

MINUTES
CULPEPER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
EverGRO
Orange County, Virginia
March 4, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lynn Graves at 10:02 AM.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Lynn Graves, Madison County
Robert Williamson, Culpeper County
Dennis Verhoff, Culpeper County
Robert Runkle, Greene County
Anthony Jewett, Madison County
Robert Bradford, Orange County
Robert Brame, Orange County
Steve Morris, At-Large Director, Greene County
Sarah Sharpe, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Greene County
Molly Elgin, Associate Director, Orange County

DIRECTORS NOT PRESENT:

Mike Sands, Rappahannock County
Mike Biniek, Rappahannock County
David Cox, Greene County

STAFF PRESENT:

Greg Wichelns, District Manager
Stevie Ross, Administrative Secretary/Financial Specialist
Henny Calloway, Conservation Specialist
Kendall Dellinger, Conservation Specialist
Stephanie DeNicola, Education Specialist
Becky Haines, Program Assistant
Richard Jacobs, Conservation Specialist
Amanda McCullen, Conservation Specialist
Cheyenne Sheridan, Conservation Specialist
Trevor Talley, Conservation Specialist
W. Spencer Yager, Conservation Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

Debbie Cross, DCR
Madeline Kenerly, VDOF
Griffin Robeson, VDOF
Davis Lamb, Greene County Board of Supervisors
Matt Lafley

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

L. Graves called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. Following a moment of silence, S. Yager led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were four handouts: Technical Committee Additions, DCR Report, and two Staff Reports.

2) **DRAFT MINUTES**

L. Graves called for approval of the substance of February 4, 2025, Draft District Board Meeting Minutes and for any substantive corrections or additions. D. Verhoff moved to approve the Minutes as presented. S. Morris seconded the motion. (D. Verhoff, S. Morris, unanimous)

3) **AGENDA APPROVAL**

L. Graves called for Agenda approval. A Closed Session for Personnel Matters was added to the Agenda. The Technical Committee Report was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Agenda as 5.1. R. Brame moved to adopt the Agenda as modified. D. Verhoff seconded the motion. (R. Brame, D. Verhoff, unanimous)

4) **CONSENT AGENDA**

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
TREASURER’S REPORT

5) **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

5.1) **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT WITH ADDITIONS**

February 18, 2025 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes (Updated)

Present: Robert Bradford, Chairman; Robert Runkle, Greene; Anthony Jewett, Madison; Mike Sands, Rappahannock; Greg Wichelns, District Manager; Spencer Yager, Conservation Specialist; David Massie, Conservation Specialist; Amanda McCullen, Conservation Specialist; Kendall Dellinger, Conservation Specialist; Lily Smith, Conservation Specialist; Cheyenne Sheridan, Conservation Specialist; Henny Calloway, Conservation Specialist; Trevor Talley, Conservation Specialist; Richard Jacobs, Conservation Specialist; Becky Haines, Program Assistant

The items in italics were added at the March 4, 2025 Board Meeting in Orange, Virginia

1) The following Conservation Plans were thoroughly reviewed by the Technical Committee and recommended for Board approval:

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Janice Nichols | CP-7-25-0056 |
| <i>C.W. Family Farms LLC</i> | <i>CP-7-25-0057</i> |
| <i>Red Hill Farm LLC</i> | <i>CP-7-22-0044</i> |

2) 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-SL-6W | 2025 VACS | 10 Gables Farm LLC | 07-25-0471 | 649340 | Madison | \$ 943.75 | \$ 0.00 |
| CCI-CNT | 2025 VACS | Jerald Atkins | 07-25-0482 | 649493 | Orange | \$ 9,375.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| CCI-CNT | 2025 VACS | Monrovia Farm | 07-25-0483 | 649520 | Orange | \$ 5,475.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| SL-1 | 2025 VACS | Amy Sanford | 07-25-0481 | 649435 | Madison | \$ 26,812.50 | \$ 0.00 |
| SL-6W | 2025 VACS | M&W Farm LLC | 07-25-0470 | 649336 | Orange | \$ 104,740.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| SL-6W | 2025 VACS | Jesse Lynch | 07-25-0438 | 648281 | Madison | \$ 88,055.94 | \$ 1,602.67 |
| SL-7 | 2025 VACS | Janice Nichols | 07-25-0484 | 649677 | Culpeper | \$ 9,963.20 | \$ 622.70 |
| SL-8B | 2025 VACS | Tyler Marshall | 07-25-0468 | 649313 | Orange | \$ 28,031.40 | \$ 0.00 |
| SL-8B | 2025 VACS | J. Waugh | 07-25-0346 | 645580 | Orange | \$ 6,650.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| SL-8H | 2025 VACS | J. Waugh | 07-25-0346 | 645581 | Orange | \$ 3,900.00 | \$ 0.00 |

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| SL-8B | 2025 VACS | William Brown, III | 07-25-0265 | 633877 | Culpeper | \$ 15,790.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| SL-8B | 2025 VACS | Dennis Brown | 07-25-0266 | 633878 | Culpeper | \$ 85,000.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| SL-8H | 2025 VACS | Dennis Brown | 07-25-0266 | 649852 | Culpeper | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| SL-10 | 2025 VACS | GNG Farms, LLC | 07-25-0489 | 549898 | Culpeper | \$ 4,200.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| CCI-SL-6W | 2025 VACS | Gladys Havstad TR UW | 07-25-0499 | 650500 | Rappahannock | \$ 5,597.50 | \$ 0.00 |

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

| Practice | Fund | Participant | Contract | Instance | County | Amount | Tax Credit |
|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|------------|----------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| FR-3 | 2025 VACS | Philip Chea | 07-25-0179 | 646917 | Madison | \$ 8,363.44 | \$ 0.00 |
| SL-6W | 2023 VACS | Balintobber Inc.* | 07-23-0404 | 510063 | Orange | \$ 80,127.00 | \$ 3,629.13 |
| CCI-SL-6W | 2025 VACS | Gladys Havstad TR UW | 07-25-0499 | 650500 | Rappahannock | \$ 5,597.50 | \$ 0.00 |
| CCI-SL-6W | 2025 VACS | 10 Gables Farm LLC | 07-25-0471 | 649340 | Madison | \$ 943.75 | \$ 0.00 |
| FR-1 | 2021 VACS | Goodall Family Farm, GP | 07-21-0238 | 423172 | Madison | \$ 209.50 | \$ 147.18 |
| FR-3 | 2021 VACS | Goodall Family Farm, GP | 07-21-0238 | 423171 | Madison | \$ 2,203.75 | \$ 0.00 |
| SL-6N | 2024 VACS | Thomas Massie | 07-24-0428 | 582301 | Rappahannock | \$ 13,401.02 | \$1,805.46 |

*The Technical Committee approved an increase for additional pipeline footage and ramp crossing footage.

4) The following BMP participants have been cancelled by the Technical Committee:

| Practice | Fund | Participant | Contract | Instance | County | Amount | Tax Credit |
|----------|-----------|--------------------|------------|----------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| NM-3C | 2024 VACS | Herren Farms, LLC | 07-24-0601 | 587223 | Culpeper | \$ 4,320.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| NM-3C | 2024 VACS | Nathan Rosenberger | 07-24-0677 | 588735 | Culpeper | \$ 3,180.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| NM-3C | 2024 VACS | Dennis Brown | 07-24-0557 | 586575 | Culpeper | \$ 3,012.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| SL-6N | 2023 VACS | Michele Trufant | 07-23-0409 | 523711 | Rappahannock | \$ 11,781.00 | \$1,262.25 |
| SL-6W | 2024 VACS | Chris Parrish | 07-24-0337 | 578124 | Rappahannock | \$ 57,154.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| SL-7 | 2023 VACS | Paul Kalb | 07-23-0349 | 523708 | Rappahannock | \$ 3,864.00 | \$ 241.50 |
| FR-3 | 2023 VACS | Frank Thomas | 07-23-0069 | 516012 | Orange | \$ 4,050.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| SL-6W | 2022 VACS | Rive Enterprises | 07-22-0057 | 451732 | Madison | \$ 53,220.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| SL-7 | 2023 VACS | Pullen Farm LLC | 07-23-0003 | 484482 | Culpeper | \$ 5,316.85 | \$ 747.68 |
| SL-7 | 2025 VACS | Phillip Ponton | 07-25-0066 | 591443 | Orange | \$ 13,356.00 | \$ 834.75 |

5) The following Mountain Run, Muddy Run, and Lower Hazel River Residential applicants have been approved by the Technical Committee for funding:

| Practice | Fund | Participant | Contract | Instance | County | Amount |
|----------|---------|---------------------|------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| RB-1 | PO17406 | Dewey Mort | 07-25-0503 | 650604 | Culpeper | \$ 292.50 |
| RB-1 | PO17406 | John Stein | 07-25-0505 | 650606 | Culpeper | \$ 225.00 |
| RB-2 | PO17406 | Just Getting By LLC | 07-25-0465 | 649122 | Culpeper | \$ 6,250.00 |
| RB-3M | PO17406 | Michael R. Helmick | 07-25-0493 | 650211 | Culpeper | \$ 3,250.00 |
| RB-3M | PO17406 | Robert Via | 07-25-0509 | 650611 | Culpeper | \$ 3,250.00 |
| RB-3M | PO17406 | Thomas Gowdy | 07-25-0511 | 650619 | Culpeper | \$ 2,600.00 |

6) The following Locally Funded applicants have been approved by the Technical Committee for funding:

| Practice | Fund | Participant | Contract | Instance | County | Amount |
|----------|----------------|----------------------|------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| RB-3M | Locally Funded | Clayton L. Van Doren | 07-25-0485 | 649846 | Culpeper | \$ 1,950.00 |
| RB-3M | Locally Funded | Tammy Hockensmith* | 07-25-0479 | 649495 | Culpeper | \$ 1,625.00 |
| RB-1 | Locally Funded | Robert Clements | 07-25-0496 | 650424 | Culpeper | \$ 225.00 |
| RB-1 | Locally Funded | Lynn Gould | 07-25-0207 | 650577 | Greene | \$ 225.00 |
| RB-3M | Locally Funded | Claudia Vasquez | 07-25-0491 | 649906 | Culpeper | \$ 2,600.00 |
| RB-3M | Locally Funded | Michael E. Babbitt | 07-25-0492 | 650091 | Culpeper | \$ 1,625.00 |
| RB-3M | Locally Funded | Cynthia Kemp | 07-25-0497 | 650426 | Culpeper | \$ 3,250.00 |
| RB-3M | Locally Funded | Cynthia Kemp | 07-25-0497 | 650430 | Culpeper | \$ 3,250.00 |
| RB-3M | Locally Funded | Martha Harris | 07-25-0513 | 650624 | Orange | \$ 1,625.00 |

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| <i>RB-5</i> | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>Sherri Rose</i> | <i>07-25-0501</i> | <i>650602</i> | <i>Culpeper</i> | <i>\$ 25,200.00</i> |
| <i>RB-5</i> | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>Patricia Reed</i> | <i>07-25-0424</i> | <i>647600</i> | <i>Culpeper</i> | <i>\$ 20,475.00</i> |

*Tammy Hockensmith changed from RB-1 to RB-3M

7) 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> |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <i>RB-1</i> | <i>DEQ17084</i> | <i>Adrianus Van Krimpen</i> | <i>07-25-0495</i> | <i>650416</i> | <i>Culpeper</i> | <i>\$ 225.00</i> |
| <i>RB-4P</i> | <i>DEQ17084</i> | <i>Nancy Broyles</i> | <i>07-25-0423</i> | <i>647600</i> | <i>Rappahannock</i> | <i>\$ 13,200.00</i> |

8) 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> |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| <i>RB-1</i> | <i>PO17407</i> | <i>Ronald Burleson</i> | <i>07-25-0488</i> | <i>649897</i> | <i>Orange</i> | <i>\$ 360.00</i> |

9) 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> |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| <i>RB-1</i> | <i>PO17083</i> | <i>Theresa Adams</i> | <i>07-25-0487</i> | <i>649894</i> | <i>Greene</i> | <i>\$ 225.00</i> |
| <i>RB-1</i> | <i>PO17083</i> | <i>Michael Harlow</i> | <i>07-25-0486</i> | <i>649893</i> | <i>Greene</i> | <i>\$ 225.00</i> |
| <i>RB-1</i> | <i>PO17083</i> | <i>John Wright</i> | <i>07-25-0498</i> | <i>650471</i> | <i>Madison</i> | <i>\$ 225.00</i> |
| <i>RB-1</i> | <i>PO17083</i> | <i>Mary Keys</i> | <i>07-25-0502</i> | <i>650603</i> | <i>Madison</i> | <i>\$ 360.00</i> |
| <i>RB-1</i> | <i>PO17083</i> | <i>Doris Link</i> | <i>07-25-0506</i> | <i>650607</i> | <i>Greene</i> | <i>\$ 225.00</i> |
| <i>RB-1</i> | <i>PO17083</i> | <i>Kendall Breeden</i> | <i>07-25-0510</i> | <i>650613</i> | <i>Greene</i> | <i>\$ 225.00</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i> | <i>PO17083</i> | <i>Juanita Jenkins</i> | <i>07-25-0504</i> | <i>650605</i> | <i>Orange</i> | <i>\$ 1,625.00</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i> | <i>PO17083</i> | <i>Heidi Sage</i> | <i>07-25-0500</i> | <i>650597</i> | <i>Madison</i> | <i>\$ 2,112.50</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i> | <i>PO17083</i> | <i>Nathan Mammen</i> | <i>07-25-0507</i> | <i>650608</i> | <i>Orange</i> | <i>\$ 1,625.00</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i> | <i>PO17083</i> | <i>Nathan Mammen</i> | <i>07-25-0507</i> | <i>650609</i> | <i>Orange</i> | <i>\$ 1,625.00</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i> | <i>PO17083</i> | <i>Lisa Hill-Monzon</i> | <i>07-25-0508</i> | <i>650610</i> | <i>Madison</i> | <i>\$ 1,625.00</i> |

10) The following Robinson 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> |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <i>RB-1</i> | <i>DEQ17220</i> | <i>Louis Kalina</i> | <i>07-25-0514</i> | <i>650627</i> | <i>Culpeper</i> | <i>\$ 225.00</i> |

11) The following Locally Funded 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>Locally Funded</i> | <i>John Kinde</i> | <i>07-25-0128</i> | <i>598961</i> | <i>Madison</i> | <i>\$ 125.00</i> |
| <i>RB-1</i> | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>Jewel Henderson</i> | <i>07-25-0442</i> | <i>648301</i> | <i>Orange</i> | <i>\$ 187.50</i> |
| <i>RB-1</i> | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>Tyler Lienhart</i> | <i>07-25-0244</i> | <i>628371</i> | <i>Greene</i> | <i>\$ 240.00</i> |
| <i>RB-1</i> | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>Gregory Krystyniak</i> | <i>07-25-0443</i> | <i>648317</i> | <i>Greene</i> | <i>\$ 212.50</i> |
| <i>RB-1</i> | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>David Mack</i> | <i>07-25-0318</i> | <i>646514</i> | <i>Greene</i> | <i>\$ 234.00</i> |
| <i>RB-1</i> | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>Dale Webster</i> | <i>07-25-0196</i> | <i>623441</i> | <i>Greene</i> | <i>\$ 205.00</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i> | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>Adam Collins</i> | <i>07-25-0368</i> | <i>646236</i> | <i>Greene</i> | <i>\$ 425.00</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i> | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>Doriene Steeves</i> | <i>07-25-0212</i> | <i>624569</i> | <i>Greene</i> | <i>\$ 337.50</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i> | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>Linda Haselton</i> | <i>07-25-0195</i> | <i>648318</i> | <i>Greene</i> | <i>\$ 4,158.10</i> |

12) The following Upper Hazel 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> |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <i>RB-3M</i> | <i>DEQ17084</i> | <i>James Preil</i> | <i>07-25-0437</i> | <i>648280</i> | <i>Rappahannock</i> | <i>\$ 2,275.00</i> |
| <i>RB-1</i> | <i>DEQ17084</i> | <i>Adrianus Van Krimpen</i> | <i>07-25-0495</i> | <i>650416</i> | <i>Culpeper</i> | <i>\$ 212.50</i> |
| <i>RB-1</i> | <i>DEQ17084</i> | <i>Timothy Beahm</i> | <i>07-25-0467</i> | <i>649269</i> | <i>Rappahannock</i> | <i>\$ 181.25</i> |

13) 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 | PO17407 | Jenny Bond | 07-25-0211 | 624565 | Orange | \$ 212.50 |
| RB-3M | PO17407 | Joseph Messere | 07-25-0236 | 628166 | Orange | \$ 1,625.00 |
| RB-3M | PO17407 | Jeanne Hupp | 07-25-0209 | 644119 | Orange | \$ 3,000.00 |

14) The following Residential participants have been cancelled 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 | Locally Funded | Tammy Hockensmith | 07-25-0479 | 649409 | Culpeper | \$ 225.00 |
| RB-3M | Locally Funded | Roger Williams | 07-25-0068 | 592508 | Culpeper | \$ 1,625.00 |
| RB-1 | Locally Funded | Julie Kerrigan-Norris | 07-25-0159 | 611316 | Orange | \$ 225.00 |
| RB-3M | Locally Funded | Lynn Gould | 07-25-0207 | 624526 | Greene | \$ 1,625.00 |
| RB-3M | Locally Funded | Jesse MaGruder | 07-25-0080 | 592037 | Greene | \$ 1,950.00 |
| RB-1 | PO17083 | Gwen Baker | 07-25-0119 | 598583 | Greene | \$ 225.00 |
| RB-3M | PO17083 | John Wright | 07-24-0630 | 587570 | Madison | \$ 1,000.00 |
| RB-3M | PO17083 | Judith Spears | 07-25-0057 | 590345 | Madison | \$ 1,625.00 |
| RB-3M | PO17407 | Benjamin Boston | 07-25-0017 | 589596 | Orange | \$ 1,787.50 |
| RB-1 | DEQ17220 | Pamela Weldon | 07-25-0200 | 623605 | Madison | \$ 225.00 |
| RB-3M | DEQ17220 | Anne Shealy | 07-25-0154 | 611154 | Madison | \$ 1,625.00 |

15) The following Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP) practices have been approved by the Technical Committee for funding:

| <u>Practice</u> | <u>Participant</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| CL-1 | John Keltonic | Orange | \$ 6,333.60 |
| CL-1 | Robin Schmid | Rappahannock | \$ 3,607.20 |
| CL-1 | Ron Gallahan | Culpeper | \$ 3,812.96 |
| CL-2 | Ron Gallahan | Culpeper | \$ 2,405.72 |
| CL-3 | Steve Corbin | Culpeper | \$ 5,675.20 |
| VSC-WS | Steve Corbin | Culpeper | \$ 18,924.80 |
| CL-5 | RCRFA | Rappahannock | \$ 2,184.00 |

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

- a. Dam inspection dates were discussed. Currently, we are planning for either April 2nd and 3rd or April 10th and 11th.

R. Williamson made a motion to accept the Technical Committee Report with Additions. R. Brame seconded the motion. (R. Williamson, R. Brame, unanimous)

6) CLOSED SESSION: PERSONNEL MATTERS

R. Runkle moved that the Board go into Closed Session at 10:07 A.M. as provided for in the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A) (1) to discuss Personnel Matters. The District Manager was 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 10:20 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". A. Jewett seconded the motion. (R. Runkle, A. Jewett, unanimous)

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

7) DIRECTOR REPORTS

D. Verhoff announced that he has been appointed to the Carver Center Board of Directors. He reported that the Carver Center will host a silent auction fundraiser, featuring food trucks, on March 16th from 3:00 to 7:00 PM.

R. Runkle reported that he attended the Beef Cattle Producer Meeting in Greene County, describing it as a well-attended event that provided valuable and impactful information.

S. Sharpe stated that she will soon be hosting the third workshop in her series. This session will feature a legal expert discussing the formalities of farm and property transitions, as well as a Program Representative who will address the transfer of BMP responsibilities and easements.

L. Graves provided an update on his attendance at the Virginia SWCD Association Executive Meeting. He noted that discussions included financial market fluctuations, with members advised against making immediate changes in response to these variations. Additionally, the VASWCD is considering structural adjustments to VCAP to align more closely with the VACS Technical Advisory Committee, specifically regarding Steering Committee term lengths and the approval process for such.

8) STAFF REPORTS

T. Talley reported that he attended the How to Start a Farm workshop, describing it as informative and well-organized. He also participated in the Conservation Economics session hosted by the Thomas Jefferson District and found the financial insights particularly valuable.

S. DeNicola provided an update on the Annual Tree Sale, noting that all tree species are still available for purchase, with pickup scheduled for March 21 and 22. She also reported that Native Plant Guides remain available for purchase at \$20 each. Additionally, the Rain Barrel Workshop on March 6th has reached registration capacity. Lastly, she noted that MWEE programming is set to begin later this month.

C. Sheridan reported that she, along with Lily Smith, represented the District at the Conservation Speed Dating Workshop, where there was significant interest in the septic program. She also announced that she has started the Master Cattleman Program, which will run for three weeks.

R. Jacobs shared that eight VCAP applications have been submitted this week and expressed appreciation to Ms. Kenerly, DOF, for her assistance with tree planting in the program. He also noted that the Virginia SWCD Association Board will take a leading role in the VCAP program, particularly regarding membership on the Steering and Technical Advisory Committees. Additionally, he reported that the position of Orange County Erosion Control Inspector is being temporarily filled by ex-inspector, Davis Smith.

G. Wichelns announced that dam inspections are scheduled for April 2 and 3, with rain dates set for April 10 and 11, and invited anyone interested to attend. He reported that dam construction has resumed following delays caused by holidays and inclement weather. He also noted that the District has received an additional approximately \$70,000 from DEQ to be allocated across existing TMDL grants to expedite the implementation of projects in the Bay. Lastly, he announced that the District will be hosting an outreach event at the Madison Fire Hall on March 14.

9) AGENCY REPORTS

DCR – D. Cross submitted a written report and provided key highlights. She reminded everyone that the Minutes Training on March 17 is a required grant deliverable. Additionally, she reminded the Culpeper District to review the Annual Plan of Work. Then, D. Cross briefly went over Committee Meeting requirements and guidelines, the importance of properly scheduling Nutrient Management Planner signatures, and upcoming Carryover deadlines. D. Cross announced recent DCR staff changes, including Raleigh Coleman’s return to the Engineering Team as a Lead Trainer and Palmer Bruce’s appointment as DCR’s new Poultry Litter Transport Incentive Coordinator. Lastly, she reviewed important upcoming dates and deadlines.

VDOF – M. Kenerly reported that the Riparian Forests for Landowners (RFFL) program is still accepting applications online. This program provides flexible, no-cost riparian forest buffer installation along with one year of maintenance for participating landowners. Interested individuals can submit an application online to be contacted by a local forester.

10) PLAN FOR MARCH COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committees will meet at the Culpeper District Office on Tuesday, March 18, 2025. Personnel 9:00, Operations 9:30, Technical 10:00. The Education Committee will meet on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at the Culpeper District Office at 3:00. **BOARD MEETING FOR APRIL WILL BE HELD AT 10:00 AM ON TUESDAY, April 1, 2025, in person, at the Washington Volunteer Fire Hall in Rappahannock County.**

11) ADJOURNMENT

R. Brame motioned to adjourn the March 4 Board meeting at 10:45 AM. D. Verhoff seconded the motion. (R. Brame, D. Verhoff, unanimous)

Respectfully Submitted,
Stevie Ross, Administrative Secretary/Financial Specialist

Lynn Graves, Chairman



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