

MINUTES
CULPEPER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Pepper's Grill
Culpeper County, Virginia
October 7, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lynn Graves at 10:06 AM.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Lynn Graves, Madison County
Mike Sands, Rappahannock County
Robert Williamson, Culpeper County
David Cox, Greene County
Robert Runkle, Greene County
Anthony Jewett, Madison County
Robert Bradford, Orange County
Robert Brame, Orange County
Mike Biniek, Rappahannock County
Steve Morris, At-Large Director, Greene County
Sarah Sharpe, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Greene County
Molly Elgin, Associate Director, Orange County

DIRECTORS NOT PRESENT:

Dennis Verhoff, Culpeper 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:

Griffin Robeson, VDOF
Davis Lamb, Greene County BOS

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

L. Graves called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM. Following a moment of silence, S. Yager led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were three handouts: Technical Committee Additions, DCR Report, and an Envirothon Grant Agreement.

2) DRAFT MINUTES

L. Graves called for approval of the substance of September 2, 2025, Draft District Board Meeting Minutes and for any substantive corrections or additions. R. Williamson moved to approve the Minutes as presented. R. Bradford seconded the motion. (R. Williamson, 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. M. Sands moved to adopt the Agenda as modified. R. Brame seconded the motion. (M. Sands, R. Brame, unanimous)

4) CONSENT AGENDA

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
RMP TRC REPORT
EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT
TREASURER'S REPORT

5) ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

5.1) TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

September 23, 2025 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes (Updated)

Present: Robert Bradford, Chairman; Lynn Graves, Madison; 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; Trevor Talley, Conservation Specialist

Items in italics were added at the October 7, 2025 Board Meeting in Culpeper, Virginia

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

A Le Boi Farm LLC	CP-7-26-0010
Ron England	CP-7-26-0007
Dwayne Forrest	CP-7-22-0101
Keyur Parikh	CP-7-26-0009
Ash-Lee-Farms	CP-7-26-0008

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.

Practice	Fund	Participant	Contract	Instance	County	Amount	Tax Credit
CCI-WP-2W	2026 VACS	A Le Boi Farms LLC	07-26-0209	719765	Orange	\$ 1,996.00	\$ 0.00
FR-1	2026 VACS	Keyur Parikh	07-26-0207	719683	Rappahannock	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 550.00
FR-1	2026 VACS	Ron England	07-26-0174	713261	Madison	\$ 1,110.00	\$ 72.50
FR-3	2026 VACS	Ron England	07-26-0174	713255	Madison	\$ 12,060.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2026 VACS	L&P Land Co. DBA Retreat Farm Rapidan	07-26-0195	717256	Orange	\$ 29,056.25	\$ 717.09
SL-7	2026 VACS	William Lovelace	07-26-0194	716775	Madison	\$ 7,827.60	\$ 489.23
SL-7	2026 VACS	A Le Boi Farms LLC	07-26-0209	719743	Orange	\$ 6,6340.00	\$ 414.40
SL-8B	2026 VACS	Wheatley Shackleford	07-26-0171	713050	Culpeper	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2026 VACS	Wheatley Shackleford	07-26-0167	712691	Culpeper	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2026 VACS	Michael Nicholson	07-26-0206	719681	Culpeper	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2026 VACS	Beauregard Farm LP	07-26-0213	720137	Culpeper	\$ 10,104.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2026 VACS	Beauregard Farm LP	07-26-0214	720138	Culpeper	\$ 129,956.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2026 VACS	Beauregard Farm, Inc.	07-26-0215	720139	Culpeper	\$ 3,240.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2026 VACS	Beauregard Farm, Inc.	07-26-0216	720141	Culpeper	\$ 39,715.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2026 VACS	Aksel Falk	07-26-0172	713173	Madison	\$ 24,900.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2026 VACS	Aksel Falk	07-26-0172	713172	Madison	\$ 1,162.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2026 VACS	Mathews Custom Farming, Inc.	07-26-0120	699214	Culpeper	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 0.00

SL-8B	2026 VACS	Faith Gil	07-26-0173	713249	Madison	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2026 VACS	McCormick Hill Farms LLC	07-26-0183	716093	Madison	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2026 VACS	Harris Ag. Properties Inc.	07-26-0217	720250	Orange	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2026 VACS	Harris Ag. Properties Inc.	07-26-0217	720251	Orange	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2026 VACS	Custom Harvesters	07-26-0218	720253	Orange	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2026 VACS	Custom Harvesters	07-26-0218	720255	Orange	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-10	2026 VACS	William Lovelace	07-26-0197	717280	Madison	\$ 2,482.50	\$ 0.00
WP-2W	2026 VACS	Ash-Lee-Farms	07-26-0196	717279	Orange	\$ 48,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
WP-4LC	2026 VACS	Dennis Brown	07-26-0016	659347	Culpeper	\$ 898,458.62	\$ 25,000.00
SL-1	2026 VACS	William Queitzish	07-26-0237	721723	Madison	\$ 4,537.50	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2026 VACS	AJ Miller Farms, LLC	07-26-0219	720821	Madison	\$ 40,500.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2026 VACS	AJ Miller Farms, LLC	07-26-0220	720831	Madison	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2026 VACS	Madison Farms Locust Dale LLC	07-26-0251	722071	Madison	\$ 88,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2026 VACS	Alexander Stumpf	07-26-0231	721508	Orange	\$ 6,570.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2026 VACS	Mine Run Ag Inc.	07-26-0232	721515	Orange	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2026 VACS	Mine Run Ag Inc.	07-26-0232	721523	Orange	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2026 VACS	Dale Welch	07-26-0226	721253	Rappahannock	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8H	2026 VACS	Ashland Farms Inc.	07-26-0227	721368	Culpeper	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2026 VACS	Thornhill Farms LLC	07-26-0228	721492	Culpeper	\$ 16,650.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2026 VACS	Mark Houck	07-26-0234	721602	Culpeper	\$ 42,750.00	\$ 0.00
SL-8B	2026 VACS	C L Farms LLC	07-26-0177	714666	Culpeper	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 0.00
WP-4LC	2026 VACS	Glenmary Farm Holdings LLC	07-26-0015	659345	Orange	\$1,308,132.19	\$25,000.00

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

Practice	Fund	Participant	Contract	Instance	County	Amount	Tax Credit
FR-1	2025 VACS	Sue Evangelista*	07-25-0185	622601	Culpeper	\$ 6,110.92	\$ 429.25
FR-1	2025 VACS	William Green	07-25-0183	622500	Culpeper	\$ 4,369.48	\$ 248.12
FR-1	2025 VACS	Theodore Bujewski	07-25-0355	645957	Madison	\$ 12,050.00	\$ 837.50
NM-3C	2025 VACS	American Heritage Family Farm Inc.	07-25-0596	651816	Culpeper	\$ 522.00	\$ 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	\$ 3,611.20	\$ 0.00
SL-1	2025 VACS	Ben Smith	07-25-0494	650365	Culpeper	\$ 22,875.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6N	2025 VACS	Val Verde Farm, LLC	07-25-0413	647229	Culpeper	\$ 36,500.54	\$ 4,913.54
SL-6W	2025 VACS	Celt Run Farm LLC**	07-25-0529	651089	Greene	\$ 19,156.00	\$ 0.00
WQ-1	2026 VACS	William Queitzsch***	07-26-0109	690717	Madison	\$ 13,590.00	\$ 0.00
SL-6W	2025 VACS	Turn of the River Farm LLC****	07-25-0012	589067	Orange	\$ 159,496.01	\$ 0.00

*The Technical Committee approved an increase for additional acres planted for this practice.

**This practice was approved for payment in the August 2025 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes. This practice payment had an increase because the buffer distance was widened from 35' to 50, which increased the cost share percentage and buffer payment.

***The Technical Committee approved an increase for an additional acre of filter strip planted for this practice.

****The Technical Committee approved an increase for additional stream exclusion fencing and buffer acres.

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

Practice	Fund	Participant	Contract	Instance	County	Amount	Tax Credit
SL-6W	2026 VACS	Ferris A Crilly*	07-26-0105	690054	Madison	\$ 28,062.00	\$ 0.00

*The Technical Committee approved an increase for the upgrade of the pressure tank and for additional footage of electrical installation to well (100' more than originally planned). The increase in cost share is \$5,250.00.

5) The following BMP participant has been cancelled by the Technical Committee:

Practice	Fund	Participant	Contract	Instance	County	Amount	Tax Credit
WQ-1	2026 VACS	William Queitzsch	07-26-0109	690717	Madison	\$ 13,590.00	\$ 0.00

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

Practice	Fund	Participant	Contract	Instance	County	Amount
RB-1	Locally Funded	Timothy Thoman	07-26-0159	708926	Rappahannock	\$ 360.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	John Sitnik	07-26-0208	719698	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Virginia Wharton	07-26-0102	686023	Culpeper	\$ 320.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Virginia Wharton	07-26-0102	686149	Culpeper	\$ 320.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Harvey Stanley	07-26-0200	718951	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Charles Jameson	07-26-0203	719465	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Patricia Settle	07-26-0201	718953	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Patricia Settle	07-26-0201	718956	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Patricia Settle	07-26-0201	718957	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Patricia Settle	07-26-0201	718958	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Patricia Settle	07-26-0201	718959	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Patricia Settle	07-26-0201	718960	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Patricia Settle	07-26-0201	718962	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	John Durrer	07-26-0188	716117	Orange	\$ 360.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Karen Brock	07-26-0181	715971	Madison	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Karen Brock	07-26-0181	716003	Madison	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Nathan Boudreau	07-26-0205	719470	Orange	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Terry Harlow	07-26-0180	715912	Orange	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Christina Evans-Zook	07-26-0184	716094	Orange	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Mary Smith	07-26-0211	719783	Madison	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Stephen Miller	07-26-0221	720865	Rappahannock	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Charles Griffith	07-26-0233	721595	Culpeper	\$ 247.50
RB-1	Locally Funded	Julia Rios Hernandez	07-26-0252	722073	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Sherri Armstrong	07-26-0253	722075	Rappahannock	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	William Lehmer	07-26-0240	721808	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Bonnie Wharton	07-26-0241	721809	Rappahannock	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Bonnie Wharton	07-26-0241	721811	Rappahannock	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Janet McKinney	07-26-0242	721835	Rappahannock	\$ 360.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Judy Lamb	07-26-0249	722045	Greene	\$ 360.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Lisa McCarthy	07-26-0255	722400	Orange	\$ 225.00
RB-3	Locally Funded	Tara Cardinal	07-26-0185	716101	Madison	\$ 3,750.00
RB-3M	Locally Funded	Brenda Scott	07-26-0199	718946	Culpeper	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	Locally Funded	Georgia Young	07-26-0212	719958	Culpeper	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	Locally Funded	William Grogan	07-26-0036	660945	Culpeper	\$ 3,250.00
RB-3M	Locally Funded	Rodney Grandon	07-26-0161	715188	Rappahannock	\$ 3,250.00
RB-3M	Locally Funded	James Lettenberger	07-26-0187	716113	Orange	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	Locally Funded	Andrea Wilkinson	07-26-0210	719773	Greene	\$ 3,250.00
RB-3M	Locally Funded	Bryan Beasley*	07-26-0142	720907	Culpeper	\$ 1,787.50
RB-3M	Locally Funded	Marie Davis-Roman	07-26-0245	722040	Rappahannock	\$ 1,787.50
RB-3M	Locally Funded	Cynthia Moravec	07-26-0248	722044	Madison	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	Locally Funded	Kelly Rousseau	07-26-0244	722027	Greene	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	Locally Funded	Beverly Jenkins	07-26-0243	722026	Greene	\$ 2,600.00
RB-4	Locally Funded	Melissa Belinski	07-26-0189	716122	Greene	\$ 6,875.00
RB-4	Locally Funded	Shawn Hamrick	07-26-0222	720899	Rappahannock	\$ 6,250.00
RB-5	Locally Funded	Christin Miller	07-26-0235	722035	Culpeper	\$ 20,475.00

*Bryan Beasley increases from RB-1 to RB-3M

7) 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	Cheng Naudus	07-26-0193	716226	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	PO17406	Talmage Colvin	07-26-0160	708989	Culpeper	\$ 292.50
RB-3M	PO17406	William Grogan*	07-26-0036	660945	Culpeper	\$ 3,250.00

*William Grogan increased from RB-3M Level 1 to Level 2.

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	Christina Oehser	07-26-0175	713256	Rappahannock	\$ 360.00
RB-4	DEQ17084	Jennifer Seligmann	07-26-0158	706883	Rappahannock	\$ 6,250.00

9) 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	John Quinley	07-26-0204	719468	Madison	\$ 225.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Clifford Stanley	07-26-0250	722058	Madison	\$ 360.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Gary Honaker	07-26-0246	722041	Madison	\$ 225.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Barry Hunphrey	07-26-0247	722042	Madison	\$ 225.00
RB-3M	DEQ17220	Cynthia Campbell	07-26-0122	702517	Madison	\$ 3,900.00
RB-3M	DEQ17220	William Heenan	07-26-0064	712929	Madison	\$ 3,250.00
RB-3M	DEQ17220	Michael Filippello	07-26-0236	721689	Madison	\$ 1,625.00
RB-4	DEQ17220	Sarah Berry	07-26-0005	658854	Madison	\$ 6,250.00

10) 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-1	PO17407	Pansy Colley	07-26-0202	719137	Orange	\$ 360.00
RB-3M	PO17407	Ralph McGehee	07-26-0178	714866	Orange	\$ 5,200.00

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>
RB-1	Locally Funded	Virginia Wharton	07-26-0102	686023	Culpeper	\$ 320.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Virginia Wharton	07-26-0102	686149	Culpeper	\$ 320.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Katherine Potter	07-26-0003	658844	Orange	\$ 187.50
RB-1	Locally Funded	Randall Fort	07-26-0078	662903	Rappahannock	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Richard Jacobs	07-26-0028	660584	Culpeper	\$ 276.25
RB-1	Locally Funded	Michael Gilbert	07-25-0600	652207	Greene	\$ 212.50
RB-1	Locally Funded	Andrea Wilkinson	07-25-0316	642162	Greene	\$ 200.00
RB-1	Locally Funded	Allen Tuel	07-26-0077	662901	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-3M	Locally Funded	Andrew Evans	07-26-0063	661490	Culpeper	\$ 937.50
RB-3M	Locally Funded	Christopher Redcay	07-26-0065	661493	Culpeper	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	Locally Funded	John McGinley	07-26-0147	704422	Culpeper	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	Locally Funded	Andrea Wilkinson	07-26-0210	719773	Greene	\$ 3,250.00
RB-3M	Locally Funded	Jane Herndon	07-25-0672	657952	Orange	\$ 3,600.00
RB-3M	Locally Funded	Kathryn Reinbolt	07-26-0141	703911	Rappahannock	\$ 2,237.50
RB-3M	Locally Funded	Rodney Grandon	07-26-0161	715188	Rappahannock	\$ 1,925.00
RB-4P	Locally Funded	Michael Davis	07-25-0329	652152	Greene	\$ 9,900.00

12) 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-1	PO17406	Michael Kitis	07-25-0610	655375	Culpeper	\$ 200.00
RB-1	PO17406	Stephen Josephson	07-26-0111	690977	Culpeper	\$ 212.50

RB-1	PO17406	Sandra Lillard	07-25-0615	655492	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-3M	PO17406	Alan Burkett	07-25-0535	651216	Culpeper	\$ 212.50
RB-3M	PO17406	Ricardo Landaverde	07-25-0611	655561	Culpeper	\$ 3,331.63
RB-3M	PO17406	Douglas Whipple	07-26-0021	660455	Culpeper	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	PO17406	William Grogan	07-26-0036	660945	Culpeper	\$ 2,900.00
RB-4	PO17406	Alan Burkett	07-26-0060	661487	Culpeper	\$ 6,250.00
RB-4	PO17406	Suzette Turner	07-25-0579	659198	Culpeper	\$ 9,104.10
RB-4P	PO17406	Christine Martin	07-26-0022	660456	Culpeper	\$ 9,900.00

13) The following Upper Hazel River Residential participants have been approved by the Technical Committee for payment:

Practice	Fund	Participant	Contract	Instance	County	Amount
RB-1	DEQ17084	Randy Sims	07-26-0020	660239	Culpeper	\$ 340.00
RB-3M	DEQ17084	Norman Williamson	07-26-0051	661301	Rappahannock	\$ 237.50
RB-3M	DEQ17084	Thomas Johnson	07-25-0636	656900	Rappahannock	\$ 212.50
RB-4	DEQ17084	John Robertson	07-26-0033	660907	Culpeper	\$ 6,250.00

14) The following Upper Rapidan River Residential participants have been approved by the Technical Committee for payment:

Practice	Fund	Participant	Contract	Instance	County	Amount
RB-1	PO17083	Frederick Turck	07-26-0089	667938	Greene	\$ 200.00
RB-1	PO17083	Daniel Auville	07-26-0134	703743	Orange	\$ 200.00
RB-1	PO17083	Steven Colyer	07-26-0085	667628	Greene	\$ 222.50
RB-1	PO17083	Thomas Marks	07-26-0046	661286	Madison	\$ 260.00
RB-1	PO17083	Steven Hutchison	07-26-0092	701703	Greene	\$ 200.00
RB-3M	PO17083	John Wright	07-25-0594	651808	Madison	\$ 312.50
RB-3M	PO17083	Alfred Schnepel	07-25-0472	649350	Greene	\$ 1,300.00

15) The following Robinson River Residential participants have been approved by the Technical Committee for payment:

Practice	Fund	Participant	Contract	Instance	County	Amount
RB-1	DEQ17220	Nancy Somerville	07-26-0068	661768	Culpeper	\$ 318.75
RB-1	DEQ17220	Daniel Magan Jr.	07-25-0640	656920	Madison	\$ 225.00
RB-4	DEQ17220	Kenneth Conrad	07-25-0604	652221	Madison	\$ 6,250.00

16) The following Upper York River Residential participants have been approved by the Technical Committee for payment:

Practice	Fund	Participant	Contract	Instance	County	Amount
RB-3M	PO17407	Vibeke Ober	07-25-0541	651237	Orange	\$ 425.00
RB-3M	PO17407	Paul LaCava	07-26-0059	661486	Orange	\$ 2,450.00
RB-3M	PO17407	Allison Cooke	07-26-0151	704593	Orange	\$ 574.75

17) The following Residential participants have been cancelled by the Technical Committee:

Practice	Fund	Participant	Contract	Instance	County	Amount
RB-1	Locally Funded	Dorothy Moore	07-25-0612	655486	Rappahannock	\$ 225.00
RB-1	PO17083	Mary Keys	07-25-0502	650603	Madison	\$ 360.00
RB-3M	PO17220	Cynthia Campbell	07-26-0588	651796	Madison	\$ 1,950.00
RB-3M	PO17220	William Heenan	07-26-0064	661492	Madison	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	Locally Funded	Andrea Wilkinson	07-25-0316	642105	Greene	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	PO17406	Grace Kelly	07-25-0553	651592	Culpeper	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	PO17406	JoAnne Walser	07-25-0605	652244	Culpeper	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	Locally Funded	Martha Harris	07-25-0513	650624	Orange	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	Locally Funded	Ruth Morsch	07-25-0474	649353	Orange	\$ 2,112.50
RB-5	Locally Funded	Sherri Rose	07-25-0501	650602	Culpeper	\$ 25,200.00

18) 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-3	Jesslyn Witte	Orange	\$ 7,000.00
VSC-WS	Jesslyn Witte	Orange	\$ 20,000.00
PP	Memorial Foundation of the Germanna Colonists in Virginia	Orange	\$ 20,000.00

19) 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	Ronald Gallahan	Culpeper	\$ 3,812.96
VSC-SPCS	Ian Masson	Culpeper	\$ 20,000.00

20) District staff gave an update on dams:

- a. The second mowing of District dams is underway.
- b. Portions of Beautiful Run #1B will be reseeded this fall. A fence was also installed near the wing wall of the emergency spillway to prevent livestock access to the spillway.

21) Subsequent to the September 2, 2025 District Board Meeting, which was attended by Ms. Stephanie Cornnell, Area II Representative on the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board (VSWCB), David Massie reported on his attendance at the VSWCB's Audit Subcommittee Meeting where the District's Cost Share and Technical Assistance Assessment was discussed. David will report to the Board on that meeting and the farm visit the day prior where Engineering Job Approval Authority (EJAA) was discussed. Follow up communication was received from both Ms. Cornnell and the Audit Subcommittee (see attached).

A. Jewett recused himself during the Technical Committee discussion and abstained from the vote.

R. Bradford moved to approve the Technical Committee Report and Additions as presented. S. Morris seconded the motion. (R. Bradford, S. Morris, unanimous)

6) CLOSED SESSION: PERSONNEL MATTERS

R. Runkle moved that the Board go into Closed Session at 10:11 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. M. Sands seconded the motion. (R. Runkle, M. Sands, unanimous)

Following the return from Closed Session, R. Runkle moved to reconvene at 10:40 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. Brame requested Board authority for the Personnel Committee to act on behalf of the Board until the November Board Meeting. R. Bradford moved to accept the recommendations from the Personnel Committee. R. Williamson seconded the motion. (R. Bradford, R. Williamson, unanimous)

7) DIRECTOR REPORTS

R. Williamson reported that Carl Stafford, Culpeper County Ag Extension Agent, will retire at the end of December and that there will be a celebration at the Carver Center on December 12 to recognize his years of service.

S. Sharpe reported that she will be hosting an open house at the new Greene County Extension office on October 9. She will also host an educational session on well water and septic systems,

featuring special guest Phillip Brown from Virginia Tech, on November 4 at the Greene Extension Office.

A. Jewett reported receiving positive feedback on the District's conservation efforts while attending the Taste of the Mountains event in Madison County.

L. Graves reported that he was unable to attend last week's VASWCD (Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts) meeting. However, he did attend the Rappahannock River Basin Commission meeting, where members toured a local data center and learned about the tax revenue it generates, as well as challenges related to cooling methods and potential remedies. He also noted that PFAS (PFOS/PFOA) is being regulated in Virginia through HB 1085 (House) and SB 243 (Senate), which established an Expert Advisory Committee and monitoring/reporting requirements. Virginia waterworks are expected to spend \$643–900M in capital costs to install PFAS treatment infrastructure, with ongoing annual operations and monitoring costs in the tens of millions of dollars per year (approximately \$100M). Separately, Virginia addresses plastics and microplastics through other programs and funding, which are not included in the PFAS cost estimates.

8) STAFF REPORTS

S. Ross reminded the Board of the FOIA and COIA training requirements and of the upcoming deadlines to register for the VASWCD Annual Meeting.

S. DeNicola reported that she will be conducting school educational programs through mid- to late November. She also noted that the binder from the 4th Annual New Landowner Conservation Services Workshop has been uploaded to the District website. Additionally, she referenced the VASWCD Envirothon Grant handout, explaining that it is intended to solidify the District's capacity as host of the 2026 Envirothon Competition, and requested that it be signed by Chairman Graves for approval. D. Cox moved to approve the request. M. Sands seconded the motion. (D. Cox, M. Sands, unanimous)

R. Jacobs reported that he presented District offerings at the Lake of the Woods Garden Club meeting and sold a few rain barrels while there. He also provided a brief update on potential VCAP budget restrictions and the monthly budgeting process currently utilized by VCAP.

D. Massie reported that, with the recently approved variance requests, the District has already allocated 20% of the FY26 cost-share allocation from DCR. He also noted that Clean Water Farm and Basin Award nominations have been submitted. Additionally, he reported that he and other Ag staff completed engineering training with Sara Bottenfield – DCR Ag Cost Share Program Manager, Amanda Pennington – DCR District Engineering Services Manager, and Raleigh Coleman – Assistant Engineering Specialist, during which clarity was provided on some of the language on some documents and several scenarios were explored. He attended the VSWCB Farm Tour on Monday, followed by the Audit Sub-Committee meeting on Tuesday. During the Farm Tour, participants visited two feeding barns and examined challenges in watering systems. James Martin – DCR Director, Division of Soil & Water Conservation, gave a presentation on the VACS Program history, funding, and achievements, and Amanda Pennington discussed EJAA, inviting Directors to ask questions. At the Audit Sub-Committee meeting, assessments and remediations were discussed, and Mr. Massie noted he was asked to address concerns regarding the District's "C" score on its most recent engineering assessment.

T. Talley reported that he completed four days of Engineering Training with DCR and that he will soon attend Conservation Planning Training.

C. Sheridan reported that she, Lily, Trevor, and Kendall have completed Resource Management Plan (RMP) Training and now have access to the RMP Tracking Module.

G. Wichelns reported that potential routes for the placement of new electrical transmission lines from Lynchburg to Northern Virginia by Dominion Energy will be announced in January, and that push-back is expected; current speculation indicates the routes will be in Orange and Culpeper counties. He noted that Ms. Ross has all quarterly reports underway and that they will be submitted by October 15. He reported attending a Zoom meeting with the VASWCD regarding Technical Assistance funding allocations. He then briefly reviewed the Budget Template, which is prepared every two years to inform

the General Assembly of the District's operational and agricultural funding needs. He added that the General Assembly will meet in January for 2–3 months, with decisions expected during that period. He informed the Board that as part of his retiring on December 1, 2025, he will be leaving behind a calendar covering eight months of items to monitor upon his retirement, emphasizing that federal funding is decreasing and attention to priorities is important.

9) AGENCY REPORTS

DCR – D. Cross submitted a written report.

VDOF – G. Robeson reported that the VDOF Warrenton Office is currently accepting acorns through October 15. He also noted that the Department is preparing for fire season.

10) PLAN FOR OCTOBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committees will meet at the Madison Extension Office on Tuesday, October 21, 2025: 9:00 Personnel, 9:30 Operations, 10:00 Technical. The Education Committee will meet on Monday, October 20, 2025, at 3:30 PM at the Madison Extension Office. **BOARD MEETING FOR NOVEMBER WILL BE HELD AT 10:00 AM ON Tuesday, November 4, 2025, in person, at the Madison Extension Office in Madison County.**

11) ADJOURNMENT

R. Brame motioned to adjourn the October 7 Board meeting at 11:14 AM. R. Bradford seconded the motion. (R. Brame, R. Bradford, unanimous)

Respectfully Submitted,
Stevie Ross, Administrative Secretary/Financial Specialist

Lynn Graves, Chairman



Date Approved: November 4, 2025