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# MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Thursday, October 17, 2024 WSSI, 5300 Wellington Branch Dr., #100, Gainesville, VA 20155

(Zoom virtual option for Associate Directors, Partners, District Staff, and Citizens)

### In-person Attendees:

John Price, Director – Chairman
Jenny Reed, Director – Vice-Chairman
Nancy Vehrs, Director – Secretary
Thomas Bolles, Director
Harry Glasgow, Associate Director
Andrew Uglow, Associate Director
Duane Mohr, District Manager
Debbie Cross, Conservation District Coordinator – DCR
Casey Iames, NRCS District Conservationist
Nicole Slazinski, Urban Conservation Specialist
Seth Hatfield, Conservation Specialist
Veronica Tangiri, Water Quality Manager

#### Absent:

Mansimran Kahlon

### Virtual Zoom Meeting Attendees:

Sonnie Cuffey, Associate Director Alex Murphy, Conservation Specialist Josie Anderson, Water Quality Specialist

Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

### Meetings/Events Attended

See attached September staff reports

## Casey Iames, NRCS District Conservationist (written report submitted)

Ms. Iames stated that application deadline was October 11, 2024.

### Environmental Qualities Incentives Program (EQIP) -

### **Current Contracts**

- o EQIP- 2014 2 active contracts Fauquier Co-\$654,536.28
- o EQIP- 2018- 32 active contracts 1 Fairfax, 4 Prince William, 10 Loudoun, 17 Fauquier \$\$3,327,820.

### Conservation Stewardship Program (CStP) -

### **Current Contracts**

- o 8 Active General CSP Contracts. 4 in Fauquier 3 in Loudoun 1 in Arlington for \$502,529.60
- o 37 Active CSP-GCI Contracts, 3 in Prince William, 8 in Loudoun, and 26 in Fauquier \$137,675.68

# Outreach/Agency Activities/Events (dates) Upcoming Training Opportunities in the Area (Joint Employee Development (JED), Webinars, Field Days)

- USDA open House - October 31<sup>st</sup> 10am-3pm - 98 Alexandria Pike Suites 11 &12 Warrenton VA (see flyer)

# Virginia Cooperative Extension Office - Thomas Bolles, Associate Extension Agent

Mr. Bolles stated that Education classes are ending for the season. VCE is planning a presentation at Loudon County's Public Master Gardener Symposium, and may also present at the Native Plant Symposium. Mr. Bolles asked that a donation letter be sent to Stephanie Cornnell, as she donated sod for the Farm Field Days event. Mr. Mohr stated that he will relay the message to Ms. Lowther, as she is not in attendance at today's meeting.

# Debbie Cross, Conservation District Coordinator – DCR (written report submitted)

Ms. Cross stated that the board meeting minutes training will be re-scheduled within the next couple of months with an alternate instructor.

Ms. Cross complimented the staff on the layout of the FY 24 Annual Report and the timeliness of submission.

Approve the FY 24 Annual Report – The motion to approve was made by Ms. Vehrs with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Reed and passed by a 4/0/0 vote.

Approve Revised Cash Reserves Plan - The motion to approve was made by Ms. Reed with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Vehrs and passed by a 4/0/0 vote.

### Other Business

Annual Meeting Registration - Mr. Mohr stated that the deadline to register for the Annual Meeting in order to receive the discounted rate is Monday, October 21st. He asked that anyone not registered please do so by Monday.

Holiday Party Date, Time, and Location - It was recommended that the holiday party be held at Cedar Run Brewery on Thursday, December 19th with the meeting beginning at 12 noon and lunch at 1:00 p.m.

2025 Board Meeting Dates, Times and Location - Treasurer Mansimran Kahlon requested that the Finance and Board meetings be changed to Wednesdays due to his work schedule. This topic will be discussed further.

### Conservation

Approve recommendations from the Technical Review Committee on October 9 - The motion to approve was made by Mr. Bolles with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Reed and passed by a 4/0/0 vote.

Recommended Approval of Plans by BOD

Motion: Mohr

Second:Reed

Vote: 7-0-2

10/9/2024

crops				Nut. Reduction			
Plan	GPIN	Сгор	Acres	N. (lbs)	P. (lbs)	Sed. (T)	RPA
Mohan Property 2024	7201-85-3196	Pasture	3.5	2.694	0.915	0.048	V
Roberts Farm - 3936 Clifton Manor PI (2025 New)	7300-12-6385	Specialty Crop	0.3	1,301	0.130	0.056	V
		Grand Totals:	3.8	4.0	1.0	0.1	

Livestock Plan	GPIN	Livestock	Num	Manure (lbs/day)	Manure (Tons/Year)	RPA	Manure Stockpiles?
Mohan Property 2024	7201-85-3196	Horses	6	326.40	19.6	V	
		Grand Totals:	6	326.4	19.6		

Recommended Approval of VACS BMPs by BOD

Motion: Reed

Second: Vehrs

Vote: 7-0-2

**BMPs** 

Viar, James

BMP ID: 589190

Tracking Program #: 35-25-0002

Stream Exclusion with Wide Width Buffer and Grazing Land Management

	Total	Est.		Estin	ctions	
Practice	Est Cost	State C/S	Acres	N. Red.	P Red.	Sed Red.
SL-6W	\$106,828.00	\$97,705.20	Acres	(lbs.)	(lbs.)	(Tons)
BMP Stream Exclusion		1.3	3.675	0.497	0.096	
		ng Land Management	10.0	9.466	1.270	0.393
Totals		11.3	13.141	1.767	0.489	

3 Recommended Approval of VCAP BMPs by BOD

Motion: Reed

Second: Mohr

Vote: 8-0-1

VCAP

### Miller, Melody

Practice	Contract No.	Total Est. Cost	Est. State C/S	Area (sq. feet)	Number	Gallons
Conservation Landscaping	VCAP 35-25-001	\$33,848.00	\$7,000.00	3,836.0	0.000	0.000

### Weathersby, Marie

Practice	Contract No.	Total Est. Cost	Est. State C/S	Area (sq. feet)	Number	Gallons
Rainwater Harvesting	VCAP 35-25-004	\$3,034.65	\$2,427.72	950.0	1.000	620.000
	Totals:	\$36,882.65	\$9,427.72	4,786.0	1.000	620.000

Viar. James. Tracking # 35-25-0002 BMP ID: 589190 request for additional funding to cover the drilling of a new well. A neighbor had to drill significantly deeper than predicted, an it is very likely Mr. Vier will have to do the same. The ford crossing was also removed from the cost-estimates due to the fact that current rocks in the stream would suffice as a crossing. With both of these factors, the request for cost-share is now \$97,705.20, about \$11,127.60 more than what was approved in September 2024.

3) Recommended Approval of VCAP BMPs by BOD:
Miller, Moody: while landscaper still needs to separate VCAP costs from personal costs, practice was approved on condition that the costs are separated (to prevent this practice from being tabled again)
Motion: Vehrs Second: Mohr Vote: 8-0-1 Mr. Hatfield abstained from the vote

The motion to grant authority to the TRC committee chair to approve up to three VCAP payments once Ms. Slazinski obtains all receipts and they are ready for approval was made by Mr. Price with a  $2^{nd}$  by Ms. Reed and passed by a 4/0/0 vote.

### Water Quality Programs Update - Veronica Tangiri

Ms. Tangiri stated that the upper Occoquan River Cleanup on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> went well. The Bull Run Watershed Protectors cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. The Little Bull Run Watershed cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. The Prince William Soil and Water Conservation District received nine abstracts for the water quality program sessions at the 14<sup>th</sup> National Monitoring Conference. All abstracts have been reviewed for submission to the council. See attached for complete staff report.

<sup>2)</sup> Recommended Approval of VACS BMPs by BOD: Mr. Hatfield and Mr. Mohr abstained from the vote

Next TRC meeting - Thursday, November 14, 2024, 1 p.m., 8033 Ashton Avenue, Conference Room D

Next Board meeting – Thursday, November 21, 2024, 1 p.m., WSSI, 5300 Wellington Branch Dr., #100, Gainesville, VA 20155, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room.

Next Finance Committee meeting - January 2025 - date and time TBD

Respectfully Submitted:

Linda Dunn, Office Manager

Approved:

Nancy Vehrs, Secretary