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MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, October 17, 2024
WSSI, 5300 Wellington Branch Dr., #100, Gainesville, VA 20155

(Zoom virtual option for Associate Directors, Partners, District Staff, and Citizens)

In-person Attendees:

John Price, Director – Chairman
Jenny Reed, Director – Vice-Chairman
Nancy Vehrs, Director – Secretary
Thomas Bolles, Director
Harry Glasgow, Associate Director
Andrew Uglow, Associate Director
Duane Mohr, District Manager
Debbie Cross, Conservation District Coordinator – DCR
Casey James, NRCS District Conservationist
Nicole Slazinski, Urban Conservation Specialist
Seth Hatfield, Conservation Specialist
Veronica Tangiri, Water Quality Manager

Absent:

Mansimran Kahlon

Virtual Zoom Meeting Attendees:

Sonnie Cuffey, Associate Director
Alex Murphy, Conservation Specialist
Josie Anderson, Water Quality Specialist

Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

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Meetings/Events Attended

See attached September staff reports

Casey James, NRCS District Conservationist (*written report submitted*)

Ms. James stated that application deadline was October 11, 2024.

Environmental Qualities Incentives Program (EQIP) –

Current Contracts

- EQIP- 2014 – 2 active contracts Fauquier Co- \$654,536.28
- EQIP- 2018- 32 active contracts 1 Fairfax, 4 Prince William, 10 Loudoun, 17 Fauquier \$3,327,820.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CStP) –

Current Contracts

- 8 Active General CSP Contracts. 4 in Fauquier 3 in Loudoun 1 in Arlington for \$502,529.60
- 37 Active CSP-GCI Contracts, 3 in Prince William, 8 in Loudoun, and 26 in Fauquier \$137,675.68

Outreach/Agency Activities/Events (dates)

Upcoming Training Opportunities in the Area (Joint Employee Development (JED), Webinars, Field Days)

- USDA open House – October 31st 10am-3pm – 98 Alexandria Pike Suites 11 &12 Warrenton VA (see flyer)

Virginia Cooperative Extension Office – Thomas Bolles, Associate Extension Agent

Mr. Bolles stated that Education classes are ending for the season. VCE is planning a presentation at Loudon County's Public Master Gardener Symposium, and may also present at the Native Plant Symposium. Mr. Bolles asked that a donation letter be sent to Stephanie Cornell, as she donated sod for the Farm Field Days event. Mr. Mohr stated that he will relay the message to Ms. Lowther, as she is not in attendance at today's meeting.

Debbie Cross, Conservation District Coordinator – DCR (*written report submitted*)

Ms. Cross stated that the board meeting minutes training will be re-scheduled within the next couple of months with an alternate instructor.

Ms. Cross complimented the staff on the layout of the FY 24 Annual Report and the timeliness of submission.

3 Recommended Approval of VCAP BMPs by BOD Motion: Reed Second: Mohr Vote: 8-0-1

VCAP

Miller, Melody

Practice	Contract No.	Total Est. Cost	Est. State C/S	Area (sq. feet)	Number	Gallons
Conservation Landscaping	VCAP 35-25-001	\$33,848.00	\$7,000.00	3,836.0	0.000	0.000

Weathersby, Marie

Practice	Contract No.	Total Est. Cost	Est. State C/S	Area (sq. feet)	Number	Gallons
Rainwater Harvesting	VCAP 35-25-004	\$3,034.65	\$2,427.72	950.0	1.000	620.000

Totals:		\$36,882.65	\$9,427.72	4,786.0	1.000	620.000
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2) Recommended Approval of VACS BMPs by BOD:
Mr. Hatfield and Mr. Mohr abstained from the vote

Viar, James, Tracking # 35-25-0002 BMP ID: 589190
request for additional funding to cover the drilling of a new well. A neighbor had to drill significantly deeper than predicted, and it is very likely Mr. Vier will have to do the same. The ford crossing was also removed from the cost-estimates due to the fact that current rocks in the stream would suffice as a crossing. With both of these factors, the request for cost-share is now \$97,705.20, about \$11,127.60 more than what was approved in September 2024.

3) Recommended Approval of VCAP BMPs by BOD:
Miller, Moody: while landscaper still needs to separate VCAP costs from personal costs, practice was approved on condition that the costs are separated (to prevent this practice from being tabled again)
Motion: Vehrs Second: Mohr Vote: 8-0-1 Mr. Hatfield abstained from the vote

The motion to grant authority to the TRC committee chair to approve up to three VCAP payments once Ms. Slazinski obtains all receipts and they are ready for approval was made by Mr. Price with a 2nd by Ms. Reed and passed by a 4/0/0 vote.

Water Quality Programs Update – Veronica Tangiri

Ms. Tangiri stated that the upper Occoquan River Cleanup on Saturday, September 28th went well. The Bull Run Watershed Protectors cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, November 9th. The Little Bull Run Watershed cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, November 16th. The Prince William Soil and Water Conservation District received nine abstracts for the water quality program sessions at the 14th National Monitoring Conference. All abstracts have been reviewed for submission to the council. See attached for complete staff report.

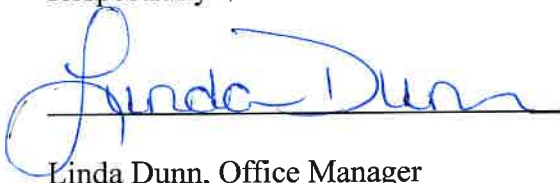
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Next TRC meeting – Thursday, November 14, 2024, 1 p.m., 8033 Ashton Avenue, Conference Room D


Next Board meeting – Thursday, November 21, 2024, 1 p.m., WSSI, 5300 Wellington Branch Dr., #100, Gainesville, VA 20155, 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Next Finance Committee meeting – January 2025 – date and time TBD

Respectfully Submitted:


Linda Dunn, Office Manager

Approved:


Nancy Vehrs, Secretary