



**Piedmont Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Farmville, Virginia
February 27, 2018 4:00 p.m.**

Board Members Present:

Larkin Moyer –Director, Amelia County / Chairman
Ricky Rash – Director, Nottoway County/Vice Chairman
Wilkie Chaffin –Director, Prince Edward County / Treasurer
Chuck Arnason –Director, Nottoway County / Secretary
Bill Powers –Director, Prince Edward County
Gary Dillard – Associate Director, Amelia County
Horace Adams- Associate Director, Prince Edward County
Juan Whittington –Appointed Director, Amelia County
Donna Kerr – Director, Amelia County
Haley Norton- Appointed Director, VCE Nottoway County

Board Members Absent: None

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

Others Present:

Blair Gordon- CDC, DCR

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:

A regular meeting of the Piedmont SWCD Board of Directors was held at the Farmville Train Station in Farmville on February 27, 2018. Chairman Moyer called the meeting to order, welcomed directors, staff, partners, and led the group in prayer. A quorum was present.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Consideration of grants for small dam repair funding.

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

On a motion by Mr. Rash, seconded by Mr. Arnason and carried by unanimous vote, the Board accepted the January 23, 2018 minutes as presented.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

On a motion by Mr. Arnason seconded by Ms. Kerr and carried by unanimous vote, the Board accepted the January 2018 Treasurer’s Report as presented to be filed for audit.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE: *(See attached Conservation Report)*

Mr. Dunn reported:

AG BMP Cost Share and Tax Credit Applications**On a motion by Mr. Rash, seconded by Mr. Arnason and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the CB VACS 18 cost share practice and tax credit as presented.**Prince Edward

<u>Boot Hill Dairy</u>	WP-4B Dairy Loafing Lot Mgmt. System	
05-18-0033	Estimated Total Cost	\$285,053.44
(18 CB VACS)	Estimated Cost Share	\$ 4,049.30
	Estimated Tax Credit	\$ 17,500.00

The practice will be implemented with funding from NRCS EQIP funds. The state portion reflects bringing up eligible components of the project to 75% cost share.

On a motion by Mr. Rash, seconded by Mr. Arnason and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the CREP Cost-share practice and tax credit as presented.Nottoway

<u>John B. Hines</u>	CREP (State portion)	
05-18-0066	Estimated Total Cost	\$ 30,952.00
(CB CREP SB)	Estimated Cost Share	\$ 7,832.50
	Estimated Tax Credit	\$ 1,926.63

Funding Transfer**On a motion by Dr. Chaffin, seconded by Mr. Rash and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved transferring \$2,482.00 of SL-6 Earmark funds and \$263.06 in Technical Assistance funds to Peter Francisco SWCD. The funds cannot be used by Piedmont SWCD.**

Ms. Gibbs reported:

DEQ 319(h) Residential Septic Cost-Share Applications**On a motion by Mr. Rash, seconded by Dr. Chaffin and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the following DEQ 319(h) Residential Cost-share cancelations as presented.**Flat Creek, et al.

Thelma R. Beverly	RB-1 Septic Tank Pump Out	
(05-18-0070)	Estimated Cost	\$300.00
BMP Instance #302655	Estimated Cost-Share	\$270.00 (eligible for 90% cost-share rate)

Client needed repair instead of pump out as determined by health department.

Spring Creek, et al.

Cynthia Podlesni	RB-1 Septic Tank Pump Out	
(05-18-0044)	Estimated Cost	\$300.00
	Estimated Cost-Share	\$150.00

Client got tank pumped but decided to not accept payment.

On a motion by Dr. Chaffin, seconded by Mr. Arnason and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the following DEQ 319(h) Residential Cost-Share applications as presented.

Flat Creek, et al.

Thelma R. Beverly (05-18-0070) Amelia County	RB-4 Conventional Onsite Sewage System Replacement Estimated Cost \$4,800.00 Estimated Cost-Share \$4,320.00 (eligible for 90% cost-share rate)
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Robert N. Cheely (05-18-0074) Nottoway County	RB-1 Septic Tank Pump Out Estimated Cost \$300.00 Estimated Cost-Share \$150.00
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Spring Creek, et al.

Thomas Pinelli (05-18-0065) Prince Edward County	RB-4 Conventional Onsite Sewage System Replacement Estimated Cost \$4,350.00 Estimated Cost-Share \$2,175.00
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William Covington (05-18-0071) Prince Edward County	RB-1 Septic Tank Pump Out Estimated Cost \$300.00 Estimated Cost-Share \$150.00
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Emergency Pre-Approval by Conservation Committee during Interim

Daniel Kingsley (05-18-0073) Spring Creek, et al.	RB-4P Conventional Onsite Sewage System Replacement with Pump Estimated Cost \$9,200.00 Estimated Cost-Share \$4,600.00
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Emergency situation due to sewage backing up into house.

Conservation Plans (5)

On motion by Mr. Rash, seconded by Mr. Arnason and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the five conservation plans as presented.

Amelia

Tim Alexander
Smith Tobacco Co.
David Don Benson

Prince Edward

Boot Hill Dairy

Nottoway

Triple R Dairy

Atlantic Coast Pipeline

Dr. Chaffin reported he received information from the VASWCD regarding settlement funds that will be offered to 10 SWCDs that are impacted by the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and 3 SWCDs that are impacted by the Mountain View Pipeline. The ACP will impact Prince Edward and Nottoway Counties of the PSWCD. \$11.5M will be offered from Dominion Energy to the ten SWCDs to mitigate the environmental impacts of tree clearing and grubbing that will occur in the path of the pipeline. SWCDs will be required to utilize the funding for a suite of 16 Agricultural BMPs that have long term lifespans. The installation of the BMPS must follow the same standards and specifications in the VACS program and be reported in the VACS tracking

program. There are many questions that districts have and a meeting with VASWCD will be held later in the year. The VASWCD will be the recipient of the funding and will allocate to the eligible districts. As information becomes available it will be presented to Board members. Ms. Fehrer asked that Directors make note of questions and concerns they have so that those can be discussed in the meeting with VASWCD and other impacted districts.

FINANCE: Dr. Chaffin reported:

Equipment Sales

The District advertised the sale of the 1999 GMC Sierra pickup truck and a trailer in separate sealed bids. Six bids were received for the pickup truck with a high bid of \$1,500. Five bids were received for the trailer with a high bid of \$305. It was noted that the trailer was missing the back gate and thus reduced the value. **On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Arnason and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the two high bids and subsequent sale of the two pieces of equipment.**

Bank Signatories

On a motion by Mr. Whittington, seconded by Ms. Kerr and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the removal of Amanda Hancock and the addition of Emily Gibbs to the bank accounts at BB&T. Wilkie Chaffin, Bill Powers and Deanna Fehrer will remain as signatories.

PLANNING:

Dr. Chaffin reminded everyone of the upcoming Area V Spring meeting which will be held at the Primland resort located in the Meadows of Dan on Wednesday, March 7. Patrick SWCD is the host of the meeting and a tour of the resort will be offered.

WATERSHED:

FY 2018 Small Dam Repair:

On a motion by Mr. Arnason, seconded by Mr. Powers and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the following DCR small dam repair grants:

SDR18016 Buffalo #1 \$15,000 wave berm design

SDR 18017 Buffalo #3 \$15,000 wave berm design

SDR 18019 Buffalo #5 \$10,000 training berm design and relocation of access road

SDR 18020 Buffalo #6 \$15,000 wave berm design

SDR 18023 Bush #2 \$15,000 wave berm design

The funding is to address deficiencies that were reported during the 2017 inspections by DCR District Dam Engineer Charles Wilson.

LEGISLATIVE:

Dr. Chaffin reminded everyone to review the VASWCD legislative tracking report that is prepared by Don Wells and distributed via "All District" list serve.

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Dillard reported that the vacancy of the administrative/education position will be evaluated when projected 2019 funding is more secure. Consideration of workload and the potential funding from the pipeline settlement will be a part of the evaluation.

COMMUNICATION / EDUCATION: Ms. Fehrer reported:**Educational Scholarship:**

Scholarship applications are due March 1, 2018. Ms. Gibbs submitted articles to local papers, posted on the website and advertised through social media. Ms. Fehrer emailed the application information to teachers, principals and past awardees. She will send the updated ranking form to the Education Committee to review prior to sending applications for committee review.

Youth Conservation Camp:

Applications are due April 18, 2018. The opportunity for scholarships to attend YCC was advertised via local papers, website, email lists, schools and social media.

Poster Contest:

The theme for this year's NACD Poster Contest is "Watersheds – Our Water, Our Home". Materials were mailed to the art teachers at local schools. Posters are due April 20, 2018.

Envirothon:

Piedmont SWCD will sponsor one team from Fuqua School this year. Prince Edward High School is working on preparing a team, but will not be ready for a competition this year. The District will not sponsor a local workshop or competition, since we only have one team. Fuqua will represent Piedmont at the Area V Envirothon which is being held on April 24 in Rocky Mount, VA.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT: *(See attached report)*

Ms. Fehrer reported that Charlie and Kevin have completed 149 (out of 196) voluntary BMP re-inspections that were verified as functioning. There are approximately 35 remaining to inspect. Only six were unable to be verified as they were either out of lifespan and had been destroyed or the owner declined to participate. The District has received \$12,250 for performing the inspections and reporting. Ms. Fehrer thanked Charlie for his work to coordinate and conduct inspections.

Emily Gibbs has scheduled a septic workshop on March 13th in Farmville. She did a targeted mailing in the Little Sandy watershed.

Ms. Fehrer provided information regarding the success of the VCAP program statewide. A combination of funding (NFWF & DEQ/WQIF) totaling \$1,275,000 has been available to districts in the Chesapeake Bay watershed since March 2017. From this funding, 245 applications have been approved and 80 projects have been completed. In February we received 77 applications that totaled \$570,000. VASWCD is pursuing additional funding streams to make this a sustainable program. Ms. Fehrer thanked Emily for her work with VCAP. Dr. Chaffin also reported he has heard many compliments from the VASWCD on Emily's participation on the VCAP Steering Committee.

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

Ms. Gordon reviewed her report. She mentioned the VASWCD and VACDE will be offering scholarships to district directors and staff to attend the summer SENACD meeting which is being

held August 5-7 in Williamsburg, VA. The registration cost will be \$350 and she suggested that districts take this in consideration when planning 2019 budgets.

Natural Resources Conservation Service: *(See attached report from Rachel Loveday)*

Derek Hancock, District Conservationist in Farmville office, reported he has been working on pre-approvals of EQIP contracts and reminded folks of the CSP signup deadline of March 1, 2018.

Virginia Cooperative Extension:

Ms. Norton mentioned dates of several upcoming VCE programs: Area Beef Conference (3/2), Dicamba Training (3/7), Commercial Pesticide Recertification (3/16 and 3/21) and the Youth Cattle Working Competition (3/22). Details about location and registration can be found on the VCE website.

ROUNDTABLE:

Chairman Moyer passed around an article about Amelia resident Arthur Lehmann and his donation of property to the Wildlife Foundation of Virginia.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

ATTACHED REPORTS:

Conservation Report
District Manager Report
DCR CDC Report

The annual conservation awards banquet followed the Board meeting.

Submitted By Deanna Fehrer Date: 2/27/18
Deanna Fehrer, Piedmont SWCD Staff

Approved By: Chuck Arnason Date: 3/27/18
Charles Arnason, Director / Secretary