



**Piedmont Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Farmville, Virginia
March 24, 2020 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
Allison Crews – Director, Amelia County
Bill Powers –Director, Prince Edward County
Haley Norton- Appointed Director, VCE Nottoway County

Board Members Absent:

Dr. Wilkie Chaffin –Director, Prince Edward County / Treasurer
Juan Whittington –Appointed Director, Amelia County
Gary Dillard – Associate Director, Amelia County
Horace Adams- Associate Director, Prince Edward County
Sarah Eck – Associate Director, Nottoway County

SWCD Staff Present:

Kevin Dunn – BMP Conservation Specialist
Deanna Fehrer- District Manager

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, March 24, 2020. Chairman Moyer called the meeting to order, welcomed directors and staff and led the group in prayer. A quorum was present. This board meeting is being held in the midst of a health pandemic called the Covid-19, a flu virus. The absence of board, staff and partner members is due to restrictions on the number of persons gathering in one location. The Governor of Virginia and the United States government are imposing restrictions on gatherings and closing the operations of certain businesses, schools and other non-essential operations.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Rash, seconded by Mr. Arnason and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the February 25, 2020 minutes as presented.

TREASURER’S REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Arnason, seconded by Mr. Rash and carried by unanimous vote, the Board accepted the February 2020 Treasurer’s Report as presented to be filed for audit.

CONSERVATION REPORT
VACS Application Approvals

On a motion by Mr. Rash, seconded by Mr. Arnason and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the following eight VACS practices, totaling \$276,884.38 in Chesapeake Bay funding:

Prince Edward**Marvin Fisher****(C. Bay)****05-20-0073****SL-6W Stream Exclusion with Wide Buffer (50'/15yr) (5000')**

Estimated Cost	\$ 24,795.00
Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 24,795.00
Estimated Buffer Payment	\$ 12,000.00
Total Estimated Cost Share	\$ 36,795.00

Boot Hill Dairy**(C. Bay)****(05-20-0047)****NM-6 Manure Injection (515.1 ac)**

Estimated Cost	\$ 23,179.50
Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 23,179.50

Nottoway**Garland L. Rogers****(C. Bay)****05-20-0070****SL-6W Stream Exclusion with Wide Buffer (50'/10yr) (12,400')**

Estimated Cost	\$ 70,921.00
Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 67,374.95
Estimated Buffer Payment	\$ 8,000.00
Total Estimated Cost Share	\$ 75,374.95

Jennifer Morris**(C. Bay)****05-20-0072****SL-6W Stream Exclusion with Wide Buffer (50'/10yr) (2400')**

Estimated Cost	\$ 26,880.00
Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 25,536.00
Estimated Buffer Payment	\$ 3,200.00
Total Estimated Cost Share	\$ 28,736.00

Paul Brenneman**(C. Bay)****05-20-0074****SL-6W Stream Exclusion with Wide Buffer (50'/10yr) (11,300')**

Estimated Cost	\$ 72,481.50
Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 68,857.43
Estimated Buffer Payment	\$ 8,000.00
Total Estimated Cost Share	\$ 76,857.43

Paul Brenneman**(C. Bay)****(05-20-0074)****FR-3 Woodland Buffer Filter Area (10 ac)**

Estimated Cost	\$ 16,000.00
Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 16,200.00

Triple R Dairy**(C. Bay)****(05-20-0010)****NM-6 Manure Injection (237.4 ac)**

Estimated Cost	\$ 10,683.00
Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 10,683.00

Amelia**R. M. Watkins & Sons Inc.****(C. Bay)****(05-20-0016)****NM-6 Manure Injection (201.3 ac)**

Estimated Cost	\$ 9,058.50
Estimated Cost-Share	\$ 9,058.50

On a motion by Mr. Rash, seconded by Mr. Arnason and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved increases to the following two tax credits:

<u>Featherstone Farm</u>	SL-8B Cover Crop for Nutrient and Residue Mgmt. (385.7 Ac)
05-20-0031	Estimated Cost \$ 38,570.00
(CB VACS)	Estimated Tax Credit \$ 9,642.50* (Increase of \$4,862.50)

<u>Featherstone Farm</u>	SL-8H Harvestable Cover Crop (175.7Ac)
05-20-0031	Estimated Cost \$ 17,570.00
(CB VACS)	Estimated Tax Credit \$ 4,392.50* (Increase of \$500)

* Tax Credit will increase due to added acres originally applied for but left off of 9/24/19 Conservation Report. Applicant will not receive more than \$17,500.00 in BMP Tax Credits in accordance with the VA Dept of Taxation.

DEQ 319(h) Residential Septic Application Approvals

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Crews and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved three septic applications:

<u>Spring Creek, et al.</u>	RB-1 Septic Tank Pump Out
Catherine Jamerson	Estimated Cost \$ 350.00
(05-20-0071)	Estimated Cost-Share \$ 175.00
Prince Edward County	

<u>Spring Creek, et al.</u>	RB-4 Septic System Replacement
William L. Hamlett II	Estimated Cost \$ 4,400.00
(05-20-0075)	Estimated Cost-Share \$ 2,200.00
Prince Edward County	

<u>Flat Creek, et al.</u>	RB-4 Septic System Replacement
Kristin D. Inge	Estimated Cost \$ 6,957.00
(05-20-00776)	Estimated Cost-Share \$ 3,478.50
Nottoway County	

Ms. Fehrer reported that both 319 residential septic grants (Grant #16143, Flat, Deep, West, Nibbs Creek watersheds and Grant #16363, Spring Creek, etc. watersheds) have been extended to September 30, 2020. Chairman Moyer will sign the extensions.

Agriculture Conservation Plans

On a motion by Mr. Rash, seconded by Mr. Arnason and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved a conservation plan for Edward Garnett, Prince Edward County as a requirement for the VACS program.

WATERSHED

On a motion by Mr. Arnason, seconded by Mr. Powers and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved DCR Grant agreement SDR20009 for small dam repair funding at Bush #6 watershed dam in the amount of \$6,000.

Other items reported:

- An alteration permit renewal for Buffalo #2, training dike repair, has been submitted to DCR Dam Safety. The original permit expired March 15, 2020.
- Operation and Maintenance certificates for Buffalo #4, Bush #4B and Bush #7 will be signed by Chairman Moyer and submitted to DCR Dam Engineer, Charles Wilson.
- The annual owner inspections have been completed. Mr. Wootton, Ms. Fehrer and construction inspector, Barry Mason, met with Handley contractors to review plans for the upcoming repairs at Buffalo #2 and Buffalo #9 watershed dams.

COMMUNICATION / EDUCATION

On a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Arnason and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the following four Lindy Hamlett scholarships at \$1,000 each and approved forwarding the application from Paul Moore to the VASWCD for an opportunity to be awarded one of their scholarships:

Paul Moore – Amelia County

Madison Barnard – Amelia County

Almayda Vermillion – Nottoway County

Morgan Cole – Nottoway County

Background for the minutes: The Governor closed all public K-12 schools in Virginia through the end of this school year. All private schools are closed as well. Many schools are offering long-distance learning opportunities.

Ms. Fehrer reported that Ms. Atkinson is keeping in touch with her school contacts and is working on a newsletter that will include many resources and links to lessons that teachers could share electronically. The PSWCD Poster Contest is still being conducted and the office is still taking applications for Youth Conservation Camp. All local Envirothon activities have been canceled.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

Ms. Fehrer reported she has been keeping the Board updated on office operations during this virus health crisis. Most staff members are teleworking, with one staff member remaining in the office.

PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS:

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

USDA-NRCS – Amelia *(See attached report)*

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

ATTACHED REPORTS:

Conservation report; DCR CDC report; NRCS report

Submitted By _____ Date: _____

Deanna Fehrer, Piedmont SWCD Staff

Approved By: _____ Date: _____

Charles Arnason, Director / Secretary