

MINUTES
CULPEPER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Pepper's Grille
Culpeper County, Virginia
August 4, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lynn Graves at 10:34 AM.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Lynn Graves, Madison County
Mike Sands, Rappahannock County
Robert Williamson, 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
Molly Elgin McWilliams, Associate Director, Orange County

DIRECTORS NOT PRESENT:

Dennis Verhoff, Culpeper County
David Cox, Greene County
Sarah Sharpe, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Greene County

STAFF PRESENT:

David Massie, District Manager
Stevie Ross, Administrative Secretary/Financial Specialist
Jack Bourdon, Conservation Specialist
Henny Calloway, Conservation Specialist
Kendall Dellinger, Conservation Specialist
Stephanie DeNicola, Education Specialist
Richard Jacobs, Conservation Specialist
Amanda McCullen, Conservation Specialist
Cheyenne Sheridan, Conservation Specialist
Trevor Talley, Conservation Specialist
Spencer Yager, Conservation Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

Debbie Cross, CDC, DCR
Ashleigh Cason, DC, NRCS
Misty Pack, First Bank and Trust
Emma Brown, First Bank and Trust

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

L. Graves called the meeting to order at 10:34 AM. He introduced Emma Brown and Misty Pack from First Bank and Trust, announcing that they would be hosting an information session once the meeting adjourns. Following a moment of silence, S. Yager led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were three handouts: Technical Committee Additions, DCR Report, and NRCS Report.

2) DRAFT MINUTES

L. Graves called for approval of the substance of July 7, 2026, Draft District Board Meeting Minutes and for any substantive corrections or additions. M. Sands moved to approve the Minutes as presented. R. Williamson seconded the motion. (M. Sands, R. Williamson, unanimous)

3) AGENDA APPROVAL

L. Graves called for Agenda approval. The Operations Committee Report was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Agenda as 5.1. The Technical Committee Report was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Agenda as 5.2. R. Williamson moved to adopt the Agenda as modified. M. Sands seconded the motion. (R. Williamson, M. Sands, unanimous)

4) CONSENT AGENDA

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT
TREASURER'S REPORT

5) ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

5.1) OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

L. Graves recommended the reappointment of Steve Morris to continue serving as the At-Large Director for an additional four-year term. R. Bradford moved to approve the nomination. M. Biniek seconded the motion. (R. Bradford, M. Biniek, unanimous)

L. Graves announced that the Federal IRS Standard Mileage Rate increased to 76 cents per mile, effective July 1, 2026. District policy provides that the District follows the Federal IRS Standard Mileage Rate. R. Bradford moved to increase the District mileage reimbursement rate to 76 cents per mile, effective July 1, 2026. M. Sands seconded the motion. (R. Bradford, M. Sands, unanimous)

R. Bradford moved to ratify the Chairman's signatures, executed under delegated authority, on the two DCR Grant Agreements: 503CSTA-27-08-GF and 503OPS-27-08-GF. M. Sands seconded the motion. (R. Bradford, M. Sands, unanimous)

R. Williamson moved to accept the Operations Committee Report as presented. M. Sands seconded the motion. (R. Williamson, M. Sands, unanimous)

5.2) TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

July 21, 2026 Technical Committee Minutes (Updated)

Present: Robert Bradford, Chairman; Lynn Graves, Madison; Robert Runkle, Greene; Mike Sands, Rappahannock; Bob Williamson, Culpeper; David Massie, District Manager; Spencer Yager, Conservation Specialist; Amanda McCullen, Conservation Specialist; Cheyenne Sheridan, Conservation Specialist; Kendall Dellinger, Conservation Specialist; Trevor Talley, Conservation Specialist; Jack Bourdon, Conservation Specialist

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

Steve Olson	CP-7-26-0029
Michael L. Simmons	CP-7-27-0002
L & M Farms	CP-7-23-0062

- 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-SL-6W	2027 VACS	Peter E. Harrison	07-27-0080	758275	Madison	\$ 20,243.75	\$ -
FR-3	2027 VACS	Eugene Deane	07-27-0079	738803	Madison	\$ 12,146.88	\$ -
SL-1	2027 VACS	Cid Owens	07-27-0042	745205	Orange	\$ 22,500.00	\$ -
SL-6F	2027 VACS	Amy E. Ferguson	07-27-0037	758630	Madison	\$ 87,834.00	\$ -
SL-6W	2027 VACS	Tom Nixon	07-27-0040	744541	Culpeper	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 2,000.00

- 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>
FR-1	2026 VACS	Lyle Alexander	07-26-0486	735795	Culpeper	\$ 2,645.63	\$ 135.47
NM-5P	2026 VACS	Harris Ag. Properties Inc.	07-26-0604	737073	Orange	\$ 9,698.40	\$ -
SL-6N	2026 VACS	Lucy Winks	07-26-0027	624830	Rappahannock	\$ 19,913.59	\$ 3,318.93
SL-6W	2026 VACS	David A. Sears	07-26-0398	732851	Orange	\$ 22,812.50	\$ -
SL-6W	2026 VACS	Paula M. Dilascia	07-26-0293	726391	Orange	\$ 228,059.15	\$ 8,627.88
SL-6W	2026 VACS	Tom Nixon*	07-26-0575	735886	Orange	\$ 117,435.81	\$ 1,928.77
SL-6W	2027 VACS	Tom Nixon	07-27-0040	744541	Culpeper	\$ 73,715.88	\$ 714.33
SL-6W	2026 VACS	Erich Jenkins	07-26-0342	730860	Madison	\$ 82,601.63	\$ 358.66
SL-6W	2026 VACS	Dale Dellinger	07-26-0019	660186	Orange	\$ 77,219.55	\$ -
SL-7	2026 VACS	Somerset Plantation	07-26-0489	735854	Orange	\$ 21,071.20	\$ 2,013.45
WP-2W	2026 VACS	Highland Ridge Farm	07-26-0607	737156	Culpeper	\$ 1,694.69	\$ 344.33

*The Technical Committee approved an increase for additional division fence.

- 4) 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	Local	Bryan Lilly	07-27-0039	744498	Rappahannock	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Local	Natalia Banks	07-27-0051	750045	Greene	\$ 292.50
RB-1	Local	Gloria Alexander	07-27-0055	752918	Madison	\$ 360.00
RB-1	Local	Edward Gordon	07-27-0056	752981	Orange	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Local	Donna Huff	07-27-0067	754235	Madison	\$ 360.00
RB-1	Local	Amy Tetervin	07-27-0069	754317	Orange	\$ 360.00
RB-1	Local	Sandra Hairston	07-27-0070	756439	Orange	\$ 270.00
RB-1	Local	Robert Mantz	07-27-0071	756505	Madison	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Local	Robet Bethel	07-27-0076	757320	Madison	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Local	Christopher Bowers	07-27-0048	750027	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Local	Dorothy Moore	07-27-0049	750030	Rappahannock	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Local	Gabriele Masill	07-27-0059	753188	Madison	\$ 270.00
RB-1	Local	Gabriele Masill	07-27-0059	754214	Orange	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Local	Gabriele Masill	07-27-0059	754224	Greene	\$ 225.00
RB-3M	Local	Gabriele Masill	07-27-0059	754218	Orange	\$ 1,950.00
RB-3M	Local	Gabriele Masill	07-27-0059	754222	Greene	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	Local	John McCloskey	07-27-0058	753154	Greene	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	Local	Ivan Henao	07-27-0074	756956	Greene	\$ 2,600.00
RB-3M	Local	Jeanie Robinson	07-27-0073	756797	Madison	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	Local	Sue Seale	07-27-0081	758344	Madison	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	Local	Christopher M. Bonsignore	07-27-0044	749785	Culpeper	\$ 3,900.00
RB-3M	Local	Stephen Holmes	07-27-0072	756551	Orange	\$ 2,112.50
RB-5	Local	Lisa Welch	07-27-0034	742906	Culpeper	\$ 17,325.00

- 5) 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	DEQ17406	Terese McEwen	07-27-0035	742955	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	DEQ17406	Winifred McEwen	07-27-0027	742703	Culpeper	\$ 225.00

RB-1	DEQ17406	Nicole Samperisi	07-27-0029	742706	Culpeper	\$ 360.00
RB-1	DEQ17406	Stephen Latham	07-27-0033	742905	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	DEQ17406	Bruce Winning	07-27-0050	750031	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	DEQ17406	Robert McFarland	07-27-0721	752905	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	DEQ17406	Steven Santell	07-27-0054	752906	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	DEQ17406	Richard Kitts	07-27-0061	754217	Culpeper	\$ 337.50
RB-3M	DEQ17406	Michael Williams	07-27-0024	741555	Culpeper	\$ 2,600.00
RB-3M	DEQ17406	Eliot Brubaker	07-27-0038	743794	Culpeper	\$ 3,250.00
RB-3M	DEQ17406	Paula Boxley	07-27-0032	742904	Culpeper	\$ 3,900.00
RB-3M	DEQ17406	Kenneth Weltz	07-26-0654	738025	Culpeper	\$ 1,625.00

- 6) 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	Charles M. Powers	07-27-0028	742705	Culpeper	\$ 337.50
RB-1	DEQ17084	Catherine Stephenson	07-27-0045	749899	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	DEQ17084	Robert Alford	07-27-0065	754223	Rappahannock	\$ 247.50
RB-1	DEQ17084	Anthony Markley	07-27-0075	757318	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	DEQ17084	Scott Alford	07-27-0066	754225	Rappahannock	\$ 225.00
RB-1	DEQ17084	Bruce Beard	07-27-0053	752904	Madison	\$ 225.00
RB-1	DEQ17084	Charles Smith	07-27-0078	757338	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	DEQ17084	James Martinez	07-27-0063	754220	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	DEQ17084	Jimmy Martin	07-27-0064	754221	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	DEQ17084	John Donovan	07-26-0573	750083	Rappahannock	\$ 225.00
RB-1	DEQ17084	Robin Martinez	07-27-0046	749927	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	DEQ17084	Robin Martinez	07-27-0047	749987	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-3M	DEQ17084	Kristean Forrest	07-27-0077	757322	Rappahannock	\$ 3,250.00
RB-3M	DEQ17084	Blake Brown	07-27-0026	744476	Rappahannock	\$ 1,625.00

- 7) The following Upper Rapidan River Residential applicant has been approved by the Technical Committee for funding:

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Instance</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
RB-1	DEQ17083	Kathryn Barker	07-27-0052	750137	Orange	\$ 270.00

- 8) The following Upper York River Residential applicant has been approved by the Technical Committee for funding:

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Instance</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
RB-3M	DEQ17407	Diane Pendleton	07-27-0057	753152	Orange	\$ 5,200.00

- 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>
RB-1	Local	Dorothy Moore	07-26-0637	737903	Rappahannock	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Local	Percy Patterson	07-26-0687	738756	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	Local	Stephen Koch	07-26-0698	738894	Greene	\$ 240.00
RB-1	Local	Geraldine Calavetinos	07-26-0665	738198	Orange	\$ 270.00
RB-1	Local	Paula Maurer	07-26-0494	735919	Greene	\$ 187.50
RB-1	Local	Tamara Treadway	07-26-0699	738895	Madison	\$ 318.75
RB-1	Local	Mark Wynkoop	07-26-0599	737057	Madison	\$ 200.00

RB-1	Local	Mark Wynkoop	07-26-0599	737178	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	Local	Elizabeth Wynkoop	07-26-0610	737179	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	Local	Ralph Campbell	07-26-0664	738195	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	Local	Ralph Campbell	07-26-0664	738197	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-3M	Local	Ronald Haley	07-26-0473	735173	Culpeper	\$ 1,525.00
RB-3M	Local	Suzette Smith	07-26-0367	731937	Greene	\$ 760.00
RB-3M	Local	Jessica Dutcher	07-26-0643	737999	Greene	\$ 884.00
RB-3M	Local	Karen Moore	07-26-0452	734799	Greene	\$ 325.00
RB-3	Local	Raymond Hersan	07-26-0503	735984	Culpeper	\$ 3,262.50
RB-3	Local	Candace Settle	07-26-0320	730173	Rappahannock	\$ 3,750.00
RB-4	Local	Maura Rodriguez	07-26-0357	737995	Greene	\$ 6,250.00

- 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-1	DEQ17406	Matthew Martinez	07-26-0716	739012	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-1	DEQ17406	Robert McFarland	07-27-0721	752905	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-3M	DEQ17406	William Rogers	07-26-0487	735803	Culpeper	\$ 5,200.00
RB-3M	DEQ17406	Kenneth Weltz	07-26-0654	738025	Culpeper	\$ 236.25
RB-4	DEQ17406	Charles Smith	07-26-0635	737897	Culpeper	\$ 6,250.00
RB-4	DEQ17406	Dennis Tate	07-26-0695	738884	Culpeper	\$ 6,875.00

- 11) 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	Richard Lichtenberger	07-26-0520	736162	Madison	\$ 260.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Karl Bracqbien	07-26-0554	736747	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-1	DEQ17220	Tanya Klemick	07-26-0558	736751	Madison	\$ 212.50
RB-1	DEQ17220	Ann Browning	07-26-0609	737172	Madison	\$ 212.50
RB-1	DEQ17220	James Berry II	07-26-0706	738926	Madison	\$ 200.00
RB-3M	DEQ17220	Thomas Miller Jr.	07-26-0631	737822	Madison	\$ 1,262.50

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

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Instance</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
RB-1	DEQ17084	John Donovan	07-26-0573	750083	Rappahannock	\$ 225.00
RB-1	DEQ17084	Robert Alford	07-27-0065	754223	Rappahannock	\$ 247.50
RB-1	DEQ17084	Scott Alford	07-27-0066	754225	Rappahannock	\$ 225.00
RB-3M	DEQ17084	Wendy Smith	07-26-0714	738945	Rappahannock	\$ 225.00

- 13) The following Upper Rapidan 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-3	DEQ17083	Elizabeth Herndon	07-26-0113	737435	Orange	\$ 3,750.00

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

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Instance</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
RB-1	DEQ17407	John Dawson II	07-26-0708	738928	Orange	\$ 225.00
RB-3M	DEQ17407	Delton Anglin III	07-26-0426	733604	Orange	\$ 1,925.00

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

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Instance</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
RB-1	DEQ17406	John Gillis	07-26-0562	736771	Culpeper	\$ 225.00
RB-3M	DEQ17083	Kathryn Barker	07-26-0629	737817	Orange	\$ 1,950.00
RB-3M	DEQ17407	Diane Pendleton	07-26-0491	735916	Orange	\$ 2,600.00
RB-3M	Local	Sandra Hairston	07-26-0598	737056	Orange	\$ 1,950.00
RB-3M	DEQ17406	Robert McFarland	07-27-0721	739102	Culpeper	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	DEQ17406	Kevin G. Summers	07-27-0007	742625	Culpeper	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	DEQ17406	Terence Dinkins	07-26-0594	737037	Culpeper	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	DEQ17084	John Donovan	07-26-0573	736883	Rappahannock	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	Local	Lula Hasan	07-26-0600	737058	Culpeper	\$ 1,950.00
RB-3M	Local	James Streeter	07-26-0615	737433	Culpeper	\$ 1,625.00
RB-3M	Local	Logan Wynn	07-26-0605	737074	Culpeper	\$ 1,625.00
RB-4	DEQ17406	Kevin Summers	07-27-0007	741348	Culpeper	\$ 3,900.00

- 16) The District Manager reported that the first dam mowings have been completed. The need and timing of the second dam mowings will be evaluated in August.
- 17) The Technical Committee recommends Board approval of submitting a variance request, which will be sent to DCR Staff in Richmond for ultimate approval, for contract 07-27-0041, WP-4 and WP-4C, L & M Farms, Culpeper County.
- 18) District staff expects increased workload due to additional animal waste practice sign-up this year, with several being “piggybacked” with NRCS.
- 19) The Committee discussed Clean Water Farm Awards and Grand Basin Awards. Several nominations were made and a complete list will be available at the August Technical Committee Meeting.
- 20) The District Manager reported that random verifications are almost complete and that no significant issues were discovered.

R. Bradford moved to approve the submission of a variance request to DCR for ultimate approval, for contract number 07-27-0041, WP-4 and WP-4C, L & M Farms, Culpeper County. M. Sands seconded the motion. (R. Bradford, M. Sands, unanimous)

R. Bradford informed the Board that Mr. Wichelns was still listed as a member of the Agricultural BMP Programmatic Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). He moved to replace Mr. Wichelns with Mr. Massie while leaving all other subcommittee appointments unchanged. M. Sands seconded the motion. (R. Bradford, M. Sands, unanimous)

Full TAC: Robert Bradford; Spencer Yager (Proxy)

Animal Waste: Kendall Dellinger; Amanda McCullen (Proxy)

Programmatic: David Massie; Kendall Dellinger (Proxy)

Cover Crop/Nutrient Management: Spencer Yager; Amanda McCullen (Proxy)

Stream Protection/Forestry: Robert Bradford; Spencer Yager (Proxy)

R. Bradford moved to approve corrections to two figures listed in the Technical Committee Additions. M. Sands seconded the motion. (R. Bradford, M. Sands, unanimous)

R. Bradford moved to accept the Technical Committee Report with Additions as corrected. M. Sands seconded the motion. (R. Bradford, M. Sands, unanimous)

6) CLOSED SESSION: PERSONNEL MATTERS

R. Runkle moved that the Board go into Closed Session at 10:45 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 11:02 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". M. Sands seconded the motion. (R. Runkle, M. Sands, unanimous)

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

7) DIRECTOR REPORTS

A. Jewett distributed a proposed Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy to Board members by email and invited questions or comments. No questions were raised.

S. Morris reported that the Greene County Agricultural Fair was held from July 30 to August 2. He noted that fewer youth participated in exhibiting livestock than in previous years; however, participation by local agencies and community members during the livestock sale was strong. He commented that the program benefits both the exhibitors, who receive proceeds from the sale of their animals, and the purchasers, who may be eligible for tax benefits.

R. Runkle reported that former Greene County Director Philip Morris passed away in April and that he had only recently learned of his passing. The Board and District staff expressed sincere condolences.

L. Graves reported that an Area II Legislative Call will be held on August 6 at 8:30 a.m. and invited any interested Directors or staff to participate. Registration is required.

8) STAFF REPORTS

R. Jacobs reported on a site plan revision for a proposed subdivision spanning the Orange and Greene County line. The development is estimated to include approximately 60 two-acre lots in Greene County and 100 two-acre lots in Orange County. He noted that the site plan was missing required components and that his comments have been submitted. R. Jacobs also reported on the continued increase in data center site plan reviews in Culpeper County, noting that new applications continue to be received. He further reported on the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP), stating that \$3.4 million in funding was awarded statewide, with approximately \$300,000 approved during the previous month. He noted that the available funding may not go very far given the demand. Finally, R. Jacobs reported that Michelle Edwards of the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission expressed concerns regarding the new "lifetime limit caps" language for VCAP funding, as additional clarification is needed to understand its impact on projects that rely on VCAP assistance.

C. Sheridan reported that she attended the Pasture Management Workshop held at Graves Mill Farm on July 23. She noted that the smaller group size encouraged participation and discussion and highlighted the fence construction demonstration as a particularly valuable part of the workshop.

J. Bourdon concurred with Ms. Sheridan's comments and reported that he is currently focusing on forage identification as part of his professional development.

T. Talley also concurred with Ms. Sheridan's remarks and reported that he and Ms. Sheridan are registered to retake the Nutrient Management Certification Exam.

A. McCullen also echoed Ms. Sheridan's comments. She stated that she learned a great deal from the workshop, appreciated the smaller group setting, and commended Brad Jarvis for his effectiveness as both a speaker and educator.

S. DeNicola reported that she has been training teachers in preparation for the expansion of the 4th Grade MWEE Program. She recently hosted a training session at Graves Mountain Lodge, which was successful, and she is now visiting schools to provide additional professional development. She noted that, as the school year begins and MWEEs are underway, she will be spending more time in the field and less time in the office. S. DeNicola also reported that the Quarterly Newsletters are arriving in recipients' mailboxes and that call volume has increased as a result. She further reported that the interns' final day is today and that they are spending the day in the field with John Jeffries.

H. Calloway reported that she is working toward completing continuing education units (CEUs) for her Stormwater and Sediment Control Certification.

S. Yager thanked everyone who assisted with hosting the Pasture Management Workshop at Graves Mill Farm on July 23. He agreed that the event was very successful and specifically expressed appreciation to Graves Mill Farm for being an outstanding and accommodating host and to Virginia Farm Credit for sponsoring lunch for attendees.

K. Dellinger echoed the positive feedback regarding the Pasture Management Workshop and reported that a member of the public also stopped by the office to compliment the event.

D. Massie echoed the positive feedback regarding the Pasture Management Workshop and noted that smaller group settings provide significant value through a more personal approach, increased interaction, and greater opportunity for questions and discussion. D. Massie reported that he attended the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board meeting in Charlottesville on July 24. He reported that the Board supported following the Budget Needs Template and that the District's funding position was favorable compared to some others. He further reported that, now that grant agreements have been executed, BMP approvals for FY2027 may begin. D. Massie reported that he plans to participate in the Area II Legislative Call on August 6 and will forward registration information to Directors and staff in case others wish to attend. D. Massie also reported that he held a staff meeting the previous week to discuss regular business items and provide updates. As part of the meeting, he distributed a Plant/Tree Identification pop quiz. He further reported that the cover page of the most recent Newsletter features a flyer for the upcoming Fifth Annual New Landowner Workshop scheduled for September 4. He noted that several registrations have already been received.

9) AGENCY REPORTS

DCR – D. Cross submitted a written report and highlighted several key items. She reported that disbursement letters were transmitted on July 30. She reminded the Board to finalize and approve the Dedicated Reserves Policy and reported that Culpeper will be contacted by Robinson, Farmer & Cox to schedule Financial and Cost Share File Audits. D. Cross reviewed recent FOIA requirements that resulted in updated language being incorporated into the 2026 Desktop Procedures for District Operations document and noted that those changes are significant. She also shared upcoming FOIA training opportunities. D. Cross reminded the Board that Clean Water Farm Award nominations are due by October 1 and provided information regarding other upcoming dates and training opportunities.

NRCS – A. Cason submitted a written report and highlighted several items. She reported that NRCS is working toward having all available funds fully obligated by August 21. She reported that EQIP obligations are ongoing and are currently at 78%, with funding focused on wildlife, agricultural waste, and general livestock practices. CSP is currently 7% obligated; however, several high-dollar pre-approvals are already underway. A. Cason reported that a Business Tools Training will be held in Richmond August 4–6 and that Bella and James will be attending. She also announced the Backyard Streambank Repair Workshop scheduled for August 13 at the JMU Festival Conference Center. A. Cason noted that September 30 marks the end of Fiscal Year 2026. She reported that the State Office will hold an all-employee meeting to discuss potential upcoming changes and reminded attendees that

the possibility of a federal government shutdown exists and that planning for that potential is encouraged.

10) PLAN FOR AUGUST COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committees will meet at the Madison Extension Office on Tuesday, August 18, 2026: 8:30 Personnel, 9:00 Legislative, 9:15 Education, 9:30 Technical, followed by Operations. **BOARD MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER WILL BE HELD AT 10:30 AM ON Tuesday, September 1, 2026, in person, at Blue Ridge Café in Greene County.**

11) ADJOURNMENT

R. Williamson motioned to adjourn the August Board meeting at 11:48 AM. R. Bradford seconded the motion. (R. Williamson, R. Bradford, unanimous)

Respectfully Submitted,
Stevie Ross, Administrative Secretary/Financial Specialist

Lynn Graves, Chairman

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

Date Approved: September 1, 2026