



**Piedmont Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Farmville, Virginia
August 29, 2017 11:00 a.m.**

Board Members Present:

Larkin Moyer –Director, Amelia County / Chairman
Ricky Rash – Director, Nottoway County/Vice Chairman
Wilkie Chaffin –Director, Prince Edward County / Treasurer
Juan Whittington –Appointed Director, Amelia County
Donna Kerr – Director, Amelia County
Gary Dillard – Associate Director, Amelia County
Horace Adams- Associate Director, Prince Edward County

Board Members Absent:

Chuck Arnason –Director, Nottoway County / Secretary
Bill Powers –Director, Prince Edward County
Haley Norton- Appointed Director, VCE Nottoway County
Bill Powers –Director, Prince Edward County

Piedmont SWCD Staff Present:

Deanna Fehrer- District Manager
Charlie Wootton- Senior Conservation Specialist
Amanda Hancock- Admin/Education Coordinator
Kevin Dunn- BMP Conservation Technician
Emily Gibbs- Urban & Program Support

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:

A regular meeting of the Piedmont SWCD Board of Directors was held in the conference room of the Prince Edward County Natural Resources and Agricultural building on August 29, 2017. Chairman Moyer called the meeting to order, welcomed directors, and staff, and led the group in prayer. A quorum was present.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Additions to the agenda will be addressed during the appropriate committee report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

On motion by Mr. Rash, seconded by Mr. Whittington and carried by unanimous vote, the Board accepted the July 25, 2017 minutes as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

On motion by Ms. Kerr seconded by Mr. Rash and carried by unanimous vote, the Board accepted the July 2017 Treasurer's Report to be filed as presented for audit.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE: (See attached Conservation Report)BMP Cost-Share and Tax Credit Approvals: Mr. Dunn reported:

Applications received for priority and exempt practices were fully funded. Applications for non-priority and non-exempt practices were ranked and approved based on funding available. In instances where funding was not available, tax credits were approved. *(Please refer to the spreadsheet attached)*

On motion by Mr. Rash, seconded by Dr. Chaffin and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the following estimated cost-share funds and tax credits as presented with the exception of Ameva Farm Inc., Oakmulgee Dairy and Juan Whittington:

\$245,107.21	Chesapeake Bay Cost-share -34 practices
\$13,642.00	Outside Chesapeake Bay Cost-share -1 practice
\$90,519.38	Chesapeake Bay Tax Credits -30
\$20,179.30	Outside Chesapeake Bay Tax Credits -6

On motion by Mr. Whittington, seconded by Mr. Rash and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved \$6,438.00 in Chesapeake Bay estimated cost-share funding and \$3,690.00 in estimated tax credits for Ameva Farm Inc. as presented with Ms. Kerr absent from the room during discussion and voting.

On motion by Dr. Chaffin, seconded by Mr. Rash and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved \$3,702.00 in Chesapeake Bay estimated cost-share funding and \$13,270.00 in estimated tax credit for Juan Whittington as presented with Mr. Whittington absent from the room during discussion and voting.

On motion by Ms. Kerr, seconded by Dr. Chaffin and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved \$18,072.00 in Chesapeake Bay estimated cost-share funding and \$8,040.00 in estimated tax credits for Oakmulgee Dairy as presented with Mr. Moyer absent from the room during discussion and voting.

DEQ 319(h) Residential Septic Cost-Share Approvals: Ms. Gibbs reported:Prince Edward

Edward Helton, Jr. (05-18-0001)	RB-4 Septic System Repair/Replacement Estimated Cost \$ 5,500.00 Estimated Cost-Share \$ 2,750.00
Ashley Patton (05-18-0003)	RB-1 Septic Tank Pump Out Estimated Cost \$ 300.00 Estimated Cost-Share \$ 150.00
Curtis Moore (05-18-0013)	RB-1 Septic Tank Pump Out (8) Estimated Cost \$ 2,400.00 Estimated Cost-Share \$ 1,200.00
Arthur Johnson, Jr. (05-18-0001)	RB-3R Full Inspection and Non-Permitted Repair Estimated Cost \$ 2,000.00 Estimated Cost-Share \$ 1,800.00 (90% cost-share rate)

On motion by Ms. Kerr, seconded by Mr. Rash and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the DEQ 319(h) Residential Septic Cost-Share applications as presented.

Ms. Gibbs stated she has mailed postcard pump-out reminders to residents living in the Flat Creek watershed.

Conservation Plans – (3)

Prince Edward (2)

Charles H Wells Jr

Suzanne J. Crouse

Signed For FSA

Patricia V. Nelson

On motion by Mr. Rash, seconded by Ms. Kerr and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the Conservation Plans as presented.

Informational Items:

PSWCD BMP PY-17 Program Funding

Chesapeake Bay VACS-18	\$	0.00
Outside Chesapeake Bay VACS-18	\$	0.00
Chesapeake Bay VACS-17	\$	0.00
Outside Chesapeake Bay VACS-17	\$	0.00
Chesapeake Bay VACS-15	\$	28,152.54
SL-6 CB Earmark	\$	2,482.00
SL-6 Supplemental VRNCF	\$	11,438.40
319 Septic Grant – Flat/Nibbs Creek	\$	154,917.25
319 Septic Grant – PE County TMDL	\$	221,297.25

FINANCE:

No report.

PLANNING:

No report.

WATERSHED: Ms. Fehrer reported:

Mowing on all dams has started.

Dam inspections over the last year have indicated four wave berms and one training berm that need to be replaced. Ms. Fehrer has submitted a request for funding that will go through a ranking process at the state level. Other dam inspections are scheduled for late September with DCR Dam engineer Charles Wilson.

In 2018, three dam gates that are inoperable will be inspected by a dive team hired by DCR.

LEGISLATIVE:

No report.

PERSONNEL:

No report.

COMMUNICATION / EDUCATION: Ms. Fehrer reported:

Piedmont SWCD Conservation Award nominations were presented:

Conservation Educator-Dan Michaelson, DGIF

Forestry- Jay Hackleman

Cooperative Partners-Prince Edward Health Department

Ms. Fehrer stated the staff suggested having a new award titled the Conservation Commitment Award for producers who have showed years of dedication to protecting our natural resources and following district guidelines. Staff did not feel they had nominees this year to have a conservation farmer award for each county. The Board suggested reviewing names of producers who would be a good nominee for the Conservation Commitment Award and drafting a spreadsheet for ranking these potential nominees. Staff will present their findings at the September board meeting.

Dr. Chaffin stated the Prince Edward County School Superintendent is excited about the Envirothon program and hopes to implement it in their schools this year.

Ms. Gibbs passed around a draft copy of the 2017 Annual Report.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT: Ms. Fehrer reported (*See attached report*)

Staff attended the annual VACDE training at Graves Mountain which focuses on the training needs of district administrative, educational and technical employees. Ms. Hancock led a “make and take” session which featured a stackable Best Management Practices (BMP) educational tool that can be used at fairs, classrooms and other educational outreach programs.

AGENCY REPORTS:

Department of Conservation and Recreation: (*See attached report*)

Natural Resources Conservation Service: (*See attached report*)

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

ATTACHED REPORTS:

- Conservation Report
- Cost-Share and Tax Credit Approval Spreadsheet
- District Manager Report
- DCR CDC Report
- NRCS Report

Submitted By _____ Date: _____
Amanda Hancock, Piedmont SWCD Staff

Approved By: _____ Date: _____
Charles Arnason, Director / Secretary