Flory	07-17-0013	239195	Culpeper	\$ 15,981.12	\$.00
SL-6	2016 Supp	Carrie Swanson	07-15-0323	207840	Madison	\$ 22,955.00	\$ 0.00

3) The following Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP) practices have been canceled:

Practice	Participant	County	Amount
Conservation Landscaping - Meadow	Michael and Joyce Wenger	Rappahannock	\$ 1,172.00
Rain Garden	Adrianus van Krimpen	Culpeper	\$ 1,048.85

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	Wendy Moubray	07-17-0207	265919	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	Pagan Strauss	07-17-0221	265968	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	James O'Reilly	07-17-0229	266044	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	Peggy Baker	07-17-0208	265921	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	Thomas Bennett	07-17-0233	266094	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	David Underwood	07-17-0201	265821	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	James Hale	07-17-0242	266257	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	Laura Thacker	07-17-0246	266278	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQFY16RFA	Dennis Seale	07-17-0256	266312	Madison	\$ 150.00

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	Akilah Howdeshell	07-17-0206	265914	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Gertha Houston	07-17-0209	265380	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Thomas Weaver	07-17-0210	265927	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Kenneth Smith	07-17-0211	265934	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Kenneth Smith	07-17-0211	265940	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
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	Vinda Carpenter	07-17-0212	265952	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Edith Johnson	07-17-0214	265956	Madison	\$ 150.00

RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	James Collins	07-17-0217	265962	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Christobel Wetsel	07-17-0216	265963	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Constance Chamberlain	07-17-0220	265967	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Howard Collins	07-17-0227	266035	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Cecilia Rowe	07-17-0228	266036	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Ann Chapman	07-17-0230	266047	Greene	\$ 150.00
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Douglas Williams	07-17-0199	265943	Culpeper	\$ 2,337.50
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Brian Shrader	07-17-0186	265626	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	William Noakes	07-17-0198	265778	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	William Noakes	07-17-0198	265780	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Janet Dean	07-17-0225	266003	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Susan Short	07-17-0226	266004	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Kevin Summers	07-17-0231	266088	Culpeper	\$ 2,337.50
RB-4	DEQNPSWQIF	Jens Tholand	07-17-0232	266090	Culpeper	\$ 4,000.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Vernon Welsted	07-17-0190	265682	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	AnnMarie Anderson	07-17-0184	265524	Culpeper	\$ 2,337.50
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Jeanne Jarrett	07-17-0183	265523	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Kenneth Gilmore	07-17-0181	265521	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Timothy Pagano	07-17-0178	265517	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Edward Theimer	07-17-0189	265774	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Mike Evans	07-17-0223	265972	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Willard McGee	07-17-0224	265973	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Thomas Early	07-17-0252	266300	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	James O'Grady	07-17-0243	266273	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Matthew Powers	07-17-0244	266274	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Donna Bartlett	07-17-0247	266281	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Pamela Harbourt	07-17-0248	266289	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-3	DEQNPSWQIF	Laura Mingler	07-17-0249	266290	Madison	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Michael Kelley	07-17-0250	266295	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Rita Somerville	07-17-0239	266237	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Beverly Dickey	07-17-0254	266308	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Beverly Dickey	07-17-0254	266309	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQNPSWQIF	Evert Soward	07-17-0203	265839	Orange	\$ 150.00

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	DEQ15972R	Jean Graves	07-17-0219	265966	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQ15972R	Martha Atkins	07-17-0216	265960	Orange	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQ15972R	Carlton Kay	07-17-0215	265957	Orange	\$ 150.00

7) 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-1	DEQ15990	Wilhelmina Price	07-17-0191	265685	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQ15990	Anthony Markley	07-17-0182	265522	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQ15990	James Hahn	07-17-0179	265518	Culpeper	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQ15990	Pat Curry	07-17-0194	265747	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQ15990	William Lasater	07-17-0222	265971	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQ15990R	Esther Schmidt	07-17-0245	266275	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQ15990R	James F. Massie, Jr.	07-17-0253	266301	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00

<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ15990R</i>	<i>James F. Massie, Jr.</i>	<i>07-17-0253</i>	<i>266302</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ15990R</i>	<i>James F. Massie, Jr.</i>	<i>07-17-0253</i>	<i>266303</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ15990R</i>	<i>James F. Massie, Jr.</i>	<i>07-17-0253</i>	<i>266304</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ15990R</i>	<i>Bruce Wyman</i>	<i>07-17-0251</i>	<i>266297</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-4</i>	<i>DEQ15990R</i>	<i>Scott Montgomery</i>	<i>07-17-0240</i>	<i>266277</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 4,000.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ15990R</i>	<i>Evert W. Sowards</i>	<i>07-17-0203</i>	<i>265838</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ15990R</i>	<i>Ruth Baumgardner</i>	<i>07-17-0234</i>	<i>266176</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ15990R</i>	<i>Ruth Baumgardner</i>	<i>07-17-0234</i>	<i>266179</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ15990R</i>	<i>Karen Henderson</i>	<i>07-17-0257</i>	<i>266315</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>

8) 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-3	DEQ 15990R	Christine Kratly	07-16-0381	237166	Culpeper	\$ 300.00
RB-1	DEQ 15990R	Stephen Bullock	07-17-0053	258911	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQ 15990R	Douglas Ward	07-17-0033	250440	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQ 15900R	Margot Neuhaus	07-17-0037	251389	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00
RB-1	DEQ 15990R	Gail Brewer	07-17-0185	265624	Rappahannock	\$ 150.00

9) 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	DEQ 15972R	Wendie Ware	07-17-0068	262194	Orange	\$ 137.50
RB-1	DEQ 15972R	Elizabeth Henry	07-17-0067	262181	Orange	\$ 137.50
RB-1	DEQ 15972R	Elizabeth Henry	07-17-0067	262181	Orange	\$ 137.50
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ15972R</i>	<i>Joan Moxley</i>	<i>07-17-0102</i>	<i>263115</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ15972R</i>	<i>Gloria Williams</i>	<i>07-17-0132</i>	<i>264256</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>

10) 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	Elizabeth Snead	07-17-0059	262100	Madison	\$ 137.50
RB-1	DEQ FY16RFA	Gloria Nicholson	07-17-0094	263004	Orange	\$ 137.50
RB-4	DEQ FY16RFA	Jeffrey Green	07-17-0131	264250	Madison	\$ 3,731.00

11) The following WQIF Residential participants have been approved by the Technical Committee for payment:

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Instance #</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>Mary Sanford</i>	<i>07-17-0097</i>	<i>263051</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 80.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQNPSWQIF</i>	<i>David Villers</i>	<i>07-17-0152</i>	<i>265366</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 150.00</i>

12) The District Manager gave a brief update on dam maintenance issues.

- a. Bander Smith LLC is expected to begin the iron work on the two dams in Madison in the next month.
- b. District Staff has reexamined the concrete on the risers as well as the coating on the outflow pipes.
- c. The District Dam Engineer will be conducting an engineering evaluation of Beautiful Run #11 on Thursday, December 1, 2016

- 13) The Technical Committee Chairman, R. Bradford motioned for approval of the minutes and requested authority for the Technical Committee to approve payments and tax credits for contracts that are brought to the Committee before the end of the year; the next Board meeting is in January. P. Morris seconded the motion. (Bradford, Morris, passed) R. Runkle abstained.

5.2) CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL

R. Runkle moved that the Board go into Closed Session at 10:40 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. R. Bradford seconded the motion. (Runkle, Bradford, unanimous)

Following the return from Closed Session, R. Runkle moved to reconvene at 10:50 A.M. (unanimous). Pursuant to the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-.3712. (D), “I move that the Board certify that to the best of the Board’s knowledge only matters lawfully exempted and as identified in the motion by which the Closed Session was convened were heard or discussed by this Board”. M. Rifaat seconded the motion. (Runkle, Rifaat, unanimous) R. Brame made the motion to accept the recommendations from the Personnel Committee. R. Bradford seconded the motion. (Brame, Bradford, 7 approved)

7) DIRECTORS REPORTS

- S. Sharpe thanked everyone for their support of the Beef Cattle Educational Series held at the Blue Ridge Café on November 15, 22 and 29th. Each night 31 people attended. New programs to begin: Farm Financials: Part 1, January 26, 6 p.m. to 8:30 at the Louisa County Extension Office and Part II, February 15, 6 p.m. to 8:30 at the Louisa County Extension Office financial risk, farm budgeting, financial statements and more. Beekeeping Class in Greene Extension office January 30 and February 1. Minimum of 10 participants and a maximum of 20. Small Farms Conference in Greene on February 18, 2017. Winter Vegetable School on February 23rd in Leesburg and February 24th, in Charlottesville. Hydroponic Production workshop in Charlottesville, Virginia, March 21, 2017.
- M. Rifaat reported the Rappahannock County Board of Supervisors are currently being sued by a private citizen for not following Freedom Of Information Act. She also announced the VASWCD Annual Meeting in Roanoke, Virginia will take place December 4, 5 and 6th. Monday afternoon is the Area II meeting and the nomination for a new Area II chair will take place. There are two women in Area II who will be retiring; Jennifer Hoysa, John Marshall District Manager and Allyson Sappington, Thomas Jefferson District Manager. These two women have been executive directors for many years. Tuesday afternoon is the VASWCD business meeting.
- R. Brame reported that S. Sharpe put on a very good Beef Cattle Educational Program and it was very helpful.
- R. Bradford reported on the State BMP Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting in Charlottesville which had a record attendance working on potential tax credits for winter feeding sites, precision farming and nutrient management. Emails were sent out to all districts. R. Bradford represents the Area II on the TAC. NM-5 is a new Nutrient Management Program – which will be split between precision nitrogen applications and phosphorus. The other concern was litter sheds going out of life span. Producer utilizes it as a garage after life span and coming to the district for money to refinance another litter shed. Discussion followed with no resolution. This will go to the Attorney General for clarification for DCR and the districts. Discussion followed. G. Wichelns stated the priority watershed changes for crop lands will have some effect on cost-share distribution for some districts.
- Lynn Graves thanked staff for a very enjoyable Annual Banquet.

8) STAFF REPORTS

- S. DeNicola reported there was no Educational Committee meeting during the past month.
- S. Yager reported FSA in Orange will have their Open House on December 15th.
- A. Cason reported that she and Amanda attended the Beef Cattle Series November 15, 22 and the 29th in Greene County. The first meeting some people were interested in the septic program.

- G. Wichelns recognized all the staff who participated in the Annual Banquet in November.

9) AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS

R. Rexrode reported on the Blue Ridge Prism Program-treatment of invasive species in three of our counties; Greene, Madison and Rappahannock. The first signup cut-off date will be in the middle of December and NRCS will do rankings in January. There are cost-share limits as to what you can receive; \$7,000 per year for 3 years or a total of \$21,000. There are currently 20 to 30 applicants. Regular EQIP will fall on the same schedule as in previous years. It was announced that NRCS will receive more regular programs funds this year; \$7 or \$8 million state-wide.

10) PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – None

It is the pleasure of the Board to approve the following holiday schedule: Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2nd. L. Graves motioned to approve. P. Morris seconded the motion. (Graves, P. Morris, unanimous)

11) PLAN FOR DECEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS (in Orange at the Orange Service Center)

Committees will meet on Tuesday, December 20th, 2016: Personnel 9:00, Operations 9:30, Legislative 10:00 and Technical 10:30 with RMP to follow Technical. The Educational Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 13, in Madison at the War Memorial Building at 4 P.M. **BOARD MEETING FOR JANUARY WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 3rd IN GREENE AT THE PIEDMONT VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN STANARDSVILLE, VIRGINIA.**

12) ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn the November, 2016 Board meeting at 11:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Graves, Chairman



JoAnn M. Neal
Administrative Secretary

Date Approved 1-3-2017