



**Piedmont Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Farmville, Virginia
February 26, 2019 11:00 a.m.**

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Donna Kerr – Director, Amelia County
Juan Whittington –Appointed Director, Amelia County

Piedmont SWCD Staff Present:

Kevin Dunn – Ag BMP Conservationist
Charlie Wootton – Senior Conservation Specialist

Others Present:

Denney Turner, DCR CDC
Rachel Loveday, NRCS District Conservationist
Derek Hancock, NRCS District Conservationist

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

A regular meeting of the Piedmont SWCD Board of Directors was held at the Prince Edward Natural Resources and Agriculture Building in Farmville on Tuesday, February 26, 2019. Chairman Moyer called the meeting to order, welcomed directors, staff, and partners and led the group in prayer. A quorum was present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Arnason seconded by Mr. Rash and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the January 27, 2019 minutes as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Moyer questioned whether an outstanding bill for use of a District drill should be further pursued or written off. **On a motion by Mr. Arnason, seconded by Dr. Chaffin and carried by unanimous vote, the Board voted to table that discussion until the next meeting and accepted the January 2019 Treasurer's Report as presented to be filed for audit.**

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**VACS - Agricultural Cost-Share Applications**

On a motion by Mr. Rash, seconded by Mr. Arnason and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the following VACS applications:

Prince Edward**R. Samuel Coleman**

05-19-0067

(CB VACS)

LE-2 Livestock Exclusion with Reduced Setback (2,500')

Estimated Total Cost \$ 12,678.80

Estimated Cost Share \$ 6,339.40

Estimated Tax Credit \$ 1,584.85

Daniel E. Glenn Jr

05-19-0072

(CB VACS)

FR-1 Afforestation of Crop, Hay, and Pasture Land (13 Ac) (15 Years)

Estimated Total Cost \$ 1,300.00

Estimated Cost Share \$ 1,625.00

Amelia**Elois S. Archer Revocable Trust**

05-19-0074

(CB VACS)

SL-11 Permanent Vegetative Cover on Critical Areas (1.8 Ac)

Estimated Total Cost \$ 1,702.80

Estimated Cost Share \$ 1,277.10

Estimated Tax Credit \$ 106.43

Elois S. Archer Revocable Trust

05-19-0074

(CB VACS)

WP-3 Sod Waterway (1.0 Ac)

Estimated Total Cost \$ 2,614.00

Estimated Cost Share \$ 1,960.50

Brian T. Crowder

05-19-0049

(CB VACS)

NM-1A Nutrient Management Plan Writing and Revision (85 Ac)

Estimated Total Cost \$ 170.00

Estimated Cost Share \$ 170.00

DEQ 319(h) Residential Septic Cost-Share Cancellations

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

Flat Creek, et al.**Annie Eppes**

(05-18-0100)

Amelia County

RB-1 Septic Tank Pump Out

Estimated Cost \$ 300.00

Estimated Cost-Share \$ 150.00 (50% cost-share rate)

Participant got tank pumped but declined to accept payment. She did not want to sign the contract.

DEQ 319(h) Residential Septic Cost-Share Approvals

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

Flat Creek, et al.**Kenneth Flynn**

(05-19-0048)

RB-5 Alternative Onsite Sewage System Installation

Estimated Cost \$ 13,750.00

Nottoway County Estimated Cost-Share \$ 10,087.50 (75% cost-share rate)

Cost-share amount subtracts the \$225.00 that the client received for an RB-1 practice (pump-out). On the pump-out inspection form, the contractor suggested a drainfield repair.

Jennifer Morris
(05-19-0070)

Amelia County

RB-1 Septic Tank Pump Out

Estimated Cost \$ 300.00

Estimated Cost-Share \$ 150.00 (50% cost-share rate)

Robert Mottley, Jr.
(05-19-0071)

Nottoway County

RB-1 Septic Tank Pump Out

Estimated Cost \$ 300.00

Estimated Cost-Share \$ 150.00 (50% cost-share rate)

Eunice Mercado
(05-19-0073)

Nottoway County

RB-1 Septic Tank Pump Out

Estimated Cost \$ 300.00

Estimated Cost-Share \$ 225.00 (75% cost-share rate)

Spring Creek, et al.

LeRoy Wilson

(05-19-0066)

Prince Edward County

RB-1 Septic Tank Pump Out

Estimated Cost \$ 300.00

Estimated Cost-Share \$ 150.00 (50% cost-share rate)

William Van Benthuyzen
(05-19-0068)

Prince Edward County

RB-1 Septic Tank Pump Out

Estimated Cost \$ 300.00

Estimated Cost-Share \$ 150.00 (50% cost-share rate)

James Gates, Jr.
(05-19-0069)

Prince Edward County

RB-1 Septic Tank Pump Out

Estimated Cost \$ 300.00

Estimated Cost-Share \$ 150.00 (50% cost-share rate)

Agricultural Conservation Plans

On a motion by Mr. Rash, seconded by Mr. Arnason and carried by unanimous vote, the Board accepted the following Agricultural Conservation Plans (60).

Amelia (45)

Featherstone Farm (21)

AMEVA Farm (4)

Tim Alexander (2)

John Ashman (5)

Wilford Poore (13)

Nottoway(15)

Harrison Moody (6)

John Shepherd (9)

FINANCE

Dr. Chaffin informed the Board that the Finance Committee is working on updates to the District Financial Policy. Mr. Moyer stated that the District has submitted 2020 locality budget requests to Amelia, Nottoway and Prince Edward Counties.

PLANNING

No report

WATERSHED

Mr. Arnason reported that debris from Hurricane Michael will need to be removed from several dams before spring mowing can be accomplished. **On a motion by Mr. Arnason seconded by Mr. Powers and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved an addendum to the current maintenance contract in the amount of \$1,900 for the clean-up.**

Mr. Arnason also reported that the District has received the applications for Dam Alteration Permits for Buffalo #2 and Buffalo # 9. **On a motion by Mr. Arnason seconded by Mr. Rash and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved signing of the applications.**

LEGISLATIVE

Dr. Chaffin reported on the budget approved by the General Assembly as pertaining to Soil and Water Districts. He reminded everyone of the Area V meeting on March 6. Mr. Arnason asked about the change in cost share allocation from 60% Bay/40% OCB. Mr. Rash stated the budget language does in fact change the cost share allocation to 70% Bay/ 30% OCB. Dr. Chaffin reminded everyone that all elected Directors are up for re-election this year.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Dillard reported that the Education Coordinator position had been re-advertised as the previous applicants had withdrawn. There are currently three applicants and the Committee anticipates interviewing in March.

COMMUNICATION / EDUCATION

Mr. Powers reminded everyone of the upcoming dates of the scholarship, YCC, Poster Contest and Envirothon programs.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT *(See attached report)*

Mr. Wootton reported the Landowner Breakfast meeting February 12 on the permitting and other requirements about building a pond had over 50 in attendance. He stated that the District has made a donation to the Crewe Volunteer Fire Department in appreciation for use of their facility for the breakfast meetings.

PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS:

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

Ms. Turner reviewed her report and reminded the Board that FOIA contact information must be posted on the District's website as well as FOIA Council website.

Virginia Cooperative Extension:

Ms. Norton passed out several flyers of upcoming events. She reminded everyone of the Hemp Forum this Thursday, February 28 at Southern Piedmont AREC in Blackstone.

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

Ms. Loveday reviewed her report with the Board and reminded everyone that they need to have signed a Form 1619 (protection of personal identifiable information).

Mr. Hancock stated that he is working with four producers who qualify as “new/beginning farmers” and one veteran. He also has a producer signed up for the Beef and Bobs program, a warm season grass initiative benefiting both cattle and quail. This is the first such project in our District and the District will be assisting with cost share on stream exclusion.

Roundtable:

Mr. Wootton stated that District field staff will be conducting farm tours with both Longwood University and Fuqua School environmental science students. The District will also be participating in the Ag Awareness Day program at Southern Piedmont AREC.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

ATTACHED REPORTS:

Conservation Report; DCR CDC Report; Staff report; NRCS Amelia Service Center Report.

Submitted By _____ Date: _____
Charles Wootton, Piedmont SWCD Staff

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