

**MINUTES**  
**CULPEPER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Washington Fire Hall**  
**Rappahannock County, Virginia**  
**September 2, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lynn Graves at 10:04 AM.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Lynn Graves, Madison County  
Mike Sands, Rappahannock County  
Robert Williamson, Culpeper County  
Dennis Verhoff, Culpeper County  
Robert Runkle, Greene County  
Anthony Jewett, Madison County  
Robert Bradford, Orange County  
Mike Biniek, Rappahannock County  
Steve Morris, At-Large Director, Greene County

**DIRECTORS NOT PRESENT:**

David Cox, Greene County  
Robert Brame, Orange County  
Sarah Sharpe, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Greene County  
Molly Elgin, Associate Director, Orange 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  
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:**

Bella Brush, NRCS  
Peter Schoderbeck, VDOF  
Madeline Kenerly, VDOF  
Davis Lamb, Greene County BOS  
Stephanie Cornnell, VSWCB, Area II

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

L. Graves called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM. Following a moment of silence, S. Yager led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were five handouts: Technical Committee Additions, Education Committee Report, NRCS Conservation Plans, DCR Report, and one Staff Report.

2) **DRAFT MINUTES**

L. Graves called for approval of the substance of August 5, 2025, Draft District Board Meeting Minutes and for any substantive corrections or additions. R. Runkle moved to approve the Minutes as presented. R. Williamson seconded the motion. (R. Runkle, R. Williamson, 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. M. Sands moved to adopt the Agenda as modified. R. Bradford seconded the motion. (M. Sands, R. Bradford, unanimous)

4) **CONSENT AGENDA**

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
NRCS CONSERVATION PLANS

|              |           |                                                                                                                                        |
|--------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Rappahannock | 111 Acres | EQIP – Brush Management, Herb. Weed Control, Tree Planting, Forest Stand Improvement                                                   |
| Greene       | 225 Acres | ALE – Easement Plant, Pasture and Hayland Planting, Forage Harvest Management, Access Control, Prescribed Grazing, Nutrient Management |

5) **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

5.1) **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

**August 19, 2025 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes (Updated)**

Present: Robert Bradford, Chairman; Lynn Graves, Madison; Anthony Jewett, Madison; Mike Sands, Rappahannock; 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; Debbie Cross, DCR Conservation District Coordinator

*Items in italics were added at the September 2, 2025 Board Meeting in Washington, Virginia*

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

|                                       |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| JP Linden LLC                         | CP-7-25-0039 |
| Gables Farm LLC                       | CP-7-22-0003 |
| Vera Brenneman                        | CP-7-26-0018 |
| Ferris Crilly                         | CP-7-26-0004 |
| Amanda Davis                          | CP-7-23-0018 |
| L&P Land Co. DBA Retreat Farm Rapidan | CP-7-26-0005 |
| William Queitzish                     | CP-7-25-0013 |

- 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-WP-2W       | 2026 VACS   | Tatum Farm LLC                        | 07-26-0108      | 690712          | Madison       | \$ 7,200.00   | \$ 0.00           |
| FR-3            | 2026 VACS   | 10 Gables Farm LLC                    | 07-26-0095      | 671840          | Madison       | \$ 9,547.50   | \$ 0.00           |
| SL-6W           | 2026 VACS   | Vera Brenneman                        | 07-26-0081      | 665488          | Madison       | \$ 70,485.25  | \$ 0.00           |
| SL-6W           | 2026 VACS   | Ferris Crilly                         | 07-26-0105      | 690054          | Madison       | \$ 22,812.00  | \$ 0.00           |
| SL-6W           | 2026 VACS   | L&P Land Co. DBA Retreat Farm Rapidan | 07-26-0107      | 690597          | Orange        | \$ 31,790.70  | \$ 83.08          |

|       |           |                   |            |        |              |              |             |
|-------|-----------|-------------------|------------|--------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| SL-6W | 2026 VACS | Amanda Davis      | 07-26-0096 | 673041 | Culpeper     | \$ 47,135.70 | \$ 109.33   |
| SL-7  | 2026 VACS | Ferris Crilly     | 07-26-0105 | 690485 | Madison      | \$ 7,968.00  | \$ 498.00   |
| SL-8B | 2026 VACS | Tyler Marshall    | 07-26-0117 | 691108 | Orange       | \$ 29,477.00 | \$ 0.00     |
| SL-8H | 2026 VACS | Levi Atkins       | 07-26-0044 | 661250 | Rappahannock | \$ 400.00    | \$ 0.00     |
| WQ-1  | 2026 VACS | William Queitzish | 07-26-0109 | 690717 | Madison      | \$ 13,590.00 | \$ 0.00     |
| WQ-12 | 2026 VACS | JP Linden LLC     | 07-26-0031 | 660821 | Orange       | \$ 25,473.75 | \$ 2,122.81 |
| WQ-12 | 2026 VACS | JP Linden LLC     | 07-26-0101 | 685453 | Orange       | \$ 19,092.75 | \$ 1,591.06 |
| LE-1T | 2026 VACS | Susan Pooton      | 07-19-0385 | 332109 | Madison      | \$ 1,330.51  | \$ 58.70    |
| SL-6W | 2026 VACS | GNG Farms LLC     | 07-26-0082 | 667008 | Culpeper     | \$ 35,840.00 | \$ 0.00     |
| SL-7  | 2026 VACS | Loyd J. Simpson   | 07-26-0024 | 704555 | Madison      | \$ 3,894.00  | \$ 243.40   |
| SL-7  | 2026 VACS | Robert Bradford   | 07-26-0080 | 663626 | Orange       | \$ 6,560.00  | \$ 410.00   |

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-WP-2W       | 2026 VACS   | Tatum Farm LLC          | 07-26-0108      | 690712          | Madison       | \$ 7,200.00   | \$ 0.00           |
| SL-6W           | 2025 VACS   | Celt Run Farm LLC       | 07-25-0529      | 651089          | Greene        | \$ 16,156.00  | \$ 0.00           |
| SL-6W           | 2022 VACS   | Henshaw & Sons Farm LLC | 07-22-0378      | 475535          | Madison       | \$ 25,459.44  | \$ 2,266.52       |
| SL-6W           | 2025 VACS   | Thomas Gilbert          | 07-25-0036      | 590071          | Orange        | \$ 66,440.65  | \$ 0.00           |
| WP-4LL          | 2024 VACS   | Henshaw & Sons Farm LLC | 07-24-0121      | 583562          | Madison       | \$ 274,471.21 | \$ 5,143.94       |

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   | Brian Morris*      | 07-24-0478      | 584964          | Greene        | \$55,101.25   | \$ 1,335.05       |

\*Application was approved for \$48,944.25 with 2024 VACS Funds. Increase of \$6,157.00 of 2024 VACS Funds were approved for pipeline sleeving due to rock, machine time, stone for crossing, and clearing and grading to facilitate a rotational grazing system.

5) 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 | Joseph Lynch       | 07-25-0673      | 658135          | Culpeper      | \$ 225.00     |
| RB-1            | Locally Funded | Daniel Swanson     | 07-26-0097      | 681914          | Culpeper      | \$ 292.50     |
| RB-1            | Locally Funded | Holland Markwalter | 07-26-0098      | 682225          | Culpeper      | \$ 225.00     |
| RB-1            | Locally Funded | Virginia Wharton   | 07-26-0102      | 686149          | Culpeper      | \$ 360.00     |
| RB-1            | Locally Funded | Virginia Wharton   | 07-26-0102      | 686023          | Culpeper      | \$ 360.00     |
| RB-1            | Locally Funded | Stephen Josephson  | 07-26-0111      | 690977          | Culpeper      | \$ 225.00     |
| RB-3M           | Locally Funded | John Boldridge     | 07-26-0112      | 691004          | Culpeper      | \$ 1,625.00   |
| RB-3M           | Locally Funded | Duane Kuykendall   | 07-26-0104      | 689851          | Culpeper      | \$ 3,250.00   |
| RB-3M           | Locally Funded | Thomas Gowdy       | 07-26-0103      | 689266          | Culpeper      | \$ 1,625.00   |
| RB-3M           | Locally Funded | Clayton Van Doren  | 07-26-0100      | 683355          | Culpeper      | \$ 1,625.00   |
| RB-3M           | Locally Funded | Helen Stroud*      | 07-26-0099      | 682356          | Culpeper      | \$ 3,250.00   |
| RB-3M           | Locally Funded | Joseph Hayes       | 07-26-0116      | 691047          | Orange        | \$ 1,625.00   |
| RB-3M           | Locally Funded | Jayson Woods       | 07-26-0110      | 690955          | Greene        | \$ 1,625.00   |
| RB-3M           | Locally Funded | Craig Swingle      | 07-26-0106      | 690398          | Greene        | \$ 1,950.00   |
| RB-3M           | Locally Funded | Alan Edmunds       | 07-26-0115      | 691041          | Madison       | \$ 1,787.50   |
| RB-1            | Locally Funded | Michael Mendell    | 07-26-0123      | 702779          | Rappahannock  | \$ 225.00     |
| RB-1            | Locally Funded | Michael Mendell    | 07-26-0123      | 702790          | Rappahannock  | \$ 225.00     |
| RB-1            | Locally Funded | Michael Mendell    | 07-26-0123      | 702801          | Rappahannock  | \$ 225.00     |
| RB-1            | Locally Funded | Carla Coelman      | 07-26-0126      | 702911          | Culpeper      | \$ 225.00     |
| RB-1            | Locally Funded | Linda Dodson       | 07-26-0149      | 704488          | Rappahannock  | \$ 225.00     |
| RB-1            | Locally Funded | Daniel Dodson      | 07-26-0150      | 704510          | Rappahannock  | \$ 225.00     |
| RB-1            | Locally Funded | Kristin Zuro       | 07-26-0146      | 704325          | Culpeper      | \$ 225.00     |
| RB-1            | Locally Funded | Peter Herold       | 07-26-0145      | 703916          | Culpeper      | \$ 270.00     |

|              |                       |                            |                    |               |                     |                    |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <i>RB-1</i>  | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>Jennifer Bierhuizen</i> | <i>07-26-0143</i>  | <i>703913</i> | <i>Culpeper</i>     | <i>\$ 225.00</i>   |
| <i>RB-1</i>  | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>Jason Haley</i>         | <i>07-26-0148</i>  | <i>704453</i> | <i>Rappahannock</i> | <i>\$ 360.00</i>   |
| <i>RB-1</i>  | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>Joyce Whitlock</i>      | <i>07-26--0127</i> | <i>702924</i> | <i>Culpeper</i>     | <i>\$ 360.00</i>   |
| <i>RB-1</i>  | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>Bryan Beasley</i>       | <i>07-26-0142</i>  | <i>703912</i> | <i>Culpeper</i>     | <i>\$ 247.50</i>   |
| <i>RB-1</i>  | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>A Le Boi Farms LLC</i>  | <i>07-26-0138</i>  | <i>703814</i> | <i>Orange</i>       | <i>\$ 225.00</i>   |
| <i>RB-3</i>  | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>George Stover</i>       | <i>07-26-0144</i>  | <i>703915</i> | <i>Culpeper</i>     | <i>\$ 4,875.00</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i> | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>David Camp</i>          | <i>07-26-0124</i>  | <i>702863</i> | <i>Rappahannock</i> | <i>\$ 4,875.00</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i> | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>Catherine Cobos</i>     | <i>07-26-0125</i>  | <i>702893</i> | <i>Rappahannock</i> | <i>\$ 1,625.00</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i> | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>Kathryn Reinbolt</i>    | <i>07-26-0141</i>  | <i>703911</i> | <i>Rappahannock</i> | <i>\$ 3,250.00</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i> | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>John Mcginley</i>       | <i>07-26-0147</i>  | <i>704422</i> | <i>Culpeper</i>     | <i>\$ 3,250.00</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i> | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>Mark Corneal</i>        | <i>07-26-0139</i>  | <i>704708</i> | <i>Madison</i>      | <i>\$ 1,625.00</i> |
| <i>RB-4</i>  | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>Melissa Oakley</i>      | <i>07-26-0153</i>  | <i>704671</i> | <i>Greene</i>       | <i>\$ 6,250.00</i> |

\*Helen Stroud Increased from RB-3M Level 1 to RB-3M Level 2

- 6) 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>Erin Salling</i>      | <i>07-26-0114</i> | <i>691025</i>   | <i>Orange</i>  | <i>\$ 225.00</i>   |
| <i>RB-3M</i>    | <i>PO17083</i> | <i>Elizabeth Herndon</i> | <i>07-26-0113</i> | <i>691022</i>   | <i>Orange</i>  | <i>\$ 1,625.00</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i>    | <i>PO17083</i> | <i>Amy Lucas</i>         | <i>07-26-0118</i> | <i>691214</i>   | <i>Greene</i>  | <i>\$ 3,575.00</i> |
| <i>RB-1</i>     | <i>PO17083</i> | <i>Diana Myers</i>       | <i>07-26-0140</i> | <i>703819</i>   | <i>Madison</i> | <i>\$ 360.00</i>   |
| <i>RB-1</i>     | <i>PO17083</i> | <i>Erik Norell</i>       | <i>07-26-0136</i> | <i>703751</i>   | <i>Orange</i>  | <i>\$ 225.00</i>   |
| <i>RB-1</i>     | <i>PO17083</i> | <i>Daniel Auville</i>    | <i>07-26-0134</i> | <i>703743</i>   | <i>Orange</i>  | <i>\$ 225.00</i>   |
| <i>RB-1</i>     | <i>PO17083</i> | <i>Steven Hutchison</i>  | <i>07-26-0092</i> | <i>701703</i>   | <i>Greene</i>  | <i>\$ 225.00</i>   |
| <i>RB-3M</i>    | <i>PO17083</i> | <i>John Colvin</i>       | <i>07-26-0132</i> | <i>703740</i>   | <i>Orange</i>  | <i>\$ 1,787.50</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i>    | <i>PO17083</i> | <i>William Morris</i>    | <i>07-26-0131</i> | <i>703652</i>   | <i>Orange</i>  | <i>\$ 1,625.00</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i>    | <i>PO17083</i> | <i>Karen Newman</i>      | <i>07-26-0086</i> | <i>701951</i>   | <i>Greene</i>  | <i>\$ 3,575.00</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i>    | <i>PO17083</i> | <i>Karolyn Weaver</i>    | <i>07-26-0130</i> | <i>703125</i>   | <i>Madison</i> | <i>\$ 4,225.00</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i>    | <i>PO17083</i> | <i>Hope Kidwell</i>      | <i>07-26-0129</i> | <i>703108</i>   | <i>Orange</i>  | <i>\$ 2,600.00</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i>    | <i>PO17083</i> | <i>John Keltonic</i>     | <i>07-26-0155</i> | <i>704926</i>   | <i>Orange</i>  | <i>\$ 1,625.00</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i>    | <i>PO17083</i> | <i>Zachery Santulli</i>  | <i>07-26-0156</i> | <i>705907</i>   | <i>Greene</i>  | <i>\$ 1,625.00</i> |
| <i>RB-4</i>     | <i>PO17083</i> | <i>Thomas King Jr.</i>   | <i>07-26-0128</i> | <i>702979</i>   | <i>Greene</i>  | <i>\$ 6,250.00</i> |

- 7) 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>      |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| <i>RB-1</i>     | <i>DEQ17220</i> | <i>Mary Thornton</i>  | <i>07-26-0154</i> | <i>704715</i>   | <i>Madison</i> | <i>\$ 225.00</i>   |
| <i>RB-1</i>     | <i>DEQ17220</i> | <i>Mary Thornton</i>  | <i>07-26-0154</i> | <i>704780</i>   | <i>Madison</i> | <i>\$ 225.00</i>   |
| <i>RB-1</i>     | <i>DEQ17220</i> | <i>Theresa Mawire</i> | <i>07-26-0152</i> | <i>704638</i>   | <i>Madison</i> | <i>\$ 225.00</i>   |
| <i>RB-1</i>     | <i>DEQ17220</i> | <i>Christen Fox</i>   | <i>07-26-0135</i> | <i>703749</i>   | <i>Madison</i> | <i>\$ 225.00</i>   |
| <i>RB-1</i>     | <i>DEQ17220</i> | <i>Debra Roy</i>      | <i>07-26-0133</i> | <i>703742</i>   | <i>Madison</i> | <i>\$ 360.00</i>   |
| <i>RB-4</i>     | <i>DEQ17220</i> | <i>Donnie Boyd</i>    | <i>07-26-0157</i> | <i>705992</i>   | <i>Madison</i> | <i>\$ 6,875.00</i> |

- 8) 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>      |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| <i>RB-3M</i>    | <i>PO17407</i> | <i>Charles Pitera</i> | <i>07-26-0119</i> | <i>692692</i>   | <i>Orange</i> | <i>\$ 3,250.00</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i>    | <i>PO17407</i> | <i>Dwight Boston</i>  | <i>07-26-0069</i> | <i>701202</i>   | <i>Orange</i> | <i>\$ 5,200.00</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i>    | <i>PO17407</i> | <i>Allison Cooke</i>  | <i>07-26-0151</i> | <i>704593</i>   | <i>Orange</i> | <i>\$ 1,787.50</i> |

- 9) 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>Joseph Lynch</i>  | <i>07-25-0673</i> | <i>658135</i>   | <i>Culpeper</i>     | <i>\$ 225.00</i> |
| <i>RB-1</i>     | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>James Derdeyn</i> | <i>07-26-0010</i> | <i>659328</i>   | <i>Rappahannock</i> | <i>\$ 212.50</i> |

|              |                       |                         |                   |               |                 |                    |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| RB-1         | Locally Funded        | James Derdeyn           | 07-26-0010        | 659329        | Rappahannock    | \$ 187.50          |
| <i>RB-1</i>  | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>Joyce Whitlock</i>   | <i>07-26-0127</i> | <i>702924</i> | <i>Culpeper</i> | <i>\$ 340.00</i>   |
| <i>RB-1</i>  | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>Eugene Weaver</i>    | <i>07-26-0067</i> | <i>661742</i> | <i>Madison</i>  | <i>\$ 320.00</i>   |
| <i>RB-1</i>  | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>James Irwin</i>      | <i>07-25-0539</i> | <i>651231</i> | <i>Greene</i>   | <i>\$ 225.00</i>   |
| <i>RB-3</i>  | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>Justin Manella</i>   | <i>07-25-0674</i> | <i>658148</i> | <i>Greene</i>   | <i>\$ 3,750.00</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i> | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>Duane Kuykendall</i> | <i>07-26-0104</i> | <i>689851</i> | <i>Culpeper</i> | <i>\$ 1,225.00</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i> | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>Thomas Apollonio</i> | <i>07-26-0037</i> | <i>660946</i> | <i>Culpeper</i> | <i>\$ 379.35</i>   |

- 10) The following Mountain Run, Muddy Run, and Lower 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-3M           | PO17406        | David Rinker         | 07-25-0634        | 656896          | Culpeper        | \$ 212.50        |
| <i>RB-1</i>     | <i>PO17406</i> | <i>Walter Burton</i> | <i>07-25-0611</i> | <i>655484</i>   | <i>Culpeper</i> | <i>\$ 212.50</i> |

- 11) 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        | Kimberly Jones                | 07-25-0616        | 655494          | Rappahannock        | \$ 212.50        |
| <i>RB-1</i>     | <i>DEQ17084</i> | <i>Mary Nelson</i>            | <i>07-26-0038</i> | <i>660957</i>   | <i>Culpeper</i>     | <i>\$ 212.50</i> |
| <i>RB-1</i>     | <i>DEQ17084</i> | <i>Henry B Wood, Jr Trust</i> | <i>07-26-0013</i> | <i>659335</i>   | <i>Rappahannock</i> | <i>\$ 212.50</i> |
| <i>RB-1</i>     | <i>DEQ17084</i> | <i>Henry B Wood III</i>       | <i>07-26-0011</i> | <i>659330</i>   | <i>Rappahannock</i> | <i>\$ 212.50</i> |
| <i>RB-1</i>     | <i>DEQ17084</i> | <i>Red Oak Mountain LLC</i>   | <i>07-26-0012</i> | <i>659331</i>   | <i>Rappahannock</i> | <i>\$ 212.50</i> |
| <i>RB-1</i>     | <i>DEQ17084</i> | <i>Red Oak Mountain LLC</i>   | <i>07-26-0012</i> | <i>659332</i>   | <i>Rappahannock</i> | <i>\$ 212.50</i> |
| <i>RB-1</i>     | <i>DEQ17084</i> | <i>Red Oak Mountain LLC</i>   | <i>07-26-0012</i> | <i>659333</i>   | <i>Rappahannock</i> | <i>\$ 225.00</i> |
| <i>RB-1</i>     | <i>DEQ17084</i> | <i>Elizabeth Lucas</i>        | <i>07-26-0050</i> | <i>661300</i>   | <i>Culpeper</i>     | <i>\$ 200.00</i> |

- 12) 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>      |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| <i>RB-1</i>     | <i>PO17407</i> | <i>Rose Noxon</i>     | <i>07-26-0047</i> | <i>661289</i>   | <i>Orange</i> | <i>\$ 225.00</i>   |
| <i>RB-3M</i>    | <i>PO17407</i> | <i>Joseph Coates</i>  | <i>07-26-0017</i> | <i>659357</i>   | <i>Orange</i> | <i>\$ 1,175.00</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i>    | <i>PO17407</i> | <i>Shirley Tucker</i> | <i>07-25-0447</i> | <i>648546</i>   | <i>Orange</i> | <i>\$ 3,022.50</i> |

- 13) 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           | PO17406               | Helen Stroud            | 07-25-0619        | 655562          | Culpeper       | \$ 1,625.00        |
| <i>RB-1</i>     | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>Russell Parrott</i>  | <i>07-25-0246</i> | <i>655910</i>   | <i>Greene</i>  | <i>\$ 225.00</i>   |
| <i>RB-3M</i>    | <i>PO17083</i>        | <i>Karen Newman</i>     | <i>07-26-0086</i> | <i>667923</i>   | <i>Orange</i>  | <i>\$ 1,787.50</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i>    | <i>PO17407</i>        | <i>Charles Pitera</i>   | <i>07-25-0542</i> | <i>651240</i>   | <i>Orange</i>  | <i>\$ 1,625.00</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i>    | <i>PO17407</i>        | <i>Dwight Boston</i>    | <i>07-26-0069</i> | <i>6661769</i>  | <i>Orange</i>  | <i>\$ 2,600.00</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i>    | <i>PO17083</i>        | <i>Steven Hutchison</i> | <i>07-26-0092</i> | <i>668597</i>   | <i>Greene</i>  | <i>\$ 1,625.00</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i>    | <i>DEQ17220</i>       | <i>Donnie Boyd</i>      | <i>07-25-0039</i> | <i>590110</i>   | <i>Madison</i> | <i>\$ 1,787.50</i> |
| <i>RB-3M</i>    | <i>Locally Funded</i> | <i>Michael Dow Jr.</i>  | <i>07-25-0247</i> | <i>628757</i>   | <i>Orange</i>  | <i>\$ 2,600.00</i> |

- 14) The following Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP) practices have been approved by the Technical Committee for payment:

| <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   |
| CW              | Blake Jimenez-Calhoun | Greene        | \$ 5,008.02   |

- 15) District staff gave an update on dams:
- The second mowing of District dams is underway.
  - District Staff recently cleaned trash racks, checked depths around trash rack, and measured distance for wing fence at spillway at several dams in Madison County.
- 16) The Technical Committee reviewed the summary report from the random verifications (spot checks) that District Staff recently completed. Several letters will be sent to producers for remedial maintenance issues.
- 17) Clean Water Farm Award, Grand Basin Awards, and Conservationist of the Year Nominations:
- Culpeper – Glebe Farm LLC
  - Greene – Evan Bowman
  - Madison – Shepherd Sons Farm
  - Orange – Brooke Farms
  - Rappahannock – Thornhill Farms LLC
  - York River Basin Award – Brooke Farms
  - James River Basin Award – Calvin Powell
  - Rappahannock River Basin Award – Muddy Flats Farm LLC
  - Conservationist of the Year – Carl Stafford
- 18) *The Technical Committee Chairman requests the authority of the Board to approve a WP-4LC practice (Contract # 07-26-0015) for Glenmary Farm Holdings LLC upon official approval from the DCR Variance Committee.*

R. Runkle moved to approve granting authority to the Technical Committee Chairman to approve Glenmary Farm Holdings LLC's WP-4LC practice upon official approval from the DCR Variance Committee. M. Sands seconded the motion. (R. Runkle, M. Sands, unanimous)

R. Bradford recused himself during discussion of the addition of his SL-7 practice for payment approval.

G. Wichelns provided a handout showing a potential dam encroachment from a proposal to build a 200+ housing development, referencing the District's Policy Update from February 2025, which includes a requirement of a 100-foot setback which the proposal does not meet. He and the Technical Committee Chairman will be meeting soon with the developer.

M. Sands moved to approve the Technical Committee Report and Additions as presented, including the Clean Water Farm Awards, Grand Basin Awards, and Conservationist of the Year Award nominations. R. Williamson seconded the motion. (M. Sands, R. Williamson, unanimous)

## **6) DIRECTOR REPORTS**

R. Runkle reported that interviews have been conducted to fill the vacant Program Assistant position; however, a candidate has not yet been selected.

L. Graves reported that he attended the Virginia Ag Expo, where District staff represented the District with an information table. He noted that a power and internet outage prevented him from attending the Area II Legislative Zoom Meeting but stated that he plans to attend the Association's Zoom Meeting on September 18.

## **7) STAFF REPORTS**

R. Jacobs reported that he attended the Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission Land Use Committee and presented a VCAP funding update. The VCAP Steering Committee reviewed 40 applications statewide and approved \$158,000 in funding, with approvals determined by a pre-set ranking score.

S. Yager reported that he attended a three-day VACDE Training Program at Graves Mountain Lodge, noting that all learning tracks were informative and well presented. He also announced that the District's Fourth Annual New Landowner Conservation Services Workshop is scheduled for Friday, September 5.

S. DeNicola reminded all that anyone wishing to revise their bios for inclusion in the Annual Report should send updates to her as soon as possible. She reported that she presented on grant writing at the VACDE Training at Graves Mountain Lodge, noting that the session was well received. She also announced that the District's Annual Banquet will be held at Pepper's Grill on November 20, 2025.

D. Massie reported that he represented the District at the Virginia Ag Expo and, despite less-than-ideal table placement, the District's table received good traffic. He also attended the VACDE Training at Graves Mountain Lodge and received his continuing education credits. He provided updates on the Clean Water Farm Awards and upcoming trainings and reminded members that the deadline for completing verifications is September 30.

T. Talley reported that he represented the District at the Virginia Ag Expo with Mr. Massie and also attended the VACDE Training at Graves Mountain Lodge. He further noted that he is on track to complete his Conservation Planning Certification next month.

A. McCullen reported that she attended the VACDE Training at Graves Mountain Lodge.

K. Dellinger reported that she attended the VACDE Training at Graves Mountain Lodge.

G. Wichelns provided an update on End of Lifespan Verifications, commending Lily and the contractor for their excellent work and noting that 2025 contracts are nearly complete and preparations for 2026 are underway. He reported that the District has hired a part-time employee to assist with the Virginia Voluntary Ag BMP Surveys. He also gave an update on Ag BMP T/A funds, noting ongoing discussions about the funding formula. While agricultural funding levels remain high at present, he cautioned that they may not stay this robust indefinitely.

## 8) AGENCY REPORTS

DCR – D. Cross submitted a written report and highlighted several key items. She reminded members that Quarterly Reports are due Wednesday, October 15, and noted that FY25 Random BMP Verifications (spot checks) are underway, with only two remaining in the Culpeper District. She provided updates and reminders regarding upcoming training opportunities and meetings. She also supplied a handout of the FY25 BMP/TA and FY Administrative Assessments, explaining that her initial remarks are printed in black ink and the Richmond office's comments in red ink. The Operations/Administrative Assessment received all "A" grades, while the BMP/TA Assessment did not, prompting discussion regarding the lower grades. S. Cornnell, Area II Representative on the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board was present to be part of this discussion, inviting District Staff and Board Members to provide feedback on the grading process, expectations, and related matters. The District expressed surprise at the poor scoring on one or two sections, noting that the results appeared inconsistent with some of the prior communications regarding EJAA. Staff shared their concerns and experiences and suggested more consistent, clear, and upfront guidance from DCR on specifically what the expectations are.

NRCS – B. Brush reported that she brought two conservation plans to the meeting for Board approval, noting that they are the final projects of the current season. She also reported that she will present on behalf of NRCS at the District's Fourth Annual New Landowner Conservation Services Workshop.

VDOF – M. Kenerly reported that applications for forest programs may now be submitted online. She noted that the Department has hired a new Technician, A. Markham, who is scheduled to begin on September 10. She also reported that Beech Leaf Disease has been identified in Orange and Fauquier Counties, explaining that the nematodes cause black striping under the leaves.

## 9) PLAN FOR SEPTEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committees will meet at the Culpeper District Office on Tuesday, September 23, 2025: 9:00 Personnel, 9:30 Operations, 10:00 Technical, followed by RMP TRC. The Education Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 3:30 PM at the Madison Extension Office. **BOARD MEETING FOR OCTOBER WILL BE HELD AT 10:00 AM ON Tuesday, October 7, 2025, in person, at Pepper's Grill in Culpeper County.**

**10) ADJOURNMENT**

D. Verhoff motioned to adjourn the September 2 Board meeting at 11:51 AM. R. Williamson seconded the motion. (D. Verhoff, R. Williamson, unanimous)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stevie Ross, Administrative Secretary/Financial Specialist

Lynn Graves, Chairman

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

Date Approved: October 7, 2025