



MINUTES OF MEETING
HANOVER-CAROLINE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Hanover, Virginia August 11, 2009

Board Members Present:

Donald L. Wells – Chair / Director
Park Dodd – Director
Mac Saphir – Secretary / Director
Leigh Pemberton – Associate Director

Bruce Cauthorn – Treasurer / Director
Rose Bradshaw – Associate Director
Bill Orrock – Director

Staff Present:

Sharon Conner – District Manager
Jim Tate – Conservation Specialist
Marian Moody - Conservation Specialist

Others Present:

Wayne Davis – Department of Conservation and Recreation
Mike Flagg – Hanover County Director of Public Works
Colleen Calderwood
Brian Wooden – NRCS
David Nunnally – Caroline County Senior Environmental Planner

Absent:

Joe Stepp – Vice Chair / Director
Tim Etheredge – Associate Director
Dave Terwilliger - Department of Forestry

Call to Order:

The August 2009 meeting of the Hanover-Caroline Soil and Water Conservation District was held in the Hanover USDA Service Center Conference Room on Tuesday, August 11, 2009. Mr. Wells called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Secretary Report:

The minutes of the July 2009 meeting were presented as e-mailed to the Directors. A motion was made by Mr. Saphir and duly seconded by Mr. Dodd to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report for June 2009 and July 2009 were presented. Ms. Conner commented on both monthly reports including cost share disbursements to date. She noted that the payroll payment to Caroline County had been invoiced and paid. Ms. Conner further commented on a one cent general ledger adjustment. Dam maintenance had been done and invoiced and paid and the rent for the quarter had been paid.

Mr. Orrock made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Saphir to approve the June treasurers report. The motion was approved.

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Agency Reports:

Department of Conservation and Recreation:

Mr. Davis' report was provided in the packet.

Mr. Davis reviewed his report. He began with state revenue projections and the projections for DCR and Districts. He also discussed the situation in regard to cost share funding.

Mr. Wells and Mr. Davis discussed with the board the new procedure for appointments as district directors and a new layer of administration.

NRCS:

Mr. Wooden distributed his written report. The first round of EQIP funds had been awarded and allocated. Signup continues.

He discussed the Chesapeake Bay program and noted that there were some pre approvals. Similarly WHIP had some pre approvals.

The new Conservation Stabilization Program has been rolled out and is now nationwide. Payments are a bit lower but there is an annual payment and a supplemental payment. Signup is August 10 thru September 30 2009.

Cooperative Extension:

Ms. Bradshaw reported on the Young Farmers Summer Expo where there were a record 134 attendees. She further reported on the Ag expo just completed at J.N. Mills farm and the Hanover Courthouse Ruritan Park. An estimated 1500 people attended.

Mr. Saphir reported on the Pond Program. He also reported on the Caroline County Fair and announced that the Caroline county Extension Office had once again relocated and was this time near the courthouse.

It was further reported that on 8/24/09 a public meeting was scheduled by DEQ in Caroline regarding Biosolids application.

Hanover County:

Mr. Flagg had copies of the biosolids regulations proposed changes. He also commented on the looming state budget cuts and declining assessments and revenue concerns and impacts in Hanover County.

Caroline County:

Mr. Nunnally reported on a meeting with DCR on Regulations and the Timmons Group storm water meeting and the E & S program review. He further reported that Caroline county was resolved to oppose the new Storm water regulations for three reasons:

1. Economic Impact
2. Lack of coordination with existing criteria from other programs
3. Revisit requirements and programs; refine technical criteria and statewide Program.

There followed a long discussion on the storm water regulations and impact on the counties and the district and producers.

District Business:

The Chair called on Ms. Conner to review the district self assessments recently completed. The district again met most objectives. The cancellation of some forestry participants due to duplicate funding from other sources caused the district to miss the 30% new producer signup. A copy of the self assessment will be attached to these minutes.

There was next a review of the Dedicated District funds Report. After review and brief discussion Mr. Saphir moved that the report be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dodd and approved by the board.

Ms. Conner discussed the upcoming awards:

Staff nominated Bruce Anderson and Jane Ruffin for the Clean Water Bay Friendly Farm Award.

For the Urban Forestry Award Randolph Macon college was nominated.

It was requested for Mr. Terwilliger to bring forward a nominee for the BMP Forestry award and for Mr. Flagg's department to come forward with a Hanover Urban Award.

Mr. Saphir moved to accept the nominations. Mr. Orrock suggested an amendment of accepting the nominees from Mr. Terwilliger and Mr. Flagg and offered to second the amended motion. Mr. Saphir accepted the amendment and the motion carried.

Education Program Report:

Ms. Jones gave the education report.

There is a Rain Barrel workshop scheduled for 9/1/09 and 9/2/09. 50 units have been pre sold so far.

There is a Meaningful Watershed Experience meeting scheduled to be held here on 8/20/09. Curriculum development is moving along well.

The next back to the Farm event is scheduled of 10/20/09 at Mt Olympus. Plans are progressing.

There is a pending meeting at Ft AP Hill regarding projects and the Boy Scout Jamboree.

Mr. Wells reviewed with the board a letter he had signed on behalf of the district regarding rainwater harvesting criteria. The letter had originated from Thomas Jefferson district and addressed issues we had experienced. Mr. Saphir had submitted the same letter to the Rappahannock River Commission. Ms. Conner had submitted it to May Sligh with the York River Group. The board expressed no objection to the action.

Next Meeting:

Ms. Conner reviewed scheduling opportunities for the next meeting. Due to changes in the Hanover budget process the meeting needed to be moved to 9/15/09. This would also facilitate having cost share applications completed for ranking and approval. In addition it was the month of the Dam Inspection and finance and Ag committees needed to meet. The board settled on a schedule:

Finance Committee Meeting 8 am

Agriculture Committee Meeting 9 am

District Board Meeting 10 am

Lunch at Michelle's 12 pm
Dam Inspection by those wanting to attend after lunch at Springfield Lake.

Tributary Strategies Reports:

Rappahannock River:

Mr. Saphir reported that the Rappahannock group was scheduled to meet on 8/12/09. The group had concerns about the proposed Storm Water Regulations.

York River:

Ms. Jones reported on the recent York River Roundtable meeting and canoe Trip. There was a lot of information shared pertaining to the natural history of the river and the Mattaponi and Pamunkey River Associations.

Other Business:

Chairman Wells reviewed the pilot project on Data sharing. He requested that Ms. Conner send an e-mail to J.C. Berger reviewing the accomplishments of the project. Staff commented that the changes were made seamlessly.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Correspondence in Packets:

- DCR Activity Report
- NRCS Report
- SWCD Staff Activity Reports
- Cost-share Report
- Cost-share Secondary Considerations/Caps
- Local Working Group Questioner

UPCOMING EVENTS

- District meetings -** August 11, 2009 September 8, 2009 October 13, 2009 (Sharon will not be in town)
- DCR Dam Safety Quarterly Meeting – Charlottesville, VA; July 23, 2009
- Ag Expo – August 6, 2009; King William
- MWEE Meeting – August 20, 2009; Meadow Farm Event Park, Caroline
- SENACD Meeting – August 23 – 25, 2009; Charleston, SC
- VACDE Employee Training – August 25 – 27, 2009; Graves Mountain Lodge, Syria VA
- Rain Barrel Pick-up Days – September 1 and 2, 2009; Hanover
- Annual Award Banquet – November 19, 2009; Doswell Ruritan Center
- VASWCD Annual Meeting – December 6-8, 2009; Richmond, VA

Respectfully submitted:

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Jim Tate, Assistant Administrative Assistant	Date Approved
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Donald Wells, Chairman	Date Approved
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Mac Saphir, Secretary	Date Approved