



MINUTES OF MEETING
HANOVER-CAROLINE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Hanover, Virginia May 12, 2020

Board Members Present (virtually)

Leigh Pemberton – Chair
Joseph H. Stepp, III – Vice-Chair
Don Wells – Secretary/Director
Cindy Smith – Treasurer/Director
Laura Maxey-Nay – Director/Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)
Tim Tobin – Associate Director
Tim Etheredge – Associate Director
Meredeth Dash – Associate Director

Staff Present (virtually)

Sharon Conner – District Manager
Jim Tate – Conservation Specialist
Marian Moody – Conservation Specialist
Karen Fetty – Education Specialist
Kathy Shamblin – Admin & Financial Professional

Others Present (virtually)

Liz Stockton – Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)
Brian Wooden - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
Mike Flagg – Director of Hanover County Public Works

Absent

Mike Broaddus – Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)
Dave Terwilliger – Department of Forestry (DOF)
Matt Coleman - Department of Forestry (DOF)
David Nunnally – Caroline County Senior Environmental Planner
Danny Adams – Associate Director
Casey Engel – Associate Director
George Rice – Director

Call to Order

The May, 2020 meeting of the Hanover-Caroline Soil and Water Conservation District was held virtually with WebEx virtual meeting platform available to the public. Mr. Pemberton called the meeting to order at 9:06 am.

Ms. Conner asked to do a roll call to have an accurate account of who was present.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the April, 2020 Board meeting were presented as e-mailed to the directors. Mr. Wells moved to approve minutes as emailed and reviewed prior to the board meeting. Mr. Stepp seconded and the motion carried.

Treasurer's and Uncleared Checks Report

Ms. Smith reviewed the Treasurer's and Uncleared Checks Report as previously distributed. Mr. Stepp moved to approve the reports as presented and Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried.

PY20 Cost-share Report

Ms. Conner reviewed the 8th Ranking Cost-share Report. The recommended approvals after ranking is \$54,563.32. Mr. Wells moved to approve the 8th ranking as presented. Ms. Smith seconded and motion carried.

Conservation Plan/Assessment Approvals

Ms. Moody had no conservation plans for approval. Mr. Tate reviewed 26 assessments that have been done in the last 6 weeks. The spreadsheet of the tracts were shared by Ms. Conner on the screen and are included with these minutes. The parcel numbers associated with the assessments are as follows: 26-A-20C, 26-A-20, 26-2-1, 26-A-7, 37-A-31, 26-A-44, 26-A-47, 40-A-64, 40-A-81, 40-A-80A, 40-A-67A, 53-A-64C, 53-A-64, 53-A-64B, 53-A-45, 53-A-23, 39-A-91, 39-A-18, 39-A-38, 39-A-40A, 39-A-40B, 26-A-7, 54-A-47, 54-A-22, 54-A-23, 53-A-18. Mr. Tate said there will be more to review at the next board meeting as well. Mr. Stepp moved to approve the assessments and Mr. Wells seconded. The motion carried. Ms. Smith abstained from voting.

Coronavirus Operating Plan Revision and Approval

Ms. Conner reviewed the Coronavirus Policy additions based on the Federal Guidelines. The current policy needed to have the verbiage based on the FFCRA (Families First Coronavirus Response Act). Mr. Wells moved to approve the revisions and Mr. Stepp seconded. The motion carried.

Ms. Conner created the Phase 1 Reopening Plan per the Governor's request. This document is included with these minutes. The policy approval will be preliminary. Mr. Stepp moved to approve the Phase 1 Reopening Plan and Mr. Wells seconded. The motion carried.

Designated Authority

Mr. Pemberton said to avoid conflict of interest, the Designated Authority for RMP's will be changed from Cindy Smith to Don Wells. Mr. Stepp moved to change the Designated Authority and Mr. Wells seconded. The motion carried. Ms. Smith abstained from voting.

RMP TAC Meeting Update and Plan Approvals

Mr. Pemberton reviewed the TAC meeting from Monday, May 11, 2020. The committee rejected 5 of the 7 RMP's. Mr. Stepp moved to approve the committee's recommendations. Mr. Wells seconded and the motion carried. Ms. Smith abstained from voting.

Clean Water Captain

Ms. Dash said at this time Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay is meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 and the VCAP assistance request will be discussed at their meeting. Ms. Dash is not able to provide assistance as she is our Associate Director, but they may have several others in their office that could possibly work with us. If they can help, an MOA will be created. Ms. Dash said that she had completed Phase 2 of the Director Training virtually. She also mentioned they had assisted in a Stormwater webinar. The link is included in these minutes along with some other links she wanted to share.

1. Healthy Soil, Healthy Water Webinar by Save our Streams & Izaak Walton League

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2286775685273656588>

2. Chesapeake Stormwater Network Webcast Series,

<https://chesapeakestormwater.net/category/events/archived-webcasts-events/>

(Meredeth is part of the team that was featured in Watershed Hacks: Stormwater Art)

3. CBF is hosting a virtual fundraising event called Walk the Watershed and the goal is log 200 miles - the length of the Chesapeake Bay. Feel free to start a team here. https://secure.cbf.org/site/TR?fr_id=1110&pg=entry

4. Some details about what the Federal administration is doing to rollback environmental regulations.

As Denise Stranko mentioned during our call, this administration is rolling back 3 environmental regulations for every 1 it passes. According to a NYT analysis, the Trump Administration Is Reversing Nearly 100 Environmental Rules, finding more than 60 environmental policies officially rolled back and another 34 rollbacks still in progress. <https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/6RWACXD7Y6hKj30U6ax8q?domain=nytimes.com>

The one that's most pressing at the moment is misleadingly titled *Transparency in Regulatory Science*. Denise mentioned one provision that would disallow the use of scientific studies that don't reveal underlying data, such as the identity of participants. But she outlines the other issues in her blog [here](#). You [can send our action alert](#) as written, but we strongly urge you to write from your heart and share your unique perspective by editing the language that's in the text box. The deadline for this action is May 18th, so don't delay.

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Ms. Stockton reviewed the attached CDC report. She highlighted a few things on the report for the Administrative and Operational Items. The report is included with these minutes.

Agency Reports

National Resources Conservation Service – Mr. Wooden reported that they've been working on EQIP applications. They have a new planning and ranking software which has pushed their application deadline to Wednesday, May 13, 2020. The CSP application deadline is May 29, 2020. He has been working mostly in the office and Talicia has been predominantly teleworking.

VCE

Caroline County – No Report

Hanover County – Ms. Maxey-Nay share links to webinars they've been having in the chat box of this webinar. She's in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays currently. All other staff are teleworking.

Other Business

Mr. Pemberton reviewed the information on the agenda of upcoming events. He asked if anyone else had anything else to add. Ms. Smith mentioned that the Soil and Water Board will be having a Google Hangout Meeting on May 20, 2020 at 10:00am. Mr. Tate asked Mr. Pemberton if there was a plan to instruct staff regarding the drill. He will be working on a plan and will possibly do a video as well.

There being no further business, Mr. Pemberton closed the meeting at 10:00am.

Correspondence in Packets:

- SWCD Staff Activity Reports will be sent electronically prior to board meeting
- PY20 Cost-share Report – 8th Ranking - will send out ahead of meeting electronically
- Coronavirus policy revision – will send out ahead of meeting electronically
- Treasurer's Report – will send out ahead of meeting electronically
- Uncleared Checks Report – will send out ahead of meeting electronically
- Assessment Plan Report – will send out ahead of meeting electronically
- Education Report – will send out ahead of meeting electronically

UPCOMING EVENTS

District meetings - June 9, 2020 July 14, 2020 August 9, 2020

VCAP Steering Committee 2020 – May 29, June 26, July 3, August 28, September 25, October 30, November 20, December 18; will be conducted via electronic platform

Webcast Meeting/Training Opportunities:

- Climate Resilience & MWEEs Webcast** - Tue 5/12/2020 3 pm; Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. <https://www.gotomeet.me/NOAAChesapeakeBayOffice/mwee>
You can also dial in using your phone.
United States: +1 (571) 317-3122
Access Code: 399-332-485
- Basics of weed control in hay and pasture** - This will be a one-time, live training to introduce weed life cycles and proper timing of herbicide application, as well as herbicide selection and application. Wednesday May 6, 12-1 pm. No registration required, here is the link to join.
Matt Booher is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Join Zoom Meeting at: <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/6609420865>
Meeting ID: 660 942 0865
- Grass Farmer's Lunch Hour**: a grazing & pasture management webinar series. This is a series taking place every Thursday from 12 pm-1pm, May 7-May 28. You will need to register for this series by emailing Matt Booher at mrbooher@vt.edu.
- VCE Ag Today update** - Thursdays 9 am ZOOM each week
Join Virginia Cooperative Extension every Thursday at 9:00 am for VCE AG TODAY: A weekly webinar updating you on current agricultural practices. Join live using the free Zoom app: <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/s/344371334> or by phone: 1-312-626-6799
Meeting ID number: 344 371 334.
- Virtual Gardening Series** - Join us every Thursday at 3 pm for a virtual "hug" from Hanover Master Gardeners. Master gardeners are moving their Home Gardening Series (HGS) online! To join in to the live webinar, use the free Zoom app: <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/298268885>
Meeting ID: 298 268 885
One tap mobile +19294362866,,298268885# US (New York); +13126266799,,298268885# US (Chicago)
- CBF Webcast – microplastics** - Wednesday, May 20;12:00–1:00 p.m.
Join CBF and Dr. Fred C. Dobbs, Chair of Old Dominion University's Department of Ocean, Earth & Atmospheric Sciences for a discussion on plastics, microplastics, and their environmental impact.
Where: Please click the link below then enter the webinar ID and password to join the webinar:
<https://zoom.us/j/92507381362?pwd=QIZYcG4zZTVVa0lIT1F5THkzeGFvUT09>
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Password: 499210
Thank you. We look forward to having you join us.
If you have any questions, please contact me at ajurczyk@cbf.org or call 804-258-1522.
- Ag BMP Training DCR 2021** - When Tue May 26, 2020 9am – 12pm Eastern Time - New York
Joining info - Join Hangouts Meet
meet.google.com/jpa-psgd-nrm
Join by phone - +1 708-713-5617 (PIN: 611943207)
- Climate Change and the Chesapeake Bay** - Learn about how the Chesapeake Bay region will be impacted by the effects of climate change from Julie Reichert-Nguyen, Climate Specialist at the NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office and Climate Resiliency Workgroup Coordinator for the Chesapeake Bay Program.
Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.
<https://www.gotomeet.me/NOAAChesapeakeBayOffice/science2>
You can also dial in using your phone.
United States: +1 (786) 535-3211
Access Code: 556-730-069

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Respectfully submitted:

Kathy Shamblin, Admin and Financial Professional

Date Approved

Leigh Pemberton, Chairman

Date Approved

Donald Wells, Secretary

Date Approved