



MINUTES OF MEETING
HANOVER-CAROLINE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Hanover, Virginia November 18, 2008

Board Members Present:

Donald L. Wells – Chair / Director
Joe Stepp – Vice Chair / Director
Mac Saphir – Secretary / Director
Bruce Cauthorn – Treasurer/Director
Bill Orrock - Director

Park Dodd – Director
Leigh Pemberton – Associate Director
Rose Bradshaw – Associate Director
Tim Etheredge – Associate Director

Staff Present:

Sharon Conner – District Manager
Marian Moody - Conservation Specialist
Jim Tate – Conservation Specialist
Ann Edmonds – Administrative Assistant
Rebecca Jones – Education Specialist

Others Present:

Wayne Davis – Department of Conservation and Recreation
Brian Wooden - Natural Resource Conservation Service
Dave Terwilliger - Department of Forestry

Call to Order:

The November 2008 meeting of the Hanover-Caroline Soil and Water Conservation District was held in the Hanover USDA Service Center Conference Room on Tuesday, November 18, 2008. Mr. Wells called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Mr. Wells added to the agenda:

Nominating committee
Confirm spouse travel for the Annual Meeting
Report on the Virginia Association of Conservation Districts

Secretary Report:

The minutes of the October 2008 meeting were presented as e-mailed to the Directors. A motion was made by Mr. Dodd and duly seconded by Mr. Cauthorn to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report for October 2008 was presented. Ms. Edmonds reviewed the report noting that the CREP account has not been reconciled for October due to bank error of .50 which will be corrected in November. A motion was made by Mr. Dodd to file the October 2008 Treasurer's Report for audit, the motion was seconded by Mr. Cauthorn and the motion carried.

Agency Reports:

Department of Conservation and Recreation:

Mr. Davis' report is included in the packet. Mr. Davis reviewed his report stating that reallocation of unobligated cost share funds from program 2008 provides the additional cost share funds, \$74,323.36 base and \$47,994.51 priority to the district.

As a result of reallocation of cost share funds in Area III Mr. Davis stated the availability of addition funds for the Hanover-Caroline District in the amounts of \$37,161.68 base funds and \$13,712.72 priority. A motion was made by Mr. Saphir to accept these additional cost-share funds from DCR the motion was seconded by Mr. Stepp and the motion carried.

Mr. Davis discussed the recent ICE training and the need to attract more district employees to trainings.

Mr. Davis stated that the Governors budget will be released on December 17th.

Mr. Wells stated that the Virginia Association of Conservation Districts has been encouraged by Governor Kaine's commitment to Ag BMP's stating 2009 Year of the Environment to go forward with the 38 million dollar proposal package. The Association partnership is proposing to the General Assembly to change the way funding is allocated for tech assistance from a % rate to allocation in the budget.

Department of Forestry:

Mr. Terwilliger gave his report:

Kathleen Ogilvy and Lisa Deaton participated in October Hanover Teachers Day with a hands on education program for the teachers at Chicahomony Swamp.

Fall fire season began mid October

Participated in two prescribed burns

A wild fire in Henrico due to power line down

Attended PDR committee meeting, Hanover County must put together a program to conserve forest and agriculture land in order to receive available state funds.

FFA Forestry Competition at Discovery Challenge Course near Kings Dominion,

7 schools participated with 5 forestry events Spotsylvania School won

Budget problems resulting in larger region to cover and mileage restrictions

Planting 1000 acres in Hanover

Harvesting continuing

Cooperative Extension:

Mr. Saphir reported:

Farm and Family Program at Mt Olympus was a success with 150 participants.

Mr. Saphir was involved in the Equine Extravaganza October 31st through November 2nd.

December 4th and 11th - private pesticide certification will begin

January 12th - Water Quality Clinic for Caroline and King George County, homeowners will be able to get 15 tests on their water at cost of about \$45.00 this clinic will eventually be available to every county in the State.

January 30th will be the Grain Meeting participants can receive Category 10 credit

Rose Bradshaw reported:

November 20 & 21 Smart Growth PDR Program

December 10th Ms. Bradshaw passed out a Save the Date sheet for Cultivating Virginia's Farm to School Program.

December 11th 16th & 19th Pesticide Workshops

Feb 21st Forage Conference in New Kent

February 25th Richmond Fruit and Vegetable Conference Meeting

VA Ag Expo will be held at J N Mills farm on the Hanover

King William line summer 2009

NRCS:

Mr. Wooden presented a written copy of his report to the Board. Mr. Wooden reviewed his report:
Engineering – Josh helped with training at the Introduction to Conservation Engineering training that was held November 5th-7th in Prince George
Training – Mr. Wooden will be attending the VASWCD Annual Meeting in Roanoke on Dec 7th-9th
In service training is scheduled for the December 11th.
Mr. Wooden requested a director signature on the NRCS and H-C SWCD Computer Agreement so each partner has an agreement with original signatures.

Business:

2008 Ag BMP Cost-share Program Report:

Ms. Conner reported:
Program certification and payments are being done.
NRCS has assisted with Bruce Anderson SL-6 grazing practice and payment has been made.
Discussion followed concerning the November 10th cut off date for planting cover crops. Due to weather related late bean harvesting, cover crops are being planted late. A motion was made by Mr. Stepp to extend the cover crop planting date, to the producers who have already signed up for cover crop cost-share, to December 1, 2008. The motion was seconded by Mr. Orrock and the motion carried.

State Ag BMP Cost-share Committee/Sub-committee Update:

Mr. Tate updated the board on the proposed changes to the Ag BMP program
The next meeting is scheduled for December 5th.

Audit / Financial Report:

Ms. Conner reported:
The District audit by Robinson, Farmer, and Cox on October 29th went well with minor recommendations.
Hanover Budget hearing meeting is November 24th.
Annual report will be printed for the meeting.

Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act Plans:

Ms. Moody passed around and requested approval on two conservation plans Daniel Glembot T3277(Bay plan) and Susan BentleyT10461 (Nonbay Plan).
A motion was made by Mr. Orrock to approve the plans as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dodd and the motion carried.

Education Program Update:

Awards Program:
Ms. Jones reported the awards:
Mt Olympus for Conservation Farm of the Year will be presented by Mr. Saphir.
Union Bankshares for Urban Forestry Award will be presented by Ms. Conner.
John Jones Family for Conservation Forestry Award will be presented by Mr. Terwilliger

David Nunnally and his staff presented the nominees for Urban Conservation Award and recommended Home Spec LLC for the award. The banquet will be Thursday night November 20th at the Doswell Rurtian Club.

UBSH planting and R-MC classroom project:

Ms. Jones reported that the District along with Mr. Saphir and Mr. Vernor assisted in the classroom of the Randolph Macon Environmental Class with the design on the two bioretention areas Union Bankshares. The students prepared the design and assisted with planting. Plants and mulch were moved on October 30th and layout and planting began on October 31st and continued on November 1st.

Equine Extravaganza:

Ms. Conner volunteered and participated at the event on the last day.

MWEE Curriculum Development:

The Education Subcommittee is working on the development of the Meaningful Watershed Experience.

Ms. Conner and Ms. Jones attended a meeting with Assistant Superintendent of curriculum for Caroline County, Becky Broaddus, and Hanover Lead Science Instructor Kim Dye.

Curriculum is being developed with the help of DEQ.

Next meeting will be held November 21st with DEQ.

State Soils Judging Competition:

The district is hosting the FFA State Soil Competition November 20th at Dan Kulynych Farm in Caroline County.

Soil pits were dug on November 14th.

Lunch and drinks will be provided by the district.

Brain Wooden NRCS will be helping with the event.

Land Disturber Workshop:

Ms. Moody would like the district to host a breakfast meeting for landowners and excavators to educate them on the latest regulations for land disturbing. Partner agencies will be included to assist with the program.

Mr. Wells requested that Bruce Cauthorn chair the nominating committee for the 2009 district board officers. Also on the committee are Mr. Dodd and Mr. Etheredge.

A motion was made by Mr. Orrock for the district to pay for spouse travel to the Annual Meeting in Roanoke. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stepp and the motion carried.

Tributary Strategies Report:

Rappahannock River:

Mr. Wells reported that on November 10th a conference call was held by the districts representing the Rappahannock River Basin Watershed to replace the representative. Those districts selected Kathleen Harrigan from Tri-County/city SWCD as the representative, and Mac Saphir from Hanover-Caroline SWCD as her alternate.

Only elected directors can serve on the Commission which disqualifies our at-large and extension agent appointed directors. Those on the conference call agreed that the Code of VA needs to be changed to allow our appointed SWCD directors to serve and vote. A motion was made by Mr. Dodd to support this change the motion was seconded by Mr. Orrock and the motion carried.

A letter from the Hanover-Caroline SWCD supporting this decision will be sent to the VASWCD with copies to Ricky Rash, Willkie Chaffin, Kathleen Tyree and Don Wells.

Mr. Saphir reported that he is in the process of compiling a presentation, for education, on the results of the Rappahannock River Basin Summit to be presented to the localities.

Middle James River:
Ms. Jones has no report.

York River:
Ms. Edmonds reported:
The York River & Small Coastal Basins Roundtable hosted a Green Infrastructure Workshop on Thursday November 6, 2008 at Randolph Macon College. Three Rivers SWCD organized the event with about 50 in attendance. The 2009 Virginia Bay Roundtable Grant Guidelines have been released with focus from the scope of work to be connections to Governor Kaine's 2009 Year of the Environment and Energy. Ms. Conner reported that the district has been offered a \$1500 mini grant from the YRSCB for the MMWE at the Meadow Park.

Other Business:

Mr. Wells announced that the VASWCD has hired a new administrator, Kendall Tyree.

There being no further business, Mr. Wells adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Correspondence in Packets:

DCR Activity Report
NRCS Report
SWCD Staff Activity Reports
Treasurer's Report

UPCOMING EVENTS

District meetings - December 16, 2008 January 14, 2009 February 10, 2008
Land Disturber Workshop Planning Meeting – November 17, 2008; 1:30 pm office
Annual Awards Banquet – November 20, 2008; 6:30 pm Doswell
State Soils Judging Competition - November 20, 2008; 11:30 am Caroline
MWEE Planning Meeting – November 21, 2008; 10:00 am office
Hanover County Budget Hearing – November 24, 2008; 2:30 pm Hanover County
Hanover County PDR Meeting – November 24, 2008; 7:00 pm Hanover County
PDR Manager's Meeting – December 5, 2008; VA Farm Bureau

Respectfully submitted:

Hanover-Caroline Soil and Water Conservation District

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Ann Edmonds, Administrative Assistant

Date Approved

Donald Wells, Chairman

Date Approved

Mac Saphir, Secretary

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