

MINUTES
CULPEPER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Washington Volunteer Fire Hall
Rappahannock, Virginia
August 1, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lynn Graves at 10:11 AM.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

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

DIRECTORS NOT PRESENT:

Philip Morris, Greene County
Steve Morris, Greene County
Stephen Hill, Madison County
Mike Sands, Rappahannock County

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rex Rexrode, NRCS
Jacob Zielinski, VDOF
Peter Schoderbek, VDOF
Jack Bourdon, Extension Office Intern
Monira Rifaat, Rappahannock County

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

L. Graves called the meeting to order at 10:11 AM. Following a moment of silence, W. Yager led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were four handouts: District Technical Committee Addendum including 2023 Award Nominations, DCR Report, DEQ Memorandum, and one Staff Report.

2) **DRAFT MINUTES**

L. Graves called for approval of the substance of the July 6, 2023, Draft District Board Meeting Minutes and for any substantive corrections or additions. R. Brame moved to approve the Minutes as presented. T. O’Halloran seconded the motion. (R. Brame, T. O’Halloran, unanimous)

3) **DRAFT MINUTES**

L. Graves called for approval of the substance of the July 18, 2023, Draft Special District Board Meeting Minutes and for any substantive corrections or additions. R. Bradford requested to correct “Glendale LLC” to “Glendale Farms LLC” under item number two. R. Brame moved to approve the Minutes as corrected. R. Bradford seconded the motion. (R. Brame, R. Bradford, unanimous)

4) **AGENDA APPROVAL**

L. Graves called for Agenda approval. The Technical Committee Report was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Agenda as 6.1. A Closed Session to discuss Personnel Matters was added to the Agenda as 6.2. R. Bradford moved to adopt the Agenda as modified. T. O’Halloran seconded the motion. (R. Bradford, T. O’Halloran, unanimous)

5) **CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent Agenda adopted as modified.

- OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
- EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT
- TREASURER’S REPORT
- NRCS CONSERVATION PLANS

Culpeper	126.2 Acres	Well, Pipeline, Troughs, Fence, Access Control, Pasture
		Planting, Prescribed Grazing, Critical Area Planting
Culpeper	15 Acres	Woodland Thinning, Tree Planting
Greene	25 Acres	Brush Management
Orange	54.3 Acres	Herbaceous Weed Control, Wildlife Planting, Forest Site Preparation, Tree Planting

6) **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

6.2) **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT WITH ADDITIONS:**

July 18, 2023 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes (Updated)

Present: Robert Bradford, Chairman; Lynn Graves, Madison; Tom O’Halloran, Culpeper; Robert Runkle, Greene; Steve Morris, Greene; Greg Wichelns, District Manager; David Massie, Conservation Specialist; Henny Calloway, Conservation Specialist; Lily Smith, Conservation Specialist; Kendall Dellinger, Conservation Specialist; Brandy Harris, Conservation Specialist

The items in italics were added at the August 1, 2023 Board Meeting in Rappahannock County, 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>
CCI-SE-1	2024 VACS	Spring Ridge Farm	07-24-0005	529945	Greene	\$ 1,097.50	\$ 0.00
CCI-SE-1	2024 VACS	Eugene Triplett	07-24-0008	529982	Culpeper	\$ 230.00	\$ 0.00

CCI-SE-1	2024 VACS	Bruce Bowman	07-24-0009	529983	Madison	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SE-1	2024 VACS	Evan Bowman	07-24-0014	531176	Greene	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SE-1	2024 VACS	George Racer	07-24-0017	532389	Orange	\$ 475.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SE-1	2024 VACS	Blue Hills Farm	07-24-0019	532400	Madison	\$ 15,300.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SE-1	2024 VACS	Chris Parrish	07-24-0040	535991	Rappahannock	\$ 10,815.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2024 VACS	Alton Keel	07-24-0004	529943	Greene	\$ 8,993.75	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2024 VACS	Ryan Lillicotch	07-24-0015	531283	Orange	\$ 11,625.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2024 VACS	Steven Mallory	07-24-0010	530465	Madison	\$ 6,662.50	\$ 0.00
CCI-SL-6W	2024 VACS	G Fletcher	07-24-0012	531143	Orange	\$ 12,625.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-WP-2W	2024 VACS	Payton Young	07-24-0013	531168	Culpeper	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2024 VACS	Western View LLC	07-24-0039	535953	Madison	\$ 28,803.00	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2024 VACS	Western View LLC	07-24-0039	535988	Orange	\$ 3,110.25	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2024 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC	07-24-0041	535946	Orange	\$ 2,812.50	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2024 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC	07-24-0041	536019	Orange	\$ 13,447.50	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2024 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC	07-24-0041	536020	Orange	\$ 3,105.00	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2024 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC	07-24-0041	536021	Orange	\$ 21,135.00	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2024 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC	07-24-0041	536022	Madison	\$ 7,243.50	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2024 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC	07-24-0041	536023	Madison	\$ 4,325.25	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2024 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC	07-24-0041	536024	Orange	\$ 11,400.00	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2024 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC	07-24-0041	536025	Orange	\$ 6,678.75	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2024 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC	07-24-0041	536026	Madison	\$ 4,329.75	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2024 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC	07-24-0041	536059	Orange	\$ 1,087.50	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2024 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC	07-24-0041	536061	Culpeper	\$ 10,612.50	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2024 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC	07-24-0041	536080	Orange	\$ 4,838.25	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2024 VACS	Western View LLC	07-24-0039	535950	Orange	\$ 12,796.50	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2024 VACS	Western View LLC	07-24-0039	536084	Orange	\$ 8,299.50	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2024 VACS	Victoria L. Siegelman	07-24-0011	530862	Orange	\$ 58,785.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2024 VACS	Kenneth L. Anderson	07-24-0068	542588	Madison	\$ 73,545.00	\$ 0.00

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SL-6W	2023 VACS	John D. Leary	07-23-0063	475456	Culpeper	\$ 43,426.64	\$ 0.00
SL-1	2023 VACS	Herbert Dwyer	07-23-0087	507475	Culpeper	\$ 5,726.94	\$ 0.00
SL-1	2023 VACS	Herbert Dwyer	07-23-0089	468527	Culpeper	\$ 7,065.39	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2023 VACS	AMCARWILL LLC*	07-23-0167	518582	Madison	\$ 20,559.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6N	2023 VACS	Steve Hensley	07-23-0370	522500	Rappahannock	\$ 4,290.00	\$ 357.50
SL-10	2024 VACS	Western View LLC	07-24-0039	535953	Madison	\$ 28,803.00	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2024 VACS	Western View LLC	07-24-0039	535988	Orange	\$ 3,110.25	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2024 VACS	Glenmary Farm LLC	07-24-0041	535946	Orange	\$ 2,812.50	\$ 0.00
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CCI-SE-1	2024 VACS	George D. Racer	07-24-0017	532389	Orange	\$ 475.00	\$ 0.00
CCI-SE-1	2024 VACS	Spring Ridge Farm	07-24-0005	529945	Greene	\$ 1,097.50	\$ 0.00
NM-3C	2023 VACS	Carl James	07-23-0467	528129	Culpeper	\$ 138.00	\$ 0.00

The Technical Committee approved an increase for:

- * the installation of a new pump and pressure tank for the watering system.

3) 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	DEQ17220	Elizabeth Apple	07-24-0034	533566	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	James Mattix	07-24-0033	533565	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Patricia Henshaw	07-24-0031	533492	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Betty Hutchind	07-24-0006	533486	Madison	\$ 320.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Kathleen Jones	07-24-0030	533483	Madison	\$ 320.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Holly Walker	07-24-0007	532958	Madison	\$ 240.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Charles Kenyon	07-24-0026	532957	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Benjamin Breeden	07-24-0024	532954	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Sarah Carter	07-24-0021	532581	Madison	\$ 320.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Frederick Banks	07-24-0020	532579	Madison	\$ 320.00
RB-3M	DEQ17220	Teresa Carpenter	07-24-0025	532956	Culpeper	\$ 1,500.00
RB-3M	DEQ17220	Rosemary Campbell	07-24-0037	535951	Madison	\$ 1,000.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Everette Kline Jr	07-24-0060	542046	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-3M	DEQ17220	Beverly Garrison	07-24-0062	542079	Madison	\$ 2,000.00
RB-3M	DEQ17220	Desiree Keener	07-24-0061	542067	Madison	\$ 1,000.00

4) 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	Susan Eisendrath	07-24-0028	533002	Rappahannock	\$ 200.00
RB-3M	DEQ17084	Dorothy Scott	07-24-0043	536081	Rappahannock	\$ 1,600.00
RB-3M	DEQ17084	James Humes	07-24-0036	535947	Culpeper	\$ 1,000.00
RB-1	DEQ17084	J. Clifford Miller III Revocable Trust	07-24-0069	542591	Rappahannock	\$ 200.00
RB-1	DEQ17084	J. Clifford Miller III Revocable Trust	07-24-0069	542592	Rappahannock	\$ 200.00
RB-1	DEQ17084	J. Clifford Miller III Revocable Trust	07-24-0069	542594	Rappahannock	\$ 200.00
RB-3M	DEQ17084	Gregory Naranjo	07-24-0064	542086	Rappahannock	\$ 2,000.00

5) 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	Mark Frazier	07-24-0022	532942	Orange	\$ 200.00
RB-1	PO17083	Mitchell Craig	07-24-0044	536082	Orange	\$ 240.00
RB-1	PO17083	Carrie Swanson	07-24-0023	535948	Madison	\$ 240.00
RB-3M	PO17083	Henry Winger	07-24-0032	533494	Orange	\$ 1,300.00
RB-3M	PO17083	Dennis Brida	07-24-0027	532987	Madison	\$ 1,000.00
RB-4	PO17083	Gilbert Queitzsch Jr	07-24-0038	535986	Orange	\$ 4,000.00
RB-1	PO17083	Joseph Wooldridge	07-24-0063	542083	Greene	\$ 320.00
RB-1	PO17083	Norman Slezak	07-24-0065	542525	Greene	\$ 200.00
RB-3M	PO17083	Barbara McDaniel	07-24-0059	541937	Madison	\$ 1,600.00

6) The following Upper York River Residential applicant has 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-3M	PO16974	Donald Herndon	07-24-0070	543165	Orange	\$ 2,000.00

7) The following Upper Rapidan 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	PO17083	Mitchell Craig	07-24-0044	536082	Orange	\$ 240.00
RB-1	PO17083	Chris Hall	07-23-0455	528004	Madison	\$ 200.00

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-4	PO16974	Mary Yates	07-23-0298	527999	Orange	\$ 4,800.00
RB-3	PO16974	Ping Shu	07-23-0120	517595	Orange	\$ 2,500.00

9) 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-3M	DEQ17220	James Lillard	07-23-0472	528848	Madison	\$ 250.00
RB-3	DEQ17220	Cecelia Rowe	07-23-0305	529479	Madison	\$ 4,000.00

10) 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-3M	DEQ17084	Taiya Smith	07-23-0413	525796	Rappahannock	\$ 1,000.00

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>
RB-3M	PO17083	Mitchell Craig	07-23-0457	528018	Orange	\$ 1,200.00
RB-1	PO16974	Charles Clatterbuck II	07-23-0345	523557	Orange	\$ 200.00
RB-1	PO16974	Otis Peacher	07-23-0427	526548	Orange	\$ 200.00
RB-1	PO16974	Harding Nicholson	07-23-0364	524559	Orange	\$ 240.00
RB-3M	DEQ17084	Gregory Naranjo	07-23-0327	523008	Rappahannock	\$ 1,000.00
RB-3M	PO16974	William Leach	07-23-0304	522491	Orange	\$ 1,600.00
RB-3M	PO16974	Donald Herndon	07-23-0132	517805	Orange	\$ 1,000.00

12) The following Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP) practice has been approved by the Technical Committee for funding:

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bioretention (BR)	Hilda Seary	Orange	\$ 12,000.00

13) The following Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP) practice has been approved by the Technical Committee for payment:

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Conservation Landscaping (CL-1)	William Lloyd	Rappahannock	\$ 2,949.61

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

- a. The second dam mowing of the season has been completed on all dams.
- b. Tree removal and stump treatment has been completed on five of the dams.

15) The Technical Committee discussed the Clean Water Farm Awards nominations for this year. A finalized list will be available at the August 2023 Board Meeting.

R. Bradford stated that contract number 07-24-0068 is under the tenant’s name and will require a transfer of responsibility to the owner in the future. He also reported that all additions have been reviewed by the Technical Committee and that payments listed have been approved. R. Bradford also updated the Board with 2023 Award Nominations for the Annual District Conservation Awards.

R. Bradford moved to approve the Technical Committee Report as presented, including the 2023 Award Nominations. T. O’Halloran seconded the motion. (R. Bradford, T. O’Halloran, unanimous)

6.2) CLOSED SESSION: PERSONNEL MATTERS

R. Runkle moved that the Board go into Closed Session at 10:21 A.M. as provided for in the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A) (1) to discuss Personnel Matters. The Associate Directors and the District Manager were invited to attend. R. Brame seconded the motion. (R. Runkle, R. Brame, unanimous)

Following the return from Closed Session, R. Runkle moved to reconvene at 10:26 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. (R. Runkle, R. Brame, unanimous)

R. Brame moved to accept the recommendations from the Personnel Committee. M. Biniek seconded the motion. (R. Bradford, M. Biniek, unanimous)

7) DIRECTOR REPORTS

B. Jarvis introduced his intern, Jack Bourdon, who has successfully completed an internship with 4-H and is currently interning for Nutrient Management Planning. It was further announced that both Mr. Jarvis and Mr. Bourdon will be representing our organization at the upcoming Virginia Ag Expo in Virginia Beach, scheduled for this Thursday. Additionally, Mr. Jarvis provided an update on the current status of the open District Board seat in Madison County for the November election.

R. Runkle informed the Board that he had the opportunity to participate in the District’s Pasture Management Workshop held at the Powell’s property in Greene County on Thursday, July 27th. He expressed satisfaction with the workshop, noting the impressive attendance and the exceptional quality of the program. Additionally, he shared that Greene currently has one candidate for election to the District Board, while another seat will require a write-in candidate to be filled.

B. Williamson provided an update on the District's Legislative Agenda items, stating that all four of them have been approved for consideration by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board. Additionally, it was noted that other Districts also presented their topics for consideration. The Thomas Jefferson District proposed a revision to the Board election process, suggesting a return to a previous method that did not involve election paperwork for existing Board Members. Furthermore, the Northern Virginia District put forth a request for \$750,000 in funding specifically allocated for addressing the issue of a new aquatic invasive plant.

S. Sharpe reported that she had the opportunity to attend the District's Pasture Management Workshop held at the Powell's property in Greene County on July 27th. She expressed her satisfaction with the event, highlighting its successful execution. Additionally, she intends on extending an invitation to Mr. Powell to present in an upcoming workshop in Greene. S. Sharpe also brought to everyone's attention the sighting of a Spotted Lantern Fly in Greene County; however, she noted that a specimen has not yet been furnished for further examination.

L. Graves reported on an upcoming training event at Graves Mountain Lodge, scheduled for August 22nd and 23rd. Additionally, it was mentioned that there is a vacant Board seat in Madison County, which may require the consideration of a write-in candidate. It was further noted that there are presently forty vacancies across the state of Virginia. L. Graves shared insights from his participation in an Association Meeting, facilitated by Scott Cameron via zoom. The focus of the meeting revolved around utility-scale solar projects.

8) STAFF REPORTS

R. Jacobs provided an update on the progress of site plans, highlighting Culpeper as the current frontrunner in terms of submissions. The majority of these plans involve Special Use Permits (SUPs) and re-zoning requests, primarily for higher density developments, data centers, and solar farms. It was further mentioned that his Annual Report information has been duly submitted to Stephanie.

S. DeNicola requested that all individuals desiring to modify their information or biographies in the Annual Report promptly submit those revisions to her. She informed the Board that she will be pursuing a NOAA extension until December 2023 and expressed gratitude for her current MWEE staff's commitment to remain on board until the Spring.

D. Massie provided an update on the Pasture Management Workshop held on July 27th, highlighting the successful turnout of approximately 25 participants. The event was well-received, with attendees actively engaging in the discussions and activities. D. Massie expressed his intention to organize a similar event in the upcoming year.

G. Wichelns provided an explanation of the DEQ Memorandum handout, which was obtained from the DEQ website. It appears that Virginia's position on wetland and stream protection remains unchanged following the Supreme Court decision. Additionally, G. Wichelns informed the group that the District has received two more requests to co-hold ALE Easements. The Operations Committee will review these Easements to ensure they align with District Policies and will provide a report in due course. G. Wichelns also shared that additional Dam Funding Requests have been submitted to DCR and will undergo review for Soil and Water Board approval. Lastly, G. Wichelns mentioned that land use letters have been sent out, and the District is making preparations to host the Second Annual New Landowner Workshop on September 15, 2023, at Graves Mountain Lodge.

9) AGENCY REPORTS

DCR- D. Cross submitted a written report. L. Graves highlighted that the first round of spot checks are to commence on August 9th in Culpeper and Rappahannock counties.

NRCS- R. Rexrode submitted a written report and reviewed the highlights.

VDOF- J. Zielinski reported that the Urban Forestry Grant will be open soon for applications and that is a broad grant intended to be used for things like parks and forestry practices in urban areas. He reported that more information about this can be found on the VDOF website.

10) PLAN FOR AUGUST COMMITTEE MEETINGS (IN PERSON)

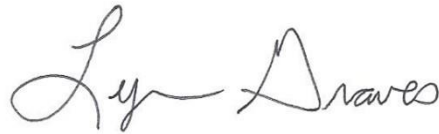
Committees will meet at the Madison Extension Office on Tuesday, August 22, 2023. Personnel 9:00, Operations 9:30, Technical 10:00. The Education Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at the Madison Extension Office at 3:30. **BOARD MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER WILL BE HELD AT 10:00 AM ON TUESDAY, September 5, 2023, in person, at Pepper's Grill in Culpeper County.**

11) ADJOURNMENT

L. Graves motioned to adjourn the August 2023 Board meeting at 10:53 AM. M. Biniek seconded the motion. (L. Graves, M. Biniek, unanimous)

Respectfully Submitted,
Stevie Ross, Administrative Secretary

Lynn Graves, Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn Graves". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "G".

Date Approved: September 5, 2023