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MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, May 21, 2026
Windy Knoll Farm, 11602 Kettle Run Road, Nokesville, VA 20181

In-person Attendees:

John Price, Director – Chairman
Jim Gehlsen, Associate Director - Treasurer
Nancy Vehrs, Director - Secretary
Mansimran Kahlon, Director
Jay Yankey, District Manager
Linda Dunn, Office Manager
Debbie Cross, Conservation District Coordinator – DCR
Sonnie Cuffey, Associate Director
Will Lintner, Associate Director
Casey James, District Conservationist - NRCS
Veronica Tangiri, Water Quality Manager
Hunter Quinones, Ag Conservation Specialist
Nicole Slazinski, Urban Conservation Specialist
Kate Porokh – 4-H member
Michael Deroche – 4-H member
Lexi Lohfeld – summer intern with Virginia Cooperative Extension

Absent:

Jenny Reed, Director – Vice Chair
Melina Cienski, Urban Forester – DOF
Andrew Uglow, Associate Director
Josie Anderson, Water Quality & Outreach Specialist
Alex Murphy, Urban Conservation Specialist

Virtual Attendees:

Not offered

Board of Directors Meeting, May 21, 2026

Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

Chairman's Remarks – Mr. Price asked that guests introduce themselves to the board. Lexi Lohfeld stated that she is working as a summer intern with Thomas Bolles. Kate Porokh and Michael Deroche stated that they are 4-H members.

Mr. Price stated that the District's Conservation staff completed a conservation plan on a Davis Ford Road property over a year ago that the landowner planned to farm. The landowner did not follow through with the farm and has sold the property. The new owners have chickens and lambs, as well as a venue for events.

Mr. Price asked that the board discuss reducing the number of Technical Review Committee voting members due to the lack of attendance at the meetings. The board tabled this topic until the June meeting.

Potomac Watershed Roundtable – Ms. Vehrs stated that Harry Glasgow was the environmental representative to the Potomac Watershed Roundtable as a member of the Prince William Conservation Alliance. Charlie Grymes was the alternate for the organization. Mr. Grymes is stepping down and has recommended Elizabeth Ward as his replacement.

Minutes of the April 16, 2026, Meeting – The motion to approve was made by Ms. Vehrs, with a 2nd by Mr. Bolles, and passed by a 4/0/0 vote.

Treasurer's Report for April 2026 Financials – The motion to approve was made by Mr. Bolles, with a 2nd by Mr. Kahlon, and passed by a 4/0/0 vote.

Managers Time – Jay Yankey

Mr. Yankey stated that he is working on the FY 27 budget. The Conservation staff is completing cover crop and exclusion practices. Several conservation plans are in the works that will be presented at the June board meeting. We are projected to meet our FY 26 goals with the county. The District received two requests for cost share practices, so staff completed site visits for the landowners.

Mr. Yankey congratulated Veronica Tangiri for being the recipient of the 2026 Minerva Award from the Prince William County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in recognition of adults in the community who have made and continue to make a significant impact on the lives of youths in the areas of education at the community level.

Mr. Murphy and Ms. Slazinski have conducted several site visits. Ms. Anderson has been conducting several MWEE events and attending several outreach events this week. The District was awarded the FY 27 DCR MWEE grant.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

June 1-3		Chesapeake Bay Community Research Symposium
June 6-7		Occoquan Riverfest Conservation Alley
September 26		Annual Occoquan River Cleanup

Meetings/Events Attended

See attached April staff reports.

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

Ms. James thanked those that participated in the local working group meeting.

Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP) - This pilot program addresses whole-farm resource concerns through support for voluntary regenerative agriculture conservation plans.

Environmental Qualities Incentives Program (EQIP) –

FY26 applications have closed and been ranked. We are awaiting pre-approval. 9 Act Now applications have been fully signed and obligated.

Current Contracts

- EQIP- 2018- 32 active contracts: 2 Prince William, 10 Loudoun, 20 Fauquier \$3,645,113.20

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) –

FY26 applications have closed and been ranked awaiting pre-approval.

Current Contracts

- General CSP- 9 active contracts; 3 in Fauquier 5 in Loudoun 1 in Arlington for \$762,930.95
- CSP-GCI – 12 active Contracts; 3 in Loudoun, and 9 in Fauquier \$26901.40

Easements – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently announced a second national deadline for agricultural producers and landowners to apply for fiscal year 2026 assistance in the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Grants- NRCS is announcing the availability of up to \$52 million in [Voluntary Public Access-Habitat Incentive Program](#) (VPA-HIP) funding through One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), Public Law 119-21 to create or enhance state and tribal government programs that encourage owners and operators of privately held farm, ranch, and forest land to voluntarily make that land available for access by the public for hunting, fishing, and other wildlife-dependent recreation.

See attached for Ms. James' complete report.

Virginia Cooperative Extension Office – Thomas Bolles, Associate Extension Agent

Mr. Bolles stated that Lexi Lohfeld, and an additional intern to begin in June, will be working on site visits over the summer. VCE is working on programming with the County Environmental Services Dept. A pesticide re-certification class is being offered on June 22nd at George Washington Carver Agriculture Research Center.

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

Ms. Cross stated that the Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, to discuss the budget. Prince William SWCD should approve their budget no later than their July board meeting. She asked that the District prepare their FY 27 budget by June 30th.

The Prince William SWCD grant agreements will likely be delayed due to late state budgets and VSWCB policy approvals. The board should delegate authority to the board chair to sign Grant agreements and the FY 27 Carryover report.

Area II member District's Legislative agendas are due to Area II Chairman, Peter Holden, w/copy for the Conservation District Coordinator, by July 15th.

The District's FY 27 Annual Plan of Work should be board approved at the June board meeting – July at the latest.

Two virtual PY27 VACS Program Update Sessions are scheduled for:

Wednesday, June 17, 2026 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 23, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. - noon

Links to be provided.

See attached for Ms. Cross's complete report.

VA Dept. of Forestry – Melina Cienski

Ms. Cienski unable to attend.

Associate Directors –

Sonnie Cuffey -

What a great day we had hiking together on Saturday, May 16, 2026! The PWSWCD & the PW Conservation Alliance did a hike to remember and honor Kim Hosen. She was a fierce protector of Prince William County, and we are all the seeds she's planted along the way that are carrying that work forward. During the hike, we learned about indigenous & invasive plants and history of the area. Twelve people were in attendance. Ashley Studholme was presented with a PWSWCD Certificate of Appreciation and plant materials were provided.

There were leaf bags, gloves, educational materials, & water bottles were supplied. 15+ bags were collected.

Jim Gehlsen – No further comments.

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Will Lintner - Mr. Linter thanked District Conservation staff for inviting him on a site visit. He has been working on wildlife surveys at Meadowood Special Recreation Management and at the Occoquan Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

Mr. Lintner stated that Governor Spanberger signed a bill protecting public drinking water sources by monitoring the PFAS output of businesses, manufacturers, and commercial operations that dispose of wastewater.

Andrew Uglow unable to attend.

Operations

Approve the nomination of John Price for re-appointment to the board between 2027-2030 – The motion to approve was made by Mr. Bolles, with a 2nd by Mr. Kahlon, and passed by a (3/0/1) vote. Mr. Price abstained from the vote.

Other Business

None

Conservation

Approve Recommendations from the TRC meeting on May 14, 2026 – The motion to approve was made by Mr. Bolles, with a 2nd by Ms. Vehrs, and passed by a 4/0/0 vote.

1 Recommended Approval of Plans by BOD

Motion: Vehrs

Second: Price

Vote: 3-0

Caudill Farms (New Plan FY26)

11780 Parkgate Drive, Nokesville, VA 20181

Operator: Caudill, Tim

Plan Writer: Alex Murphy

Plan #: CP-35-26-0033

GPIN: 7593-42-3139

Watershed: PL40

☐ RPA

Crop	Acres	Nut. Reduction		
		N. (lbs)	P. (lbs)	Sed. (T)
Specialty Crop	7.0	30.5283	3.0582	1.3052
Totals:	7.0	30.5283	3.0582	1.3052

Amiri Two Sibling Lake Ranch (New FY26)

9201 Mackenzie Meadow Court, Nokesville, VA 20181

Operator: Amiri, Saeed

Plan Writer: Hunter Quinones

Plan #: CP-35-26-0032

GPIN: 7296-81-6565

Watershed: PL32

☒ RPA

Crop	Acres	Nut. Reduction		
		N. (lbs)	P. (lbs)	Sed. (T)
Pasture	2.5	1.8860	0.6402	0.0338
Totals:	2.5	1.8860	0.6402	0.0338

Livestock	Num	Manure (lbs/day)	Manure (Tons/Year)	Manure Stockpiles?
Chicken (Layers)	25	4.75	0.0017338	
Emu	1	4.25	0.0659281	
Goats	13	65.00	1.18625	
Sheep	9	36.90	1.34685	
Alpacas	1	4.00	0.09125	
Totals:	49	114.90	2.6920119	☐

Yankey Farms - Hogan (Revision FY26)

9813 Burwell Road, Nokesville, VA 20181

Operator: Yankey, Jay

Plan Writer: Hunter Quinones

Plan #: CP-35-26-0037

GPIN: 7295-74-6133

Watershed: PL34

☒ RPA

Crop	Acres	Nut. Reduction		
		N. (lbs)	P. (lbs)	Sed. (T)
Crop	28.3	108.5305	6.0704	0.4245
Totals:	28.3	108.5305	6.0704	0.4245

Kettle Wind Farm - Caton (Revision FY26)

13724 Nokesville Road, Nokesville, VA 20181

Operator: House, Paul

Plan Writer: Hunter Quinones

Plan #: CP-35-26-0036

GPIN: 7393-67-7876

Watershed: PL33

☐ RPA

Crop	Acres	Nut. Reduction		
		N. (lbs)	P. (lbs)	Sed. (T)
Crop	81.5	312.5525	17.4818	1.2225
Totals:	81.5	312.5525	17.4818	1.2225

Kettle Wind Schwartz (Plan Renewal FY26)

10705 Lonesome Road, Nokesville, VA 20181

Operator: House, Kyle

Plan Writer: Alex Murphy

Plan #: CP-35-26-0040

GPIN: 7394-88-6498

Watershed: PL33

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Crop	Acres	Nut. Reduction		
		N. (lbs)	P. (lbs)	Sed. (T)
Crop	156.6	600.5994	33.5928	2.3492
Totals:	156.6	600.5994	33.5928	2.3492

Water Quality Programs Update – Veronica Tangiri

Ms. Tangiri credited the board's support for her accomplishments to include her recent 2026 Minerva Award from the Prince William County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in recognition of adults in the community who have made, and continue to make, a significant impact on the lives of youths in the areas of education at the community level.

Ms. Tangiri also stated that the WQ Program has been holding collaborative meetings on advancing water quality monitoring citizen science with high school students, ecological science clubs, community home schools, and interested scout troops.

Ms. Tangiri thanked the Prince William Environmental Excellence Foundation members for their support towards the Leesylvania State Park project. Over \$30,000 has been raised towards the project to date.

See attached for Ms. Tangiri's complete staff report.

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Education Programs Update – Josie Anderson

Ms. Anderson unable to attend. Ms. Anderson's activities stated in the Manager's Time comments.

Outreach Programs – Alex Murphy

Mr. Murphy unable to attend. Mr. Yankey stated that Mr. Murphy has assisted Ms. Anderson with MWEE and outreach events.

VCAP Update – Nicole Slazinski

Ms. Slazinski stated that the District has received several VCAP applications. She and Mr. Murphy have completed several site visits.

VACS Update – Jay Yankey

Mr. Yankey stated that there are several VACS practices the Conservation staff are working on that are listed in the TRC report.

Directors' Time –

Mr. Bolles – Mr. Bolles asked Mr. Yankey when the next staff performance reviews will be complete. Mr. Yankey stated they would be completed in June.

Ms. Vehrs – Ms. Vehrs stated that she addended the Kids2Park day on Saturday, May 16th. She was representing the Native Plant Society during the event. She expressed her appreciation to Mr. Murphy for assisting her in taking down her display. She extended an invitation to the board for the next bird and nature walk on Sunday, May 31, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. at Merrimac Farm Wildlife Management Area. The Manassas Bee Festival is on Saturday, June 20, 2026.

Mr. Kahlon – Mr. Kahlon congratulated Veronica on the 2026 Minerva Award from the Prince William County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. He also thanked staff for their hard work on the programs and events they coordinate.

Mr. Price - No further comments.

Ms. Reed unable to attend.

Motion to adjourn – The motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:07 p.m. was made by Mr. Bolles, with a 2nd by Ms. Vehrs, and passed by a 4/0/0 vote.

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Next Personnel Committee meeting – Thursday, June 18, 2026, 10 a.m., Wetland Studies & Solutions, Inc., 5300 Wellington Branch Dr #100, Gainesville, VA 20155 – Jefferson Conference Room

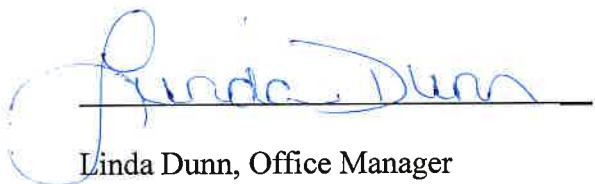
Next Board meeting – Thursday, June 18, 2026, 11 a.m., Wetland Studies & Solutions, Inc., 5300 Wellington Branch Dr #100, Gainesville, VA 20155 – Jefferson Conference Room

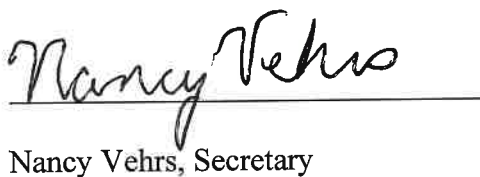
Next Finance Committee meeting – Thursday, July 9, 2026, 12 p.m., 8033 Ashton Avenue, Manassas, VA – Conference Room D

Next TRC meeting – Thursday, July 9, 2026, 1 p.m., 8033 Ashton Avenue, Manassas, VA – Conference Room D

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:


Linda Dunn, Office Manager


Nancy Vehrs, Secretary