



**Piedmont Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Farmville, Virginia
August 30, 2022 11:00 a.m.**

Board Members Present:

Larkin Moyer –Director, Amelia County / Chairman
Bill Powers –Director, Prince Edward County / Secretary
Charles “Chuck” Arnason –Director, Nottoway County / Treasurer
Allison Crews – Director, Amelia County
Horace Adams- Director, Prince Edward County
Juan Whittington – Appointed Director, Amelia County
Erin Small – VCE Appointed Director, Prince Edward County
Gary Dillard – Associate Director, Amelia County
Sarah Eck – Associate Director, Nottoway County

Board Members, Staff & Partners Absent:

Ricky Rash – Director, Nottoway County /Vice Chairman
Tyler Smith – PSWCD BMP Conservation Technician

SWCD Staff Present:

Kelly Atkinson – Education Specialist
Kevin Dunn – BMP Conservation Specialist
Deanna Fehrer - District Manager
Charlie Wootton – Senior Conservation Specialist

Partners Present:

Denney Collins, Conservation District Coordinator, Dept. Conservation & Recreation
Jeremy Evans, NRCS District Conservationist, Nottoway/Farmville

Guests Present:

Dr. Kathy Gee, Professor Longwood University
Gregg Zody, Planning and Economic Development Director, Nottoway County
Reed Blackwell, VCE Agent, Nottoway County

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

A regular meeting of the Piedmont SWCD Board of Directors was held at the Prince Edward County Natural Resources and Agriculture Building in Farmville on Tuesday, August 30, 2022. Chairman Moyer called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum was physically present.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Arnason, seconded by Ms. Crews and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the July 26, 2022 minutes as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Arnason, seconded by Mr. Powers and carried by unanimous vote, the Board accepted the July 2022 Treasurer's Report as presented to be filed for audit. A detailed written report was provided to the Treasurer.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE – Presented by Mr. Dunn and Mr. Wootton

On a motion by Mr. Whittington, seconded by Ms. Crews and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the following correction (contract and instance #s) to the June 21, 2022 minutes:

Robert Jones-Contract Forgiveness

05-13-0029 (~~164399~~159188) WP4B expiration 12/31/2023
 05-13-0029 (~~159188~~161116) LE1T expiration 12/31/2024
 05-~~1319~~-0039 (337762) CCISE1 expiration 12/31/2024

On a motion by Ms. Crews, seconded by Mr. Arnason and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved additional CB cost share funds totaling \$21,631.23 to the following FY22 active VACS contracts utilizing FY23 CB VACS funding that will be transferred to the FY22 contracts due to increased costs (new component cost rates utilizing the FY23 VACS cost list – per DCR cost guidance):

Amelia

Timothy Mark Orr	SL-6W Stream Exclusion with Wide Buffer (50'/10yr) (1,200')		
05-22-0065 (469742)	Estimated Cost	\$ 24,400.00	\$25,715.00
	Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 23,180.00 (95%)	\$24,429.25
	Estimated Buffer Payment	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
	Total Estimated Cost Share	\$ 24,380.00	\$25,629.25 [1,249.25]
05-22-0065 (469743)	SL-7 Extension of Watering System (34 ac)		
	Estimated Cost	\$ 8,250.00	\$8,850.00
	Estimated Cost Share	\$ 6,187.50 (75%)	\$6,637.50 [450.00]
Holt M. Morris	SL-6W Stream Exclusion with Wide Buffer (50'/10yr) (7,600')		
05-22-0068 (471056)	Estimated Cost	\$ 58,900.00	\$62,645.00
	Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 55,955.00 (95%)	\$59,512.75
	Estimated Buffer Payment	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
	Total Estimated Cost Share	\$ 63,955.00	\$67,512.75 [3,557.75]
Edward H. Jones, Jr.	SL-6W Stream Exclusion with Wide Buffer (50'/10yr) (3,700')		
05-22-0009 (450841)	Estimated Cost	\$ 36,325.00	\$38,720.00
	Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 34,508.75 (95%)	\$36,784.00
	Estimated Buffer Payment	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
	Total Estimated Cost Share	\$ 42,508.75	\$44,784.00 [2,275.25]
Big Meadows Farm	SL-6W Stream Exclusion with Wide Buffer (50'/10yr) (1,500')		
05-22-0018 (456198)	Estimated Cost	\$ 13,268.75	\$13,968.75
	Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 12,605.31 (95%)	\$13,270.31
	Estimated Buffer Payment	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
	Total Estimated Cost Share	\$ 14,205.31	\$ 14,870.31 [665.00]

	SL-6W Stream Exclusion with Wide Buffer (35'/10yr) (1,200')		
05-22-0018 (456199)	Estimated Cost	\$ 14,850.00	\$15,620.00
	Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 12,622.50 (85%)	\$13,277.00
	Estimated Buffer Payment	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
	Total Estimated Cost Share	\$ 14,222.50	\$14,877.00[654.50]

	SL-6W Stream Exclusion with Wide Buffer (50'/10yr) (1300')		
05-22-0018 (469677)	Estimated Cost	\$ 7,925.00	\$ 8,445.00
	Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 7,528.75 (95%)	\$ 8,022.75
	Estimated Buffer Payment	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
	Total Estimated Cost Share	\$ 9,928.75	\$10,422.75[494.00]

	Gary Wayne Keener SL-6W Stream Exclusion with Wide Buffer (50'/10yr) (12,390')		
05-22-0074 (475514)	Estimated Cost	\$ 61,675.00	\$65,112.50
	Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 58,591.25 (95%)	\$61,856.88
	Estimated Buffer Payment	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
	Total Estimated Cost Share	\$ 66,591.25	\$69,856.88[3,265.63]

Prince Edward

	Freddie J. Dooley SL-6W Stream Exclusion with Wide Buffer (50'/10yr) (3,850')		
05-22-0008 (449052)	Estimated Cost	\$ 24,132.00	\$32,150.00
	Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 22,925.40 (95%)	\$30,542.50
	Estimated Buffer Payment	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
	Total Estimated Cost Share	\$ 30,925.40	\$38,542.50 [7,617.10]

	SL-7 Extension of Water System (75%) (39ac)		
05-22-0008 (449060)	Estimated Cost	\$ 3,350.00	\$3,625.00
	Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 2,512.50	\$2,718.75 [206.25]

	Valerie Ferguson SL-6W Stream Exclusion with Wide Buffer (50'/10yr) (1,700')		
05-22-0077 (475769)	Estimated Cost	\$ 22,787.50	\$23,982.50
	Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 21,648.13 (95%)	\$22,783.38
	Estimated Buffer Payment	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
	Total Estimated Cost Share	\$ 24,848.13	\$25,983.38 [1,135.25]

05-22-0077 (475950)	WP-2N Stream w/Narrow Buffer (25', 10yr) (350')		
	Estimated Cost	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,487.50
	Estimated Cost Share	\$ 980.00	\$ 1,041.25 [61.25]

It was noted that Dunn Right Meadows, LLC has not signed the letter dated June 22, 2022 regarding the increase in cost share funding, thus it cannot be determined at this time what the estimated cost and cost share are that is needed to calculate the FY23 increased cost.

On a motion by Mr. Arnason, seconded by Mr. Adams and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the following VACS CB applications totaling \$299,232.15 :

Amelia (Ches. Bay)

W. D. Coleman	CCI-SL-6W Stream Exclusion Maintenance (1500')		
	Estimated Cost	\$	1,500.00
05-23-0008 (503894)	Estimated Incentive	\$	1,500.00

(504028)	SL-7 Extension of Water System (75%) (41.43ac)	Estimated Cost	\$ 3,950.00
		Estimated Cost Share	\$ 2,962.50
R.M. Watkins & Sons, Inc	NM-6 Manure Injection (555.2ac)	Estimated Cost	\$ 24,984.00
05-23-0011 (506360)		Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 24,984.00
Hillview Farm	SL-1 Permanent Vegetative cover (22.4ac)	Estimated Cost	\$ 7,414.40
05-23-0013 (508568)		Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 6,120.80
		Estimated Tax Credit	\$ 323.40
Whitaker Farms	SL-8B Cover Crop for Nut. Mgmt. (255.8ac)	Estimated Cost	\$ 25,966.60
05-23-0019 (508589)		Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 14,108.00
Vaughan Cattle Co.	SL-8B Cover Crop for Nut. Mgmt. (88.1ac)	Estimated Cost	\$ 17,620.00
05-23-0017 (508584)		Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 6,167.00
	SL-8H Harvestable Cover Crop (160.7ac)	Estimated Cost	\$ 32,140.00
05-23-0017 (508583)		Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 3,214.00
	WQ-4 Legume Cover Crop (384.6ac)	Estimated Cost	\$ 76,920.00
05-23-0017 (508585)		Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 17,307.00
Don Benson	SL-8B Cover Crop for Nut. Mgmt. (428.7ac)	Estimated Cost	\$ 85,740.00
05-23-0010 (508576)		Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 30,009.00
	SL-8H Harvestable Cover Crop (21.6ac)	Estimated Cost	\$ 4,320.00
05-23-0010 (508577)		Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 432.00
	NM-1 Cover Crop for Nut. Mgmt. (450.3 ac)	Estimated Cost	\$ 900.60
05-23-0010 (508578)		Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 900.60
AMEVA Farms Inc	SL-8B Cover Crop for Nut. Mgmt. (80ac)	Estimated Cost	\$ 16,000.00
05-23-0023 (508602)		Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 5,600.00
	SL-8H Harvestable Cover Crop (155ac)	Estimated Cost	\$ 31,000.00
05-23-0023 (508601)		Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 3,100.00

	WQ-4 Legume Cover Crop (19.4ac)	
05-23-0023 (456152)	Estimated Cost	\$ 3,880.00
	Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 873.00
	NM-6 Manure Injection (60.2 ac)	
05-23-0023 (508604)	Estimated Cost	\$ 2,709.00
	Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 2,709.00
	SL-1 Permanent Vegetative Cover (11 ac)	
05-23-0023 (508604)	Estimated Cost	\$ 3,641.00
	Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 3,005.75
	Estimated Tax Credit	\$ 158.81
David Ashman	SL-8B Cover Crop for Nut. Mgmt. (6ac)	
05-23-0021 (508597)	Estimated Cost	\$ 1,200.00
	Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 420.00
	SL-8H Harvestable Cover Crop (44.7ac)	
05-23-0021 (508596)	Estimated Cost	\$ 8,940.00
	Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 894.00
Green Bluff Farm	SL-8H Harvestable Cover Crop (184.2ac)	
05-23-0009 (508580)	Estimated Cost	\$ 36,840.00
	Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 3,684.00
	NM-6 Manure Injection (84 ac)	
05-23-0009 (508579)	Estimated Cost	\$ 3,780.00
	Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 3,780.00
Henrico Farms Inc.	SL-8B Cover Crop for Nut. Mgmt. (214.7 ac)	
05-23-0022 (508598)	Estimated Cost	\$ 42,930.00
	Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 15,029.00
	NM-1 Cover Crop for Nut. Mgmt. (214.7 ac)	
05-23-0022 (508599)	Estimated Cost	\$ 429.40
	Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 429.40
Wilford Poore	SL-8B Cover Crop for Nut. Mgmt. (679.9 ac)	
05-23-0018 (508588)	Estimated Cost	\$135,980.00
	Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 61,191.00
Jon Rank	SL-8B Cover Crop for Nut. Mgmt. (353.1 ac)	
05-23-0020 (508592)	Estimated Cost	\$ 70,620.00
	Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 31,779.00
	NM-5P Variable Rate Phosphorus (353.1 ac)	
05-23-0020 (508595)	Estimated Cost	\$ 3,766.40
	Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 2,824.80

Nottoway (Ches. Bay)**RRR Dairy**

05-23-0016 (508582)

SL-8B Cover Crop for Nut. Mgmt. (186.2 ac)

Estimated Cost \$ 37,240.00

Estimated Cost-Share \$ 16,758.00

SL-8H Harvestable Cover Crop (239.9ac)

05-23-0016 (508581)

Estimated Cost \$ 47,980.00

Estimated Cost-Share \$ 4,798.00

David B. Lewis

05-23-0014 (508569)

SL-8B Cover Crop for Nut. Mgmt. (126.8ac)

Estimated Cost \$ 23,560.00

Estimated Cost-Share \$ 8,876.00

SL-8H Harvestable Cover Crop (26.2ac)

05-23-0014 (508571)

Estimated Cost \$ 5,240.00

Estimated Cost-Share \$ 524.00

NM-1 Cover Crop for Nut. Mgmt. (153 ac)

05-22-0014 (508770)

Estimated Cost \$ 306.00

Estimated Cost-Share \$ 306.00

Anthony Lewis

05-23-0015 (508572)

SL-8B Cover Crop for Nut. Mgmt. (108.2ac)

Estimated Cost \$ 21,640.00

Estimated Cost-Share \$ 7,574.00

SL-8H Harvestable Cover Crop (26.2ac)

05-23-0015 (508573)

Estimated Cost \$ 5,240.00

Estimated Cost-Share \$ 524.00

NM-1 Cover Crop for Nut. Mgmt. (134.4 ac)

05-22-0015 (508774)

Estimated Cost \$ 268.80

Estimated Cost-Share \$ 268.80

Prince Edward (Ches. Bay)**J. Marvin Fisher**

05-23-0005 (503548)

SL-6W Stream Exclusion Maintenance (50'/10yr) (600')

Estimated Cost \$ 16,290.00

Estimated Cost Share \$ 15,475.50 (95%)

Estimated Buffer Payment \$ 1,104.00

Total Estimated Cost Share \$ 16,579.50

On a motion by Ms. Crews, seconded by Mr. Adams and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the following VACS application totaling \$53,198.50, with Mr. Moyer leaving the room:

Oakmulgee Dairy Farm

05-23-0007 (503705)

SL-8B Cover Crop for Nut. Mgmt. (547.4 ac)

Estimated Cost \$109,480.00

Estimated Cost-Share \$ 38,318.00

WQ-4 Legume Cover Crop (105.2 ac)

05-23-0007(503706)

Estimated Cost \$ 21,040.00

Estimated Cost-Share \$ 4,734.00

NM-6 Manure Injection (143.3 ac)

05-23-0007(503707)	Estimated Cost	\$ 6,448.50
	Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 6,448.50

SL-8H Harvestable Cover Crop (184.9ac)

05-23-0007 (503575)	Estimated Cost	\$ 36,980.00
	Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 3,698.00

On a motion by Mr. Arnason, seconded by Ms. Crews and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the following cancelation:

Sandy R. Lush, Amelia: Participant deceased, contract terminated by FSA

05-16-0002	(220526)	CP-22 Buffer Rent	.84ac	\$ 63.00
	(220527)	CRFR-3 Woodland Buffer	.84ac	\$ 511.00
	(220528)	CRSL-6 Stream Exclusion	1,000'	\$ 9,048.50

Spot checks: Mr. Wootton reported that five VACS spot checks with DCR were completed this month with only one minor issue to be addressed (trees on a fence line).

DEQ 319(h) Residential Septic Contracts

On a motion by Ms. Crews, seconded by Mr. Adams and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the following septic application:

FLAT CREEK #16970**Amelia**

Leroy Lehman	RB-4 Conventional Onsite Septic System Replacement
05-23-0004 (491666)	Estimated Cost \$ 10,375.00
	Estimated Cost Share (90%) \$ 9,337.50

FINANCE COMMITTEE reported by Mr. Arnason

Mr. Arnason presented the grant assessments prepared by Ms. Collins for the FY22 DCR Operational and Cost Share grants. The District received all 'A's and thanked Ms. Collins for her support. (assessments attached)

The current inventory list was presented. New office equipment was added and one laptop is scheduled to be removed and will be recycled. The report is attached and on file in the office.

On a motion by Mr. Arnason, seconded by Mr. Whittington and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the July 26, 2022 Finance Committee minutes. (attached)

WATERSHED

Mr. Arnason reported the District office received one bid for the installation of 9 remote monitoring units (bid was advertised in local media, website, contractor list, etc.) **On a motion by Mr. Arnason, seconded by Ms. Crews and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved a contract for the installation of 9 remote monitoring stations at the dams, to B&B Services, LLC in the amount of \$20,500.** The per unit costs were less than prior installations.

Ms. Crews reported that on Route 307 three bridge crossings (Flat, Little and Saylor's Creeks) are missing the stream identification signage that was previously installed by VDOT. She contacted VDOT and was told that not all streams need to be identified. All three locality boundaries are located on Rt. 307. **On a motion by Mr. Whittington, seconded by Mr. Arnason and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved sending a letter to the three localities (addressed to Boards of Supervisors) asking their assistance in working with VDOT to get the three signs re-installed.** Mr. Whittington suggested that Ms. Crews get a board member from that locality to accompany her when she attends the Board of Supervisors meetings.

PLANNING

On a motion by Mr. Arnason, seconded by Ms. Crews and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the applications from Dr. Kathy Gee (Nottoway) and Ms. Mackenzie Gunn (Amelia) to serve as Associate Directors on the PSWCD Board. Ms. Fehrer reported that their applications were forwarded to the board members prior to the meeting and that both applicants bring a great skill sets to the Board. Dr. Gee is a professor at Longwood University teaching Environmental Science and is also a licensed stormwater engineer. Ms. Gunn is the VCE Ag and ANR agent from Amelia.

Ms. Fehrer reported that the staff discussed conservation awards and would like the Board to consider holding a more informal venue and 'thank you' event by inviting all producers who participated in our programs last year and this year. There would be no 'outstanding' conservation producer awards, but rather a time to show our appreciation to all the producers who participate in the VACS program. The Board will discuss next month. The DCR Clean Water Farm Award basin nomination will be John Shepherd for the Chowan Basin. Mr. Shepherd's application was submitted last year and even though it was a strong application, he did not receive the award. Ms. Fehrer also reported that she and Ms. Atkinson were working with Margaret Jones, Amelia County high school teacher, to submit the application for the VASWCD Conservation Educator award.

The staff are planning a Fall meeting for agricultural producers who have not participated in our programs to meet their local ag and resource professionals.

Ms. Crews asked the Board to consider joining local "Friends of" groups, such as Friends of Twin Lakes State Parks, Friends of Saylor's Creek, Friends of High Bridge Trail State Park and Friends of the Appomattox River. She reported she already submitted a membership on behalf of the District which she paid to Friends of Twin Lakes State Park. Mr. Arnason asked that she provide mission statements and more information about each group for consideration by the Board at a future meeting.

Ms. Fehrer shared a power point presentation about the history and major programs of the PSWCD. She reminded board members that their notebook contains an updated FOIA/COIA guidance document and they need to complete one of the upcoming FOIA trainings. New board members were given several documents about the PSWCD including several program brochures.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – no report

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – no report

COMMUNICATION / EDUCATION

Ms. Atkinson presented a power point highlighting the outdoor classroom mini-grant projects. She reported on several upcoming programs she is working on including Envirothon Q&A informational meeting, Project Learning Tree workshop for educators to be held at Twin Lakes State Park, Farm & Family Day and a Girl Scout patch workshop. Ms. Crews thanked Ms. Atkinson and the District for participating as an educator in the ARKS for Parks program at Twin Lakes State Park. Ms. Atkinson also asked directors if they would assist with the ‘spotlight’ feature of our FB. The ‘spotlight’ post would highlight each director and their involvement on the board and other interesting information.

DISTRICT MANAGER AND PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS

Staff reports (Attached)

Ms. Fehrer reported on several trainings the staff have completed – recently the VACDE training at Graves Mountain Resort and other field/webinars completed.

Department of Conservation and Recreation (Attached).

Ms. Collins highlighted some important dates and other information from her attached report.

USDA-NRCS – Farmville & Amelia (Attached)

Mr. Evans reviewed his report. The District Conservationist position in Amelia County has been hired. Tara Civarella will begin her duties September 12. Mr. Evans reported he will be attending the Nottoway and Prince Edward Boards of Supervisors meetings.

Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)

Ms. Small reported on several food and gardening programs she has given on the past several weeks. She also brought to the attention of the Board, the continued spread of the ‘Spotted Lanternfly’ pest, which has been located in PE county. VCE would like to be notified if the pest is found and where it is located. It is destroying crops such as grapes and orchards across the country. Ms. Small also reported a strain of the ‘Avian Flu’ has been detected in Virginia in a backyard poultry coop, but has not been detected in poultry production houses. Several upcoming programs she is working on include Dairy Day (Oct 1), Women in Farming (to be held at VT), Poultry Litter Transport informational meeting (September 14) and Family Farm Day.

ROUNDTABLE:

Mr. Zody reported that Nottoway County has received several grants to assist with the installation of broadband technology to over 2,000 homes and businesses in the county.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:

DCR Grant assessments; Inventory list; Finance minutes; Remote monitor contract; Staff & partner reports.

Submitted By _____ Date: _____
Deanna Fehrer, Piedmont SWCD Staff

Approved By: _____ Date: _____
Bill Powers, Director / Secretary