

MINUTES
CULPEPER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Madison Extension Office
Madison, Virginia 22727
May 2, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lynn Graves at 10:03 AM.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Lynn Graves, Madison County
Tom O'Halloran, Culpeper County
Dennis Verhoff, Culpeper County
Philip Morris, Greene County
Steve Morris, Greene County
Robert Runkle, Greene County
Stephen Hill, Madison County
Robert Bradford, Orange County
Robert Brame, Orange County
Mike Biniek, Rappahannock County
Mike Sands, Rappahannock County
Sarah Sharpe, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Greene County
Brad Jarvis, Associate Director, Madison County
Bob Williamson, Associate Director, Culpeper County

DIRECTORS NOT PRESENT:

Warren Lee, Associate Director, Orange County

STAFF PRESENT:

Greg Wichelns, District Manager
Stevie Ross, Administrative Secretary
Henny Calloway, Conservation Specialist
Kendall Dellinger, Conservation Specialist
Stephanie DeNicola, Education Coordinator
Brandy Harris, Conservation Specialist
Richard Jacobs, Conservation Specialist
David Massie, Conservation Specialist
Amanda McCullen, Conservation Specialist
Lily Smith, Conservation Specialist
W. Spencer Yager, Conservation Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

Debbie Cross, DCR
Rex Rexrode, NRCS
Kinner Ingram, VDOF
Stuart Baker, VDOF
Cameron Smith, VLWA
Michael Shaw, Friends of the Rappahannock

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

L. Graves called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. Following a moment of silence, W. Yager led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were five handouts: Technical Committee Addendum, NRCS Report, DCR Report, Draft Dam Policy, and a Staff Report.

2) DRAFT MINUTES

L. Graves called for approval of the substance of the April 4, 2023, Draft District Board Meeting Minutes and for any substantive corrections or additions. R. Brame moved to approve the Minutes as presented. M. Biniek seconded the motion. (R. Brame, M. Biniek, unanimous)

3) AGENDA APPROVAL

L. Graves called for Agenda approval. The Technical Committee Report was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Agenda as 5.1 (Approvals and Payments) and 5.2 (Report). A Closed Session for Litigation was added to the Agenda as item number 5.3. R. Bradford moved to adopt the Agenda as modified. S. Hill seconded the motion. (R. Bradford, S. Hill, unanimous)

4) CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda adopted as modified.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

TREASURER’S REPORT

NRCS CONSERVATION PLANS

Madison	9.6 Acres	Irrigation Water Management Design
Madison	9.6 Acres	Roof Runoff. Micro Irrigation System, Irrigation Pipeline, Pumping Plant

5) ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

5.1) TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT WITH ADDITIONS:

April 18, 2023 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes (Updated)

Present: Robert Bradford, Chairman; Lynn Graves, Madison; Tom O’Halloran, Culpeper; Mike Sands, Rappahannock; Greg Wichelns, District Manager; Spencer Yager, Conservation Specialist; David Massie, Conservation Specialist; Amanda McCullen, Conservation Specialist; Henny Calloway, Conservation Specialist; Lily Smith, Conservation Specialist; Kendall Dellinger, Conservation Specialist; Brandy Harris, Conservation Specialist

Items in italics were added at the May 2, 2023 Board Meeting in Madison, 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>
NM-5P	2023 VACS	Wedderburn Farm	07-23-0410	525792	Culpeper	\$ 888.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5P	2023 VACS	Glebe Farm LLC	07-23-0419	525818	Culpeper	\$ 10,576.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6N	2023 VACS	Michele Trufant	07-23-0409	523711	Rappahannock	\$ 11,781.00	\$ 1,262.25
SL-6W	2023 VACS	Chancellors Rock Farm LLC	07-23-0411	525126	Rappahannock	\$ 190,625.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2023 VACS	Karla Gragg	07-23-0418	524983	Madison	\$ 14,747.50	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2023 VACS	Lewis Jenkins	07-23-0405	523757	Madison	\$ 72,301.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2023 VACS	Hazel River Farm LLC	07-23-0406	525774	Culpeper	\$ 36,028.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2023 VACS	Tina Gordon Chism	07-23-0403	524857	Madison	\$ 31,426.75	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2023 VACS	Balintobber Inc.	07-23-0404	510063	Orange	\$ 69,613.50	\$ 0.00

SL-6W	2023 VACS	Peter Tuz	07-23-0351	523714	Orange	\$ 52,601.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-CNT	2023 VACS	Bar M Farms LLC	07-23-0426	526515	Orange	\$ 13,550.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2023 VACS	Manor Farm LLC	07-23-0255	520782	Rappahannock	\$ 37,931.25	\$ 0.00
FR-1	2023 VACS	Donal Day	07-23-0417	525807	Rappahannock	\$ 5,661.00	\$ 369.75
FR-3	2023 VACS	Donal Day	07-23-0417	525808	Rappahannock	\$ 811.75	\$ 0.00
NM-3C	2023 VACS	Shawn Woodfolk	07-23-0340	523365	Madison	\$ 1,212.00	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2023 VACS	Robert MacGovern	07-23-0420	526375	Madison	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2023 VACS	Patricia Cockrill	07-23-0252	520680	Orange	\$ 9,235.50	\$ 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
NM-5P	2023 VACS	Brandy Rock Farm I nc.	07-23-0339	523043	Culpeper	\$ 5,144.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Brandon VanHoven*	07-23-0199	519960	Orange	\$ 3,034.40	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Terri Elgin*	07-23-0264	521280	Orange	\$ 3,003.60	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Knight Cattle Corp*	07-23-0214	520070	Orange	\$ 24,275.10	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Cleaveland Farm LLC*	07-23-0249	520642	Orange	\$ 59,444.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Cleaveland Farm LLC	07-23-0249	520644	Orange	\$ 769.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Charles Woolfrey Construction Inc.*	07-23-0115	517567	Orange	\$ 20,843.80	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Charles Woolfrey Construction Inc.	07-23-0115	517568	Orange	\$ 5,978.20	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Ben Southard	07-23-0213	520068	Orange	\$ 6,540.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Graves Mtn Farms	07-23-0209	520049	Madison	\$ 1,159.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Graves Mtn Farms	07-23-0209	520051	Madison	\$ 836.10	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Piedmont Grain & Cattle Inc.	07-23-0200	519962	Madison	\$ 17,972.10	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Piedmont Grain & Cattle Inc.	07-23-0200	520061	Madison	\$ 6,482.20	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Custom Harvesters	07-23-0127	517760	Orange	\$ 29,883.70	\$ 0.00
SL-7	2022 VACS	David Sears	07-22-0405	476602	Orange	\$ 7,865.40	\$ 1,295.38
SL-7	2023 VACS	David Sears	07-22-0405	476602	Orange	\$ 651.68	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2023 VACS	Bruce Bowman	07-23-0313	522690	Madison	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2023 VACS	Rockmill Vineyards	07-23-0357	524090	Rappahannock	\$ 2,325.00	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2023 VACS	Paul Kalb	07-23-0347	523704	Rappahannock	\$ 7,875.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-CNT	2023 VACS	Mine Run Ag Inc	07-23-0260	520984	Orange	\$ 18,750.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-CNT	2023 VACS	Bar M Farms LLC	07-23-0426	526515	Orange	\$ 13,550.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2023 VACS	Manor Farm LLC	07-23-0255	520782	Rappahannock	\$ 37,931.25	\$ 0.00
SL-1	2023 VACS	JJT Virginia Property Ventures LP	07-23-0043	505945	Orange	\$ 8,282.72	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	UHR – Ag.	Red Oak Mountain - Lawyers Farm LLC	07-23-0175	476146	Rappahannock	\$ 88,408.20	\$ 4,401.34
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Carl James	07-23-0195	519528	Culpeper	\$ 1,659.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Meadow Grove Farm LLC	07-23-0064	510881	Rappahannock	\$ 1,190.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Ashland Farms Inc.	07-23-0110	517468	Culpeper	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Kenneth Smith	07-23-0099	516500	Culpeper	\$ 45,812.70	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Wheatley Shackelford	07-23-0111	517521	Culpeper	\$ 700.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Wheatley Shackelford	07-23-0112	517522	Culpeper	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Muddy Flats Farm, LLC	07-23-0180	518860	Culpeper	\$ 1,867.80	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	J.R. & J.G. Goodwin LLC	07-23-0058	508168	Orange	\$ 1,530.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Jett Farms Inc	07-23-0113	517545	Madison	\$ 2,250.50	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Jett Farms Inc	07-23-0113	517546	Madison	\$ 600.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Donald Tatum	07-23-0129	517765	Madison	\$ 4,759.20	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Tatum Farm LLC*	07-23-0128	517764	Madison	\$ 25,947.20	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Lazy Creek Farm Inc*	07-23-0108	517448	Madison	\$ 38,756.90	\$ 0.00

SL-8H	2023 VACS	Lazy Creek Farm Inc*	07-23-0108	517449	Madison	\$ 5,530.40	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Timothy Cheek	07-23-0211	520059	Orange	\$ 5,584.60	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	M & W Cattle Co.	07-23-0198	519955	Orange	\$ 813.40	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	M & W Cattle Co.	07-23-0198	519957	Orange	\$ 13,277.70	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Lewis A Lamb & Sons Inc	07-23-0109	517450	Madison	\$ 11,448.90	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Lewis A Lamb & Sons Inc*	07-23-0109	517456	Madison	\$ 11,280.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Heavenly Acres Farm	07-23-0232	520100	Greene	\$ 10,341.90	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Battlepark Farm	07-23-0289	521865	Culpeper	\$ 24,732.60	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Battlepark Farm	07-23-0289	521866	Culpeper	\$ 1,309.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Mathews Custom Farming Inc.*	07-23-0123	517611	Culpeper	\$ 72,543.60	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	J. C. Smith Farm Part. LLP	07-23-0178	518852	Madison	\$ 1,093.80	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Western View LLC	07-23-0217	520074	Culpeper	\$ 42,469.40	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Western View LLC*	07-23-0217	520075	Culpeper	\$ 2,336.00	\$ 0.00
WQ-4	2023 VACS	Western View LLC	07-23-0218	520076	Culpeper	\$ 16,744.50	\$ 0.00
WQ-4	2023 VACS	Tom Nixon	07-23-0219	520077	Orange	\$ 4,692.60	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Tom Nixon	07-23-0220	520078	Orange	\$ 17,872.20	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Nixon Farms LLC	07-23-0221	520079	Orange	\$ 4,196.70	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Glenmary Farm Holdings LLC*	07-23-0222	520081	Orange	\$ 106,474.90	\$ 0.00
WQ-4	2023 VACS	Glenmary Farm Holdings LLC*	07-23-0223	520083	Orange	\$ 4,411.35	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC	07-23-0224	520084	Orange	\$ 95,099.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC*	07-23-0224	520085	Orange	\$ 7,901.80	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Cardette Farm Partnership	07-23-0158	518291	Culpeper	\$ 1,608.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Madison Farms Locust Dale LLC	07-23-0241	520226	Madison	\$ 1,911.20	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Madison Farms Locust Dale LLC	07-23-0240	520225	Madison	\$ 42,824.20	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2023 VACS	Somerset Plantation	07-23-0243	520318	Orange	\$ 2,684.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Somerset Plantation*	07-23-0116	517569	Orange	\$ 31,897.70	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	AJ Miller Farms, LLC	07-23-0239	520220	Madison	\$ 49,245.30	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2023 VACS	Shawn Woodfolk*	07-23-0114	517562	Madison	\$ 22,744.60	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2023 VACS	Retreat Farm Produce Co. LLC	07-23-0068	512983	Orange	\$ 33,323.55	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2022 VACS	Betty Gardner	07-22-0217	468280	Orange	\$ 32,142.00	\$ 2,894.08
SL-6W	2023 VACS	Betty Gardner	07-22-0217	468280	Orange	\$ 2,952.35	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2020 VACS	William L. Crigler	07-20-0393	387319	Madison	\$ 66,700.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2022 VACS	William L. Crigler	07-20-0393	387319	Madison	\$ 7,402.70	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2023 VACS	Richard C. Girten	07-20-0313	382352	Orange	\$ 12,560.10	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2023 VACS	Robert Bradford **	07-20-0388	387014	Orange	\$ 41,872.50	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2023 VACS	Patricia Cockrill	07-23-0252	520680	Orange	\$ 9,235.50	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2023 VACS	Robert MacGovern	07-23-0420	526375	Madison	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6N	2021 VACS	Milton Gore***	07-21-0009	386136	Rappahannock	\$ 10,638.00	\$ 3,590.20
SL-6N	2022 VACS	Milton Gore***	07-21-0009	386136	Rappahannock	\$ 1,736.80	\$ 0.00
SL-6N	2023 VACS	Milton Gore***	07-21-0009	386136	Rappahannock	\$ 1,952.90	\$ 0.00

*The Technical Committee approved an increase for these contracts for additional cover crops acres.

** The Technical Committee approved an increase for the buffer width and buffer acres based on increased fencing setbacks.

***The Technical Committee approved an increase for additional stream exclusion fence and pipeline based on increased footage.

3) The following BMP participant has cancelled their application:

<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-8H	2023 VACS	Custom Harvesters	07-23-0127	517761	Orange	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00

4) The following BMP participants have been approved by the Technical Committee for increases:

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Instance</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>New Amount</u>	<u>Tax Credit</u>
SL-6W	2023 VACS	Robert Hildebrand*	07-23-0284	521763	Greene	\$ 58,400.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2023 VACS	Retreat Farm Produce Co. LLC**	07-23-0068	512983	Orange	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2023 VACS	Anton F. Qreitem***	07-23-0337	521386	Culpeper	\$ 2,455.00	\$ 0.00

*The Technical Committee approved an increase of \$7,150.00 for a new pump, pressure tank, water trough, and additional fencing.

**The Technical Committee approved an increase for the addition of a stream crossing.

*** The Technical Committee approved an increase for additional stream exclusion fence & additional buffer acres.

5) The following Upper Hazel 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	DEQ17084	Joseph Facchina	07-23-0429	526557	Rappahannock	\$ 320.00
RB-1	DEQ17084	Julie Perez	07-23-0432	526599	Culpeper	\$ 200.00
RB-3M	DEQ17084	Taiya Smith	07-23-0413	525796	Culpeper	\$ 1,000.00

6) The following Upper 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	DEQ17220	Marguerite Josiah Jr.	07-23-0205	525806	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Peter Thompson	07-23-0424	526513	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	John Butler	07-23-0428	526553	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-3M	DEQ17220	Donna Alvey	07-23-0425	526514	Culpeper	\$ 1,100.00
RB-3M	DEQ17220	Chadwick Lohr	07-23-0423	526511	Madison	\$ 1,000.00
RB-3M	DEQ17220	Mary Jane Berry	07-23-0430	526578	Madison	\$ 1,000.00
RB-3M	DEQ17220	Laura Hamilton	07-23-0414	525797	Madison	\$ 1,500.00
RB-3M	DEQ17220	Cecelia Rowe	07-23-0305	525801	Madison	\$ 1,600.00
RB-3M	DEQ17220	Alexander Miller	07-23-0431	526597	Madison	\$ 1,000.00
RB-4	DEQ17220	Ronald Peters	07-23-0376	526547	Culpeper	\$ 4,000.00

7) The following Upper Rapidan 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	PO17083	William Hannold	07-23-0412	525795	Orange	\$ 200.00
RB-1	PO17083	Meredith Lobello	07-23-0416	525809	Orange	\$ 200.00
RB-3M	PO17083	Arianne Wojcik	07-23-0097	525803	Orange	\$ 2,000.00

8) The following Upper York River 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	PO16974	Otis Peacher	07-23-0427	526548	Orange	\$ 200.00
RB-3M	PO16974	Steve Bowling	07-23-0422	526510	Orange	\$ 1,000.00
RB-3M	PO16974	Edna Bratz	07-23-0373	526598	Orange	\$ 3,200.00

9) The following Upper Hazel River 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	DEQ17084	Michael McCormick	07-23-0306	522495	Rappahannock	\$ 200.00

10) The following Robinson River 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	DEQ17220	Marguerite Josiah Jr.	07-23-0205	525806	Madison	\$ 200.00

<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Richard Flinders</i>	<i>07-23-0365</i>	<i>524573</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 262.50</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Nastasha Monroe</i>	<i>07-23-0354</i>	<i>523790</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 1,200.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Lauren Eanes</i>	<i>07-23-0368</i>	<i>524598</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 1,620.00</i>

11) The following Residential applicants 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>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Cecelia Rowe</i>	<i>07-23-0305</i>	<i>522492</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 320.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Marguerite Josiah Jr.</i>	<i>07-23-0205</i>	<i>520020</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 1,000.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>PO17083</i>	<i>Ariane Wojcik</i>	<i>07-23-0097</i>	<i>516463</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 1,000.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Ronald Peters</i>	<i>07-23-0376</i>	<i>524760</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 1,000.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>PO16974</i>	<i>Alice White</i>	<i>07-22-0328</i>	<i>474058</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 1,100.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>PO16974</i>	<i>Edna Bratz</i>	<i>07-23-0373</i>	<i>524675</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 1,600.00</i>

12) A BMP participant has requested to transfer a contract to a new entity prior to payment:

- a. Contract 07-23-0260, Charles Woolfrey Construction Inc. transfers to Mine Run Ag Inc.
- b. Contract 07-22-0392, Charles Woolfrey transfers to Mine Run Ag Inc.

13) The District Manager gave an update on the dams:

- a. Annual dam inspection were completed in early April.
- b. The bids for the mowing of the dams were opened and the winning bid was awarded to RSG Landscaping for \$16,756.32.

14) The District Manager reported that the Technical Advisory Committee members from the District will remain the same, with a few minor changes. Amanda McCullen will resign from the Cover Crops Subcommittee and Brandy Harris will fill her spot, and Kendall Dellinger will move onto the Animal Waste Subcommittee.

R. Bradford and L. Graves left at 10:07 to abstain from voting. R. Brame moved to approve the BMP contract approvals and payments as presented. M. Sands seconded the motion. (R. Brame, M. Sands, unanimous)

5.2) TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

R. Bradford reported that the District has received a request from the Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF) to review a proposed Boundary Line Adjustment to an existing Open Space Easement (Boston Easement) that the District currently co-holds with VOF in Orange County. The proposed Boundary Line Adjustment would shift 42 acres of the Easement on to an adjacent property which is also under an Open Space Easement with VOF. The District does not co-hold the latter easement.

R. Bradford presented the Draft Watershed Dam Policy on Grazing Access (handout). The draft policy proposes to prohibit grazing on dams to protect the investment that has been made in restoring and maintaining them. The Board recommended adding additional language to the draft policy to explain what caused the proposed changes in more detail and recommends that the District Manager be given the authority to do so and to allow the Technical Committee to approve it when complete.

R. Brame moved to approve the Boundary Line Adjustment of the easement in Orange County and to allow the Technical Committee to approve the Draft Watershed Dam Policy on Grazing Access once the District Manager has added the recommended language and to approve the balance of the Technical Committee Report. S. Hill seconded the motion. (R. Brame, S. Hill, unanimous)

5.3) CLOSED SESSION: LITIGATION MATTERS

R. Runkle moved that the Board go into Closed Session at 10:20 A.M. as provided for in the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A) (7) to discuss Litigation Matters. The Associate Directors and the District Manager were invited to attend. R. Bradford seconded the motion. (R. Runkle, R. Bradford, unanimous)

Following the return from Closed Session, R. Runkle moved to reconvene at 10:42 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". T. O'Halloran seconded the motion. (R. Runkle, T. O'Halloran, unanimous)

6) DIRECTOR REPORTS

D. Verhoff reported that the hummingbirds are back as of April 12th, which is the third year in a row that he has observed their return on this date. He reported that he took a trip to Japan and commented on the impressive way that Japanese culture approaches agriculture, stating that no lots were left unused and that all were being used for some type of crop production, regardless of their size. He commented on the cleanliness of the streets, reporting that there is virtually no litter.

S. Hill reported that he attended the VASWCD Area II Meeting as well as the VSWCB Meeting at Pocahontas State Park. He reported that Wendy Howard Cooper has left her position as Dam Safety Director and has moved to a senior position with VDOT.

M. Sands reported that he has observed a high number of Asian Longhorn Ticks in pastures.

R. Bradford reported that he is seeing less ticks in his pastures than he has in the past but that they do remain heavy in some areas.

S. Morris, who is the Culpeper District Representative on the Rivanna River Basin Commission, reported that his request for the Commission to correspond with DEQ regarding the North Fork Rivanna Watershed TMDL, resulted in a letter being drafted and sent to the Culpeper District Manager for review. Once the letter is complete, it will need to be approved by the Commission before being sent to DEQ. The letter requests the development of an Implementation Plan for the TMDL.

T. O'Halloran reported that his tree seedlings are thriving and that the season is already off to a good start.

S. Sharpe reminded the Board that her Goat Program will begin next week and run through the middle of June. She also reported that she attended the Farm Bill Work Session with Representative Abigail Spanberger and that she was impressed with Spanberger's interest in agriculture.

B. Jarvis reported that he is speaking with the Virginia Forage and Grasslands Council Grazing School today and tomorrow.

L. Graves reported that he attended the VASWCD Quarterly Meeting via Zoom and that he will be attending another VASWCD Meeting via Zoom next week. He reported his intention to participate in the SWCD Golf Tournament tomorrow as well. He also reported that the Rappahannock Electric Cooperative Customer Appreciation Event will take place at Graves Mountain Lodge and that roughly 2,000 people are expected to attend.

7) STAFF REPORTS

S. DeNicola reported that the three-year NOAA grant is nearing the end as she finishes up the last semester of its programming. The programs have met all expectations and the final report will be due in August. She reported having reached roughly 1,500 students this semester.

R. Jacobs reported that his schedule has been busy with helping Stephanie with educational programs. He also reported that he expects four VCAP applications to be completed and ready for payment within the next month.

G. Wichelns invited anyone having legislative topics for 2024 to bring their ideas to the District Legislative Committee Meeting on May 23. He reported that VSWCB Draft Policies for FY24 look very similar to what the District has been working with during the current year; strong funding for both the Ag Cost Share Program and District Operations. He also reported that mowing at dams will commence soon. The contractor that the District hired has not worked with the District previously and intends to utilize remote control mowing. Wichelns intends on being present for at least the first mowing to assure that the contractor is provided with all necessary information regarding entryways and landowner expectations as well as to observe the first mow. He also reported that the TMDL in Upper York that Thomas Jefferson SWCD works with the District on is being extended through September 30th and applauded H. Calloway for her productivity in the watershed.

8) **AGENCY REPORTS**

DCR – D. Cross submitted a written report as a handout and took a moment to go over a few key items. She reminded all that FY24 Budgets and Annual Plan of Work should be Board approved and in place by July 1, 2023. She also reminded all staff that any requests to carry over BMPs a 3rd time need to be submitted to S. Bottenfield by May 15. She also shared a few upcoming training dates including JED Training on May 9, Admin/Director Training on May 9, and VACS Update Sessions that can be taken on either June 7 or June 15.

NRCS – R. Rexrode submitted a written report as a handout. He reported that the field office has received six preapprovals for funding and are working on two additional preapprovals. He also reported that NRCS is hoping to offer funding increases to help producers with the effects of inflation.

VDOF – K. Ingram took a moment to introduce VDOF's new hire, Stuart Baker. Stuart will be working as a Forester in the Spotsylvania and Orange areas and can be reached at 434-987-8326. VDOF also hired a Technician in this area named Zach Reynolds. Ingram will distribute an updated VDOF contact list which will include a map to show who works where when it becomes available. He reported that there have been seventeen fires within the Rappahannock District that required suppression as well as a handful of others that did not require suppression. He also reported that planting inspections are underway and that the Warden Trees and Virginia Trees for Clean Water Programs are still open. Anyone interested in receiving trees through these programs can contact Stuart at the number previously mentioned.

9) **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cameron Smith, representing the Virginia Lakes and Watersheds Association (VLWA), introduced himself and provided an overview of the VLWA's volunteer initiatives, including a rain barrel program, science fairs, and student scholarships. Smith also highlighted VLWA's Dam Safety Committee, which recognizes dam owners who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to dam safety through an annual award. This year, the "Best Maintained Publicly Owned Dam" award was presented to the Culpeper District's dam, Beautiful Run #11. Smith expressed gratitude for the resources and effort dedicated to dam safety and extended thanks to the Culpeper District Manager, Greg Wichelns, for his contributions. Finally, Smith presented the award to Technical Committee Chairman, Robert Bradford, and Board Chairman, Lynn Graves.

10) **PLAN FOR MAY COMMITTEE MEETINGS (IN PERSON)**

Committees will meet at the Culpeper District Office on Tuesday, May 23, 2023. Personnel 9:00, Operations 9:30, Nominating 10:00, Legislative 10:15, Technical 10:30. The Education Committee will meet at the Madison Extension Office on Monday, May 22, 2023, at 3:30 PM. **BOARD MEETING FOR JUNE WILL BE HELD AT 10:00 AM ON TUESDAY, June 6, 2023, in person, at the Blue Ridge Café in Greene County.**

11) ADJOURNMENT

L. Graves motioned to adjourn the May 2023 Board meeting at 11:47 AM. R. Brame seconded the motion. (L. Graves, R. Brame, unanimous)

Respectfully Submitted,
Stevie Ross, Administrative Secretary

Lynn Graves, Chairman

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynn Graves".

Date Approved June 6, 2023