



MINUTES OF MEETING
HANOVER-CAROLINE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Hanover, Virginia March 10, 2009

Board Members Present:

Donald L. Wells – Chair / Director
Mac Saphir – Secretary / Director
Tim Etheredge – Associate Director
Bill Orrock - Director

Park Dodd – Director
Bruce Cauthorn – Treasurer / Director
Rose Bradshaw – Associate Director

Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Wayne Davis – Department of Conservation and Recreation
David Nunnally – Caroline County Senior Environmental Planner
Mike Flagg – Hanover County Director of Public Works
Brian Wooden - Natural Resource Conservation Service

Absent:

Joe Stepp – Vice Chair / Director
Dave Terwilliger - Department of Forestry
Leigh Pemberton – Associate Director

Call to Order:

The March 2009 meeting of the Hanover-Caroline Soil and Water Conservation District was held in the Hanover USDA Service Center Conference Room on Tuesday, March 10, 2009. Mr. Wells called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Secretary Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report for February 2009 was presented. A motion was made by Mr. Orrock to file the February 2009 Treasurer's Report for audit. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cauthorn and the motion carried.

Agency Reports:

Caroline County:

Mr. Nunnally reported:

The elimination of six positions in the planning department

DCR staff has re-visited the results of the report from DCR on Caroline County's Erosion and Sediment Control Program, discussion continues between DCR and the Caroline County on this issue. It will be addressed at the DCR Board Meeting on March 19, 2009.

Hanover County:

Mr. Flagg reported he has collaborated with the District staff in regards to conservation plan writing.

Cooperative Extension:

Mr. Saphir reported:

The pesticide training for commercial recertification has been completed.

Ms. Bradshaw reported:

March 18th VA Grain Producers Association is hosting an interest meeting for Ag discussion at the Essex County School Board

March 23rd Public Forum for the Hanover Economic Development Strategic Plan

Ms. Bradshaw attended the International Trade Conference which had several resources for export trade

NRCS:

Mr. Wooden handed out his report and reviewed.

Department of Conservation and Recreation:

Mr. Davis' report was provided in the packet.

Mr. Davis reviewed his report.

Ms. Conner reported on the Urban Committee meeting she attended on 3/10/09:

The committee has three main goals they are focusing on:

Develop a draft charter for the Urban Committee

Monitor the status of the new Stormwater Regulations and concerns from the community

Coordinate an information/education program to enable districts to help local staff and the development community becomes familiar with the regulations

District Business:

2009 Ag BMP Cost-share Program Report:

Ms. Conner reported that the Ag committee has reviewed the newly ranked list, which is included in the packets, and has recommended approval by the board. A motion was made by Mr. Saphir to accept the recommendation of the Ag committee to approve the revised list. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dodd and the motion carried.

Ms. Conner requests approval to change the Eagle Point SL-6 practice to critical area stabilization. A motion by Mr. Saphir to change the SL-6 practice at Eagle Point Farm to a critical area stabilization SL-11 in conjunction with development of a CBPA plan that specifies no piling of manure except in the temporary storage. The motion was seconded by Mr. Orrock and the motion carried.

Ms. Conner requested approval of tax credit for Douglas Garrett. A motion was made by Mr. Saphir to approve the tax credit the motion was second by Mr. Dodd and the motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Orrock to approve the tax credits for Mr. Wingfield

and Mr. Upshaw after they have provided their Nutrient Management Plans. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cauthorn and the motion carried.

Education Program Report:

Ms. Jones reported:

MWEE committee met 2/18/09.

Kris Jarvis is planning the curriculum and the district will provide site and watershed information and photos.

A stipend will be offered to the teachers for their participation

June 18th the teachers will visit the Meadow Park to view the site

The district has a contract with DEQ for the development of the curriculum.

DGIF may provide additional funds for a video series

Meadow Event Park Wetland Planting:

The District staff along with 50 volunteers planted 700 hardwoods at the park on Saturday 3/7/09.

James River:

Ms. Jones will attend the Annual Roundtable Meeting which will be held March 12th at Longwood University. She has also participated via e-mail in changes to bylaws and planning of the Annual Meeting topics.

Scholarship Approvals:

Mr. Saphir reported:

The committee met and reviewed the 10 scholarships applications that the district received.

A \$1000.00 scholarship will be awarded to the recipients:

Adam Moring from Hanover High School, Frank Daig from Caroline High School, Ian Foley and Thomas Battiatia from Attlee High School and Lewis Witherow from Lee Davis High School. The committee selected Ian Foley as the VASWCD scholarship applicant.

A motion was made by Mr. Saphir to approve scholarships as presented by the Education Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dodd and the motion carried.

State Ag BMP Cost-Share Advisory Committee Update:

Mr. Tate participated in a CREP conference call meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2009 in Charlottesville.

Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act Plans:

Ms. Moody presented two plans for approval:

Stephen and Nicole Phillips (Hanover) T10473 RPA

Fran Rebehn (Hanover) T10476 RMA

A motion was made by Mr. Saphir to approve the plans as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dodd and the motion carried.

Legislative Update:

Mr. Wells reviewed the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation 2009 Legislative Tracking Report - Final, which is included in the packets. Mr. Wells made note of the changes and the status of the proposed legislation.

Tributary Strategies Reports:

Rappahannock River:

Mr. Saphir reported that the nonpoint source work group will be reviewing the StormWater Regulations. The regulations will be out for public comment 7/1/09

York:

Ms. Edmonds reported:

The 2009 Grant Agreement has been signed by DCR. Some of the plans include:

An annual meeting celebrating the York River and Small Coastal Basins

3-4 Steering Committee meetings at varied locations in watershed, featuring special speakers

Basin Community Project – Educational Sign at the new State Fairgrounds (in the York Basin)

Continuation of Photo Contest

Strategic Planning led by the MPPDC/Dragon Run Steering Committee

Website maintenance

Other Business:

Mr. Wells recognized Mr. Tate for receiving his Conservation Planner Level I Certification.

Mr. Wells recognized Ms. Conner in appreciation for 10 years of service to the District.

Committee Meetings Schedule:

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. April 14 Finance Committee

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. April 14 Education Committee

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9:00 a.m. Board Meeting

Ms. Edmonds requested a count of those who wish to attend the Area III Spring Meeting in order to send the registrations.

There being no further business, Mr. Wells adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Correspondence in Packets:

DCR Activity Report

Legislative Report Final

NRCS Report

SWCD Staff Activity Reports

Treasurer's Report

UPCOMING EVENTS

District meetings - April 14, 2009 May 19, 2009 June 9, 2009

Land Disturber Workshop – March 11, 2009; Michelle's Restaurant, Hanover

James River Roundtable Meeting – March 12, 2009; 10-3

Marketing Environmental Solutions Conference – March 12 – 13, 2009 Charlottesville

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VA Water Monitoring 2008 Conference – March 20, 2009; Richmond
PDR Managers Meeting – March 23, 2009; 10 am VDACS
Local Envirothon Competition – March 24, 2009
York Steering Committee Meeting – Pamunkey Indian Reservation; March 26, 2009
Area III Meeting Meeting – April 2, 2009; JRSWCD
Earth Day Event/Rainbarrel Workshop – April 18, 2009
Rainbarrel Pick-up days – April 21-22, 2009
Dam Safety Meeting – April 23, 2009; Charlottesville
Area III Envirothon – April 30, 2009; Dorey Park
District 5-year Strategic Planning – May 12, 2009
Master Gardener/Naturalist Farm Training – May 5 and 7, 2009
District Strategic Planning – DSS facility in Ashland; 4-6 pm
VA Small Grains Field Day – May 14, 2009; Corbin Hill
VA Ag BMP Cost-share Training – May 18, 2009; Prince George
Small Grain Field Day – May 21, 2009; Providence Forge
Hanover Ag Day – May 27-28, 2009; Poor Farm Park
MWEE Meeting – June 18, 2009; Meadow Farm

Respectfully submitted:

Ann Edmonds, Administrative Assistant

Date Approved

Donald Wells, Chairman

Date Approved

Mac Saphir, Secretary

Date Approved