

MINUTES
CULPEPER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Washington Volunteer Fire Hall
Rappahannock County, Virginia
April 1, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lynn Graves at 10:15 AM.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Lynn Graves, Madison County
Mike Sands, Rappahannock County
Robert Williamson, Culpeper County
David Cox, Greene County
Robert Runkle, Greene County
Robert Bradford, Orange County
Mike Biniek, Rappahannock County
Steve Morris, At-Large Director, Greene County
Molly Elgin, Associate Director, Orange County

DIRECTORS NOT PRESENT:

Dennis Verhoff, Culpeper County
Anthony Jewett, Madison County
Robert Brame, Orange County
Sarah Sharpe, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Greene County

STAFF PRESENT:

Greg Wichelns, District Manager
Stevie Ross, Administrative Secretary/Financial Specialist
Henny Calloway, Conservation Specialist
Stephanie DeNicola, Education Specialist
Richard Jacobs, Conservation Specialist
David Massie, Conservation Specialist
Amanda McCullen, Conservation Specialist
Cheyenne Sheridan, Conservation Specialist
Lily Smith, Conservation Specialist
Trevor Talley, Conservation Specialist
W. Spencer Yager, Conservation Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

Debbie Cross, DCR
Monira Rifaat, Rappahannock County

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

L. Graves called the meeting to order at 10:15 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 March 4, 2025, Draft District Board Meeting Minutes and for any substantive corrections or additions. M. Sands moved to approve the Minutes as presented. R. Bradford seconded the motion. (M. Sands, R. Bradford, 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. R. Williamson moved to adopt the Agenda as modified. M. Sands seconded the motion. (R. Williamson, M. Sands, unanimous)

4) CONSENT AGENDA

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
TREASURER'S REPORT
NRCS CONSERVATION PLANS

Culpeper	1 Acre	EQIP- Seasonal High Tunnel (3)
Culpeper	1 Acre	EQIP- Seasonal High Tunnel
Madison	1 Acre	EQIP- Seasonal High Tunnel
Madison	88.6 Acres	EQIP- Forest Management Plan

5) ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

5.1) TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT WITH ADDITIONS

March 18, 2025 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes (Updated)

Present: Robert Bradford, Chairman; Lynn Graves, Madison; 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; Becky Haines, Program Assistant

Items in italics were added at the April 1, 2025 Board Meeting in Washington, Virginia

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

J-Team Dairy LLC	EQIP 2018 7433A7210QZ
David Jones	CP-7-20-0004
<i>Patricia Eggborn</i>	<i>CP-7-25-0001</i>
<i>Hunter's Hay</i>	<i>CP-7-25-0061</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	Louis Shuntich	07-25-0519	650774	Orange	\$ 2,333.75	\$ 0.00
NM-5P	2025 VACS	Mike Coates	07-25-0543	651241	Madison	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 0.00
NM-6	2025 VACS	Lewis A Lamb & Sons Inc	07-25-0528	651086	Madison	\$ 16,303.50	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2025 VACS	Lewis A Lamb & Sons Inc	07-25-0249	630548	Madison	\$ 119,250.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2025 VACS	Lewis A Lamb & Sons Inc	07-25-0249	630541	Madison	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2025 VACS	Robert Bradford	07-25-0490	649903	Orange	\$ 19,923.90	\$ 326.78
SL-6W	2025 VACS	Celt Run Farm LLC	07-25-0529	651089	Greene	\$ 16,965.00	\$ 71.25

SL-6W	2025 VACS	Shawn Gehman	07-25-0530	651094	Greene	\$ 57,142.50	\$ 520.63
SL-7	2025 VACS	Walter C. McLean Family Trust	07-25-0531	651098	Greene	\$ 4,331.25	\$ 270.70
SL-7	2025 VACS	Doug Hill	07-25-0538	651227	Madison	\$ 17,441.60	\$ 1,090.10
SL-10	2025 VACS	Thomas Massie	07-25-0532	651212	Rappahannock	\$ 2,025.00	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2025 VACS	Thomas Clark	07-25-0527	651059	Culpeper	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 0.00
NM-3C	2025 VACS	American Heritage Family Farm Inc.	07-25-0596	651816	Culpeper	\$ 539.10	\$ 0.00
NM-3C	2025 VACS	Glebe Farm LLC	07-25-0581	651782	Culpeper	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 0.00
NM-3C	2025 VACS	Belair Dairy LLC.	07-25-0560	651733	Culpeper	\$ 960.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5P	2025 VACS	Belair Dairy LLC.	07-25-0559	651731	Culpeper	\$ 10,720.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5N	2025 VACS	Western View LLC	07-25-0556	651726	Culpeper	\$ 5,920.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5N	2025 VACS	Glenmary Family Farm Partnership	07-25-0555	651724	Orange	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5N	2025 VACS	Nixon Farms LLC	07-25-0558	651730	Culpeper	\$ 808.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5P	2025 VACS	Western View LLC	07-25-0557	651727	Culpeper	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5P	2025 VACS	Glenmary Family Farm Partnership	07-25-0555	651725	Orange	\$ 23,920.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5P	2025 VACS	Nixon Farms LLC	07-25-0558	651729	Culpeper	\$ 808.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5P	2025 VACS	Wedderburn Farm	07-25-0565	651742	Culpeper	\$ 920.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5P	2025 VACS	Glebe Farm LLC	07-25-0566	651743	Culpeper	\$ 11,120.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5P	2025 VACS	Dennis Brown	07-25-0567	651744	Culpeper	\$ 9,520.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5P	2025 VACS	Brandy Rock Farm Inc.	07-25-0568	651745	Culpeper	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5N	2025 VACS	Brandy Rock Farm Inc.	07-25-0569	651746	Culpeper	\$ 2,880.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5P	2025 VACS	Mark Houck	07-25-0570	651748	Culpeper	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5N	2025 VACS	Beauregard Farm LP	07-25-0571	651750	Culpeper	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 0.00
NM-5P	2025 VACS	Pullen Farm LLC	07-25-0583	651784	Culpeper	\$ 3,336.00	\$ 0.00
SL-1	2025 VACS	Hunter's Hay	07-25-0590	651802	Culpeper	\$ 3,431.25	\$ 0.00
SL-6N	2025 VACS	Patricia Eggborn	07-25-0572	589994	Culpeper	\$ 39,656.76	\$ 6,609.46
SL-8B	2025 VACS	Justin Crigler	07-25-0554	651702	Madison	\$ 6,888.00	\$ 0.00
WQ-12	2025 VACS	David Jones	07-25-0525	651027	Rappahannock	\$ 13,125.00	\$ 1,093.75

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

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Instance</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Tax Credit</u>
CCI-SL-6W	2025 VACS	Louis Shuntich	07-25-0519	650774	Orange	\$ 2,333.75	\$ 0.00
CCI-WP-2N	2025 VACS	Jonathan E. Boone	07-25-0466	649239	Madison	\$ 825.00	\$ 0.00
FR-1	2025 VACS	Bjorn Bolte	07-25-0167	617172	Rappahannock	\$ 17,310.00	\$ 1,042.50
FR-3	2025 VACS	Bjorn Bolte	07-25-0167	617180	Rappahannock	\$ 4,250.75	\$ 0.00
NM-6	2025 VACS	Lewis A Lamb & Sons	07-25-0528	651086	Madison	\$ 16,303.50	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2022 VACS	Merlyn Koontz	07-22-0058	451735	Orange	\$ 25,760.78	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2023 VACS	Central Virginia Horse Rescue	07-23-0053	467835	Culpeper	\$ 24,878.75	\$11,985.79
SL-6W	2024 VACS	William Lovelace	07-24-0565	587404	Madison	\$ 165,618.55	\$ 1,480.58
SL-6W	2025 VACS	Francis McGuigan	07-25-0156	611287	Greene	\$ 15,357.92	\$ 565.82
SL-6W	2025 VACS	Christopher Webster	07-25-0045	590303	Madison	\$ 17,985.10	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2025 VACS	Erica Gore	07-25-0102	596758	Culpeper	\$ 161,128.81	\$ 2,427.21
SL-7	2023 VACS	Central Virginia Horse Rescue	07-23-0053	505825	Culpeper	\$ 11,901.00	\$ 1,802.00
SL-7	2025 VACS	Francis McGuigan*	07-25-0156	611289	Greene	\$ 16,372.53	\$ 1,106.43
SL-7	2024 VACS	Audrey Regnery	07-24-0305	581430	Rappahannock	\$ 6,436.96	\$ 402.31
SL-7	2025 VACS	Crystallis LLC	07-24-0399	583537	Madison	\$ 5,163.84	\$ 322.74
SL-8B	2025 VACS	C. R. Tanner & Sons	07-25-0362	646225	Madison	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2025 VACS	C. R. Tanner & Sons	07-25-0362	646224	Madison	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2025 VACS	Lewis A Lamb & Sons Inc	07-25-0249	630548	Madison	\$ 119,250.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2025 VACS	Lewis A Lamb & Sons Inc	07-25-0249	630541	Madison	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2025 VACS	Justin Crigler	07-25-0554	651702	Madison	\$ 6,888.00	\$ 0.00
WP-2W	2025 VACS	Wesley Lohr	07-25-0439	648555	Madison	\$ 5,908.70	\$ 344.29

*The Technical Committee approved an increase of \$311.73 for sleeving of the pipeline due to rock.

- 4) The following BMP participant has been approved by the Technical Committee for an increase:

<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-6W	2024 VACS	Walter C. McLean Family Trust*	07-24-0445	584421	Greene	\$ 28,464.00	\$ 0.00

*The Technical Committee approved this increase for additional stream exclusion fencing.

- 5) The following BMP participant has 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>	<u>Tax Credit</u>
SL-10	2025 VACS	Karen Jennings	07-25-0059	590363	Culpeper	\$ 992.25	\$ 0.00

- 6) The following Mountain Run, Muddy Run, and Lower 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	PO17406	Michael Kidwell	07-25-0515	650660	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	PO17406	Dianne Crone	07-25-0516	650661	Culpeper	\$ 360.00
RB-1	PO17406	Gary Gray	07-25-0517	650667	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	PO17406	Mary Maupin	07-25-0523	651010	Culpeper	\$ 360.00
RB-1	PO17406	Carolyn Cox	07-25-0533	651214	Culpeper	\$ 292.50
RB-1	PO17406	Robert Harrison	07-25-0534	651215	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	PO17406	David Hall	07-25-0521	651004	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-3M	PO17406	William Ruley	07-25-0522	651006	Culpeper	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	PO17406	Alan R. Burket	07-25-0535	651216	Culpeper	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	PO17406	Alan R. Burket	07-25-0535	651217	Culpeper	\$ 1,625.00
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>PO17406</i>	<i>Laura Riggs</i>	<i>07-25-0552</i>	<i>651447</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 225.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>PO17406</i>	<i>Gerald Martire</i>	<i>07-25-0561</i>	<i>651737</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 360.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>PO17406</i>	<i>Heather Kitts</i>	<i>07-25-0562</i>	<i>651738</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 225.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>PO17406</i>	<i>Edward Rowland</i>	<i>07-25-0578</i>	<i>651773</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 225.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>PO17406</i>	<i>Amber Hancock</i>	<i>07-25-0597</i>	<i>651819</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 360.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>PO17406</i>	<i>Terry Leach</i>	<i>07-25-0564</i>	<i>651740</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 225.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>PO17406</i>	<i>Dawn A. Laubenheimer</i>	<i>07-25-0576</i>	<i>651755</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 225.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>PO17406</i>	<i>James Aubrey Rozell</i>	<i>07-25-0580</i>	<i>651775</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 225.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>PO17406</i>	<i>Harold F. Smith</i>	<i>07-25-0573</i>	<i>651752</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 225.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>PO17406</i>	<i>Timothy S. Settle</i>	<i>07-25-0574</i>	<i>651753</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 1,625.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>PO17406</i>	<i>Kenneth W. Spangler</i>	<i>07-25-0582</i>	<i>651783</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 1,625.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>PO17406</i>	<i>Ronald Gallahan</i>	<i>07-25-0575</i>	<i>651754</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 1,625.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>PO17406</i>	<i>Zueswyn Properties LLC</i>	<i>07-25-0551</i>	<i>651445</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 3,250.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>PO17406</i>	<i>Linda Murphy*</i>	<i>07-25-0035</i>	<i>590066</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 3,250.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>PO17406</i>	<i>Suzette Turner</i>	<i>07-25-0579</i>	<i>651774</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 5,200.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>PO17406</i>	<i>Grace Kelly</i>	<i>07-25-0553</i>	<i>651592</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 1,625.00</i>

*Linda Murphy increased from RB-3M Level 1 to Level 2.

- 7) The following Locally Funded 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	Locally Funded	Richard Larson	07-25-0524	651015	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-3M	Locally Funded	Penny Schevey	07-25-0537	651226	Greene	\$ 2,600.00
RB-3M	Locally Funded	Clare Mangum	07-25-0157	651229	Orange	\$ 3,250.00
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Susan Harner</i>	<i>07-25-0587</i>	<i>651791</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 292.50</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Michael Allers</i>	<i>07-25-0591</i>	<i>651803</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 1,787.50</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Tamara Jones</i>	<i>07-25-0592</i>	<i>651806</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>\$ 1,625.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Brenda Scott</i>	<i>07-25-0563</i>	<i>651739</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 1,625.00</i>
<i>RB-4</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Mark Pinkman</i>	<i>07-25-0595</i>	<i>651809</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>\$ 6,250.00</i>
<i>RB-4P</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Heather Moroch</i>	<i>07-25-0586</i>	<i>651788</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 13,200.00</i>

8) 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	Floyd T. Grigbsy	07-25-0536	651218	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-3M	DEQ17084	Steven Olson	07-25-0227	651224	Rappahannock	\$ 3,250.00

9) The following Upper York 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-3M	PO17407	Vibeke Ober	07-25-0541	651237	Orange	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	PO17407	Charles Pitera	07-25-0542	651240	Orange	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	PO17407	Theresa Shifflett	07-25-0526	651060	Orange	\$ 2,600.00
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>PO17407</i>	<i>Margaret Stoner</i>	<i>07-25-0584</i>	<i>651785</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 2,600.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>PO17407</i>	<i>Theresa Shifflett</i>	<i>07-25-0526</i>	<i>651793</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 5,200.00</i>

10) 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	James Irwin	07-25-0539	651231	Greene	\$ 225.00
RB-1	PO17083	Leonard Cave	07-25-0546	651255	Madison	\$ 360.00
RB-3M	PO17083	Robert Roudabush	07-25-0518	650675	Madison	\$ 2,600.00
<i>RB-3</i>	<i>DEQ17083</i>	<i>Juanita Jenkins</i>	<i>07-25-0504</i>	<i>651792</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 3,750.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>DEQ17083</i>	<i>Dean Schultz</i>	<i>07-25-0593</i>	<i>651807</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>\$ 1,625.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>DEQ17083</i>	<i>John Wright</i>	<i>07-25-0594</i>	<i>651808</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 1,625.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>DEQ17083</i>	<i>Louise Trice</i>	<i>07-25-0585</i>	<i>651786</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 2,600.00</i>

11) 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	Stephen Barber	07-25-0544	651250	Madison	\$ 225.00
RB-3M	DEQ17220	Hair of the Hound, LLC	07-25-0540	651233	Madison	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	DEQ17220	Stephen Barber	07-25-0544	651251	Madison	\$ 1,625.00
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Cynthia Campbell</i>	<i>07-25-0588</i>	<i>651796</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 1,950.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>DEQ17220</i>	<i>Sarah Willis</i>	<i>07-25-0589</i>	<i>651798</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>\$ 1,625.00</i>

12) 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>
RB-1	Locally Funded	Elizabeth Hutchins	07-25-0279	638425	Culpeper	\$ 212.50
RB-1	Locally Funded	Annette Tingle	07-25-0432	647773	Culpeper	\$ 175.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Annette Tingle	07-25-0432	647774	Culpeper	\$ 175.00
RB-3M	Locally Funded	Claudia Vasquez	07-25-0491	649906	Culpeper	\$ 340.00
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Belle Meade Farm LLC</i>	<i>07-25-0421</i>	<i>647583</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 175.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Belle Meade Farm LLC</i>	<i>07-25-0421</i>	<i>647584</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 175.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Belle Meade Farm LLC</i>	<i>07-25-0421</i>	<i>647585</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 175.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Belle Meade Farm LLC</i>	<i>07-25-0421</i>	<i>647586</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 175.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Belle Meade Farm LLC</i>	<i>07-25-0421</i>	<i>647587</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 175.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Belle Meade Farm LLC</i>	<i>07-25-0421</i>	<i>647589</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 175.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Belle Meade Farm LLC</i>	<i>07-25-0421</i>	<i>647590</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 175.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Belle Meade Farm LLC</i>	<i>07-25-0421</i>	<i>647592</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 175.00</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Belle Meade Farm LLC</i>	<i>07-25-0422</i>	<i>647593</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 175.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Erica Burkholder</i>	<i>07-25-0473</i>	<i>649352</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>\$ 320.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Kristeia Eaton</i>	<i>07-25-0477</i>	<i>649399</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>\$ 225.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Lynn Gould</i>	<i>07-25-0207</i>	<i>650577</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>\$ 225.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Julia Dickey</i>	<i>07-25-0393</i>	<i>647055</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>\$ 292.50</i>

<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Mark White</i>	<i>07-25-0126</i>	<i>598958</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>\$ 387.50</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Elizabeth Bailey</i>	<i>07-25-0198</i>	<i>623514</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 1,962.50</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Donald Peele</i>	<i>07-25-0127</i>	<i>598959</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>\$ 500.12</i>
<i>RB-3M</i>	<i>Locally Funded</i>	<i>Michael E. Babbit</i>	<i>07-25-0492</i>	<i>650091</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 212.50</i>

13) 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>
RB-1	DEQ17084	Joanne Tepper	07-25-0415	647576	Rappahannock	\$ 320.00
RB-1	DEQ17084	Willaim Taylor	07-25-0475	649391	Rappahannock	\$ 181.25
RB-3M	DEQ17084	Hazel River Farm LLC	07-25-0457	649364	Culpeper	\$ 212.50
RB-3M	DEQ17084	Peacefield LLC	07-25-0456	649365	Culpeper	\$ 212.50
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ17084</i>	<i>Robert H. Day</i>	<i>07-25-0417</i>	<i>647579</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 320.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ17084</i>	<i>Charles Johnson</i>	<i>07-25-0416</i>	<i>647577</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 220.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ17084</i>	<i>Kara Barroso</i>	<i>07-25-0138</i>	<i>607668</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 200.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ17084</i>	<i>Lucas Pipes</i>	<i>07-25-0225</i>	<i>625069</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 225.00</i>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>DEQ17084</i>	<i>Lucas Pipes</i>	<i>07-25-0225</i>	<i>625072</i>	<i>Rappahannock</i>	<i>\$ 225.00</i>
<i>RB-4</i>	<i>DEQ17084</i>	<i>Ronald Frazier</i>	<i>07-25-0005</i>	<i>588813</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 6,250.00</i>

14) The following Mountain Run, Muddy Run, and Lower 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	PO17406	Dewey Mort	07-25-0503	650604	Culpeper	\$ 276.25
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>PO17406</i>	<i>Ronald Frazier</i>	<i>07-25-0005</i>	<i>58814</i>	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>\$ 187.50</i>

15) The following Upper Rapidan 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	DEQ17083	John Wright	07-25-0498	650471	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	DEQ17083	Mary Skidmore	07-25-0441	648300	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	DEQ17083	Cheryl Yowell	07-25-0548	651404	Madison	\$ 212.50
RB-3M	DEQ17083	John Wright	07-24-0630	587569	Madison	\$ 262.50
RB-3M	DEQ17083	Loretta Larned	07-24-0617	587305	Orange	\$ 1,600.00

16) 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	Carol Shirey	07-25-0194	647602	Madison	\$ 281.25
RB-1	DEQ17220	John C. Green	07-25-0365	646229	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Megan Monteith	07-24-0220	642076	Madison	\$ 212.50
RB-1	DEQ17220	Calvin Graves	07-25-0224	625068	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Kimberly Henry	07-25-0392	647052	Madison	\$ 187.50
RB-1	DEQ17220	Beverly Coates	07-25-0188	623184	Culpeper	\$ 320.00
RB-3M	DEQ17220	Jennifer Simmons	07-25-0338	644116	Madison	\$ 262.50
RB-3M	DEQ17220	Hair of the Hound, LLC	07-25-0370	646261	Madison	\$ 1,425.00
RB-3M	DEQ17220	Von's Retreat LLC	07-25-0210	624564	Madison	\$ 1,505.00
RB-3M	DEQ17220	Stephen Bell	07-25-0311	642053	Madison	\$ 475.00
RB-3M	DEQ17220	John Gaffney	07-25-0476	649397	Madison	\$ 200.00

17) The following Upper York 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>
<i>RB-1</i>	<i>PO17407</i>	<i>Furmal R. Poindexter</i>	<i>07-25-0314</i>	<i>642083</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$ 320.00</i>

18) 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-3M	DEQ17084	Steven Olson	07-25-0227	625077	Rappahannock	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	Locally Funded	Clare Mangum	07-25-0157	611293	Orange	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	PO17407	Theresa Shiflett	07-25-0526	651060	Orange	\$ 2,600.00
RB-3M	PO17083	Juanita Jenkins	07-25-0504	650606	Orange	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	DEQ17220	Michael K. Smith	07-24-0517	585662	Madison	\$ 1,000.00

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

- Dam inspections are scheduled for April 2nd and 3rd.
- Beautiful Run Dam #1B's wave berm is 40% completed, the downstream dam slope has been regraded and seeded, and the gate valve is still being built by the manufacturer.
- Schnabel Engineering has plans for the gate valve replacement on Beautiful Run Dams #4, #5, and #6. These gate valve replacements will be sent out for bid in early 2026 as a package.
- District Staff operated all functioning gate valves recently.

20) The Technical Committee reviewed a request to waive the remainder of the lifespan for contract 07-15-0393 due to the death of the applicants. The lifespan expires January 1, 2027. The Technical Committee recommends the Board approve this request to waive the remainder of the contract lifespan.

21) The Technical Committee reviewed an unapproved WP-4LC project (07-25-0450) for J-Team Dairy LLC in Orange County and recommends that the Board approve for the project to be submitted to DCR Staff in Richmond for a Variance Review.

22) The Technical Committee Chairman requested the authority of the Board to open sealed bids for dam projects at the April 22, 2025 Technical Committee Meeting, and award the low bid.

M. Elgin recused herself from the room for the Technical Committee discussion.

R. Bradford made a motion to approve the request to waive the remainder of the lifespan for contract 07-15-0393 due to the death of the applicants. M. Sands seconded the motion. (R. Bradford, M. Sands, unanimous)

R. Bradford made a motion to approve the submission of the WP-4LC project to DCR staff for Variance Review. R. Williamson seconded the motion. (R. Bradford, R. Williamson, unanimous)

D. Cox made a motion to grant authority to open sealed bids for dam projects to the Technical Committee, awarding the lowest bid. R. Bradford seconded the motion. (D. Cox, R. Bradford, unanimous)

R. Bradford recused himself from the room for the discussion of Technical Committee Minutes.

M. Sands made a motion to accept the Technical Committee Report with Additions. R. Runkle seconded the motion. (M. Sands, R. Runkle, unanimous)

6) **DIRECTOR REPORTS**

R. Runkle reported that he attended the Farm Transition Training hosted by Sarah Sharpe in Greene County. He also participated in the Farm Bureau Resolution Development Meeting at Graves Mountain Farm and Lodges. This week, he plans to attend the Greene County Agriculture and Forestal District Committee Meeting.

D. Cox shared that, as Chairman of the Greene County Agriculture and Forestal District Committee, he will also attend this week's meeting, where discussions will focus on the approval processes and value taxation options.

R. Williamson noted that Virginia State Delegate Nick Freitas is not seeking reelection and has endorsed Karen Hamilton of Orange County as the Republican nominee for the position. He also reported that Clay Jackson of Madison County has announced his candidacy for the same seat.

M. Elgin attended the Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association's Annual Member Meeting, where she found the showcase on soil health to be particularly informative.

R. Bradford participated in the Orange County Zoning Focus Group, where discussions centered on land use qualifications and subdivision of agricultural land.

L. Graves attended the Rappahannock River Basin Meeting, where data centers were a key topic of discussion with raised concerns about water usage and costs. He noted that Northern Virginia is home to 13% of all data centers worldwide. Additionally, he announced that Heritage Day at Graves Mountain Farm and Lodges is taking place this weekend, and that he plans to attend the VASWCD Area II Spring Meeting next week.

7) STAFF REPORTS

R. Jacobs reported that he attended the Wetland Restoration Workshop and shared textbooks he brought back from the event. The training, funded by a NFWF grant, was led by Thomas Biebighauser along with wetland practitioners from The Nature Conservancy and the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources. Key topics included the history of drainage, identifying 50 signs of drainage, and a one-day wetland demonstration. He also shared that he will be participating in the Master Naturalist Group's Wetland Education Session with Mike Hayslett and noted that the Orange County Erosion Control Program is currently under review.

S. DeNicola reported that the rain barrel workshop in Greene County was a success, with 22 attendees. She also shared that the Annual Tree Sale was well received, serving 335 customers and distributing 12,000 seedlings. This year, the sale offered a pick-up option in Greene County, which 12 customers utilized. She noted that Meadow Mix is still available for purchase. For the next five weeks, Ms. DeNicola will be engaged in Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences (MWEEs) for 6th-grade classes across the five-county district.

C. Sheridan reported that she and Lily Smith will attend the final session of the Master Cattlemen Course this week, after which both will receive their certificates of completion.

T. Talley shared that he will be attending Conservation Planner Training over the next two days.

G. Wichelns reported that the outreach event at the Madison Fire Hall on March 14th was well attended and successfully met the grant deliverable requirements. The next outreach event is scheduled for September 5th at Graves Mountain Farm and Lodges. He also reported that all quarterly grant reports must be completed for the close of the third quarter of FY25. Additionally, annual dam inspections are set to begin tomorrow, April 2nd, at 9:00 AM, with Lily and Cheyenne leading the effort. Finally, he referenced all the November 2024 District Committee Reports previously approved by the Board and that they all reflected the review of the District's Annual Plan of Work. (R. Runkle, D. Cox, unanimous)

8) AGENCY REPORTS

DCR – D. Cross submitted a written report and provided key highlights. She began by congratulating Cheyenne Sheridan for achieving DCR Certified Conservation Planning status in record time. She then covered several administrative and operational topics, including third-quarter reporting deadlines, audit updates, and planning considerations for FY26 and FY27. Regarding the ag cost share program, she discussed random verifications, changes to the 90% obligation rule, carryover deadlines, and additional planning reminders for FY26 and FY27. Lastly, she shared a few important upcoming date reminders.

9) **PLAN FOR APRIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Committees will meet at the Madison Extension Office on Tuesday, April 22, 2025. Personnel 9:00, Operations 9:30, Technical 10:00. Dam Maintenance bids will be opened prior to the Technical Committee Meeting and the Annual Emergency Services Meeting will commence when the Technical Committee Meeting adjourns. The Education Committee will meet on Monday, April 21, 2025, at the Madison Extension Office at 3:30. **BOARD MEETING FOR MAY WILL BE HELD AT 10:00 AM ON TUESDAY, May 6, 2025, in person, at Pepper's Grill in Culpeper County.**

10) **ADJOURNMENT**

D. Cox motioned to adjourn the April 1 Board meeting at 11:12 AM. R. Runkle seconded the motion. (D. Cox, R. Runkle, unanimous)

Respectfully Submitted,
Stevie Ross, Administrative Secretary/Financial Specialist

Lynn Graves, Chairman



Date Approved: May 6, 2025