



**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**HANOVER-CAROLINE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**Hanover, Virginia     January 13, 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  
David Nunnally – Caroline County Senior Environmental Planner

**Absent:**

Brian Wooden - Natural Resource Conservation Service  
Dave Terwilliger - Department of Forestry

**Call to Order:**

The January 2009 meeting of the Hanover-Caroline Soil and Water Conservation District was held in the Hanover USDA Service Center Conference Room on Tuesday, January 13, 2009. Mr. Wells called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

**Secretary Report:**

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

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer's Report for December 2008 was presented. A motion was made by Mr. Orrock to file the December 2008 Treasurer's Report for audit. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cauthorn and the motion carried.

**District Business:**

**2008 Ag BMP Cost-share Program Report:**

Ms. Conner referred to the ranking report included in the packets and reported that the Ag Committee met and recommended the approval of the base and priority practices. A motion was made by Mr. Saphir to approve the recommended practices. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stepp and the motion carried.  
Ms. Conner reported that the Ag Committee also recommends the approval of the Nutrient Management practices listed on the ranking report. A motion was made by Mr.

Orrock to approve the recommended practices. The motion was seconded by Mr. Saphir and the motion carried.

### **Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act Plans:**

Ms. Moody reported that the Ag Committee recommends approval for three Chesapeake Bay plans:

T10402 Lisa Allen - Hanover

T10467 Mihaela Marcoci - Hanover

T3511 Barry and Cheryl Britt - Caroline

A motion was made by Mr. Orrock to approved the plans presented; the motion was seconded by Mr. Cauthorn and the motion carried.

### **Agency Reports:**

#### **Cooperative Extension:**

Mr. Saphir reported:

January 30<sup>th</sup> is the Grain Meeting; participants can receive Category 10 credit.

Recertification of commercial pesticide applications will take place during the winter.

Ms. Bradshaw reported:

4 Rivers Ag Conference will be held January 13<sup>th</sup>

Ms. Bradshaw is seeking suggestions for the June Agriculture Tour that will target county, state, and federal officials. The idea is to show the officials the impact legislative decisions have on the farming community.

#### **Department of Conservation and Recreation:**

Mr. Davis passed out and reviewed his report. Mr. Davis updated the board on the new no-till practice Long Term Continuous No-Till Planting System (LTCNT).

#### **Caroline County:**

Mr. Nunnally handed out Caroline County's Planning and Development January Newsletter and reviewed.

Mr. Nunnally reported:

The draft report from the DCR review of Caroline County Erosion and Sediment Control Program will be reviewed today.

Caroline County is revising their Comprehensive Plan and asks the District to review the natural resources section and update with SWCD information.

The county is in the process of BMP inspections.

The DCR Stormwater Regulations will be published in the spring for public comment.

### **District Business:**

#### **Standing Committee Report:**

Mr. Wells referred to the draft of the standing committee member nominees noting the addition of Ms. Bradshaw to the Ag and Education Committees and Wayne Davis as advisor on the Ag committee. After reviewing with the board members, Mr. Wells appointed the committees as they stand.

**Legislative Update:**

Mr. Wells reviewed the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Legislative Agenda which is included in the packets.

The Governor's Proposed Budget Amendments include \$20 million for the Natural Resource Commitment Fund and a provision to increase technical assistance from 5% to 8%.

Fiscal year 2009 funds of approximately \$400,000 will be used to begin implementation of modernization of the reporting system for districts and DCR. Additional funds of \$500,000 are needed to complete the modernization.

The association is also supporting the changes to the Rappahannock River Basin enabling legislation to allow appointed soil and water conservation district directors to serve on the commission.

**No-Till Drill and Wildlife Box Report:**

The reports were provided in the director packets.

**Tributary Strategies Reports:**

**James River:**

Ms. Jones attended the steering committee meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> to plan the Annual Roundtable Meeting which will be held March 12<sup>th</sup> at Longwood University.

**York:**

Ms. Edmonds reported that the 2009 Grant agreement has been submitted to DCR.

**Rappahannock River:**

Mr. Saphir reported that the nonpoint source work group is working on market based solution for water quality improvement.

Mr. Saphir reported that he will be presenting, for education, the results of the Rappahannock River Basin Summit to several localities.

**Other Business:**

Ms. Conner suggested May 12<sup>th</sup> as a date to review and revise the District strategic plan.

Ms. Moody reported that the District will be hosting a Rural Land Disturber Meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> at Michele's Hanover Tavern at 8:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Mr. Wells adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

**Correspondence in Packets:**

DCR Activity Report

NRCS Report

SWCD Staff Activity Reports

Treasurer's Report

Cost-Share Report

Legislative Report

No-Till Drill Report/Wildlife Box Report

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**District meetings -** February 10, 2008      March 10, 2008      April 14, 2008

Farm Program Meetings – Hanover and Caroline; late January

Area III Meeting Planning Meeting – January 15, 2008; JRSWCD at 10 am

State Fair Education Committee Meeting – Preakness House; 9:30 – 12:30

Meeting with Caroline County – 10 am

Farm Bureau Young Farmer Program – January 23-25, 2008

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Winter Grain Meeting – January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008; Caroline  
BSA Conservation Committee Meeting – D.C.; February 4, 2008 at 10 am  
Eastern VA Forage Conference – February 21, 2008; New Kent Middle School at 8:30 am  
Richmond Area Vegetable Growers Conference – February 25, 2008  
Land Disturber Workshop – March 11, 2008; Michelle’s Restaurant, Hanover  
Area III Envirothon Training – February 2008; Henricopolis SWCD  
Meadow Farm Wetlands Project – Early March  
Area III Meeting – Week of March 16<sup>th</sup>; JRSWCD  
Area III Envirothon – April 30, 2008; Dorey Park

Respectfully submitted:

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Ann Edmonds, Administrative Assistant

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Date Approved

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Donald Wells, Chairman

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Mac Saphir, Secretary

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