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MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, December 14, 2023
Cedar Run Brewery, 12801 Hazelwood Drive, Nokesville, VA 20181

In-person Attendees:

John Price, Director – Chairman
Will Lintner, Director – Vice Chairman
Tiziana Bottino - Secretary
Thomas Bolles, Director – VCE Representative
Duane Mohr, District Manager
Jim Gehlsen, Associate Director
Sonnie Cuffey, Associate Director
Harry Glasgow, Associate Director
Nancy Vehrs, elected 2024 Director
Jenny Reed, elected 2024 Director
Vicky Staubly, guest
Veronica Tangiri, Water Quality Program Coordinator
Kim Lowther, Education Specialist
Josie Anderson, Water Quality Program Assistant (Intern)
Nicole Slazinski, Conservation Specialist
Alex Murphy, Conservation Specialist
Seth Hatfield, Conservation Specialist
Haven Rankin, guest
Hunter Quinones, Conservation Technician (Intern)
Joyce and Tom Andrew, guests

Absent:

Mansimran Kahlon, Treasurer

Virtual Zoom Meeting Attendees:

N/A

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Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 11:13 a.m.

Chairman's Comments – Chairman Price stated that 2023 has been a good year. He thanked the staff and board members for their work throughout the year. He attended the Area II meeting and stated that the individuals who were recommended to Area II have been submitted.

Potomac Council Update – Will Lintner:

Mr. Lintner stated that Chuck Koch has replaced him as the Potomac Council Chairman. The council is seeking a new Chairman for the Potomac Watershed.

Citizen's Time – None present

Minutes of November 16 Meeting – The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Lintner with a 2nd by Mrs. Bottino and passed by a 3/0 vote. Mr. Bolles not in attendance at the time of the vote.

Treasurer's Report for November 2023 Financials –

The District did not receive state or local funds in the month of November. The interest earned on the Cash Reserves account is \$837.49. Mr. Kahlon not in attendance. The November financials will be tabled to the January 18, 2024 meeting.

Managers Time – Duane Mohr

Mr. Mohr stated that staff have been busy with conservation plans. He also stated that Ms. Slazinski is interested in serving on the planning committee for the 2024 Annual Meeting.

Flyers have been created for the Outreach event on Saturday, January 13, 2024. Staff have been distributing them locally. Mr. Mohr stated that he has asked staff from John Marshall if they would like to submit information for Fauquier County as well.

The Virginia 2024 Forage Conference is scheduled on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at the Fauquier County Fairgrounds in Warrenton. He has asked the board members to contact him if they are interested in attending.

Mr. Mohr met with legislators from The Farm Bureau. He discussed funding for Nutrient Management Planners and engineering staff. By mid-2024, Mr. Mohr would like Mr. Murphy, Mr. Hatfield, and Ms. Slazinski to have engineering job approval authority for watering systems and fencing.

He is working on a cost share project with the Falk horse farm for a 1,400 square foot manure composting facility. Also working on the failed well project with Yankey Farms that has previously been approved. Assisted PWCWM with a farm that has an RPA violation by developing a cost share SL-6 N (25' buffer) and a conservation plan for the farm property.

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Upcoming Meetings/Events

Dec. 14	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	BOD Mtg. and Holiday Lunch, Cedar Run Brewery, 12801 Hazelwood Dr, Nokesville, VA 20181
Jan. 13	10 a.m.	Outreach Event, Hector's Restaurant, 12846 Fitzwater Dr, Nokesville, VA 20181
Jan. 25	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	2024 VA Forage Conference, Fauquier Co. Fairgrounds, 6209 Old Auburn Rd., Warrenton

Meetings/Events Attended

See attached November staff reports

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

Ms. James unable to attend. Please see attached report.

Virginia Cooperative Extension Office – Thomas Bolles, Associate Extension Agent

Mr. Bolles stated that he attended the Farm-To-Table Conference. Soil health experts discussed topics including soil health, human health, and economic health. Pesticide re-certification is scheduled on February 2, 2024 in Annandale.

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

Ms. Cross unable to attend. Please see attached report.

PWC Dept. of Public Works - Clay Morris, Natural Resources Section Chief, Watershed Mgmt. Branch

Mr. Morris unable to attend

VA Dept. of Forestry – Melina Cienski

Ms. Cienski unable to attend.

Associate Directors –

Jim Gehlsen – Mr. Gehlsen congratulated the current Directors for completing their 4-year term with the District.

Sonnie Cuffey – Mr. Cuffey thanked the staff for their work and support throughout the year.

Harry Glasgow – no further comments.

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Clay Morris – unable to attend

Jenny Reed – Ms. Reed stated while she attended the Annual Meeting she discovered that most Districts have a Legislative Outreach committee. She would like the Prince William SWCD to create one. She will request that this be a discussion topic at a future board meeting.

The board members discussed their concerns with wells that are drying up in the county. This topic will be further discussed at the January 2024 meeting.

Operations

Approve 2024 Officers and Committees – The list of Officers and Committee members was provided by Will Lintner - The motion to approve the Officers and Committee members with the amendment to add Mr. Bolles to the Education Committee was made by Mr. Bolles with a 2nd by Mrs. Bottino and passed by a 4/0 vote.

Approve the 2024 Prince William SWCD Director Positions – The motion to approve was made by Mr. Bolles with a 2nd by Mr. Lintner and passed by a 4/0 vote.

John Price: Chairman

Jenny Reed: Vice-Chairman

Mansimran Kahlon – Treasurer

Nancy Vehrs – Secretary

Thomas Bolles - Director – VCE Extension Agent

Approve Tax Credits for 2020 Cost Share Projects – The motion to approve was made by Mr. Bolles with a 2nd by Mrs. Bottino and passed by a 4/0 vote.

The Outreach event will be held on Saturday, January 13th at 10:00 a.m. at Hector's Restaurant in Nokesville. The snow date will be Saturday, January 20th.

Other Business

Conservation

Approve recommendations from the TRC meeting December 7, 2023 – The motion to approve the report as amended by Ms. Slazinski to add Ms. Reed as a voting member was made by Mr. Bolles with a 2nd by Mr. Lintner and passed by a 4/0 vote.

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1 Recommended Approval of Plans by BOD Motion: Mohr Second: Lintner Vote: 5-0-1

Crops

Plan	GPIN	Crop	Acres	Nut. Reduction			RPA
				N. (lbs)	P. (lbs)	Sed. (T)	
Marrakech Farm (Moulydriss Aloumouati Property)	7300-01-1971	Pasture	6.5	5,004	1,698	0.090	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Grand Totals:			6.5	5.0	1.7	0.1	

Livestock

Plan	GPIN	Livestock	Num	Manure (lbs/day)	Manure (Tons/Year)	RPA	Manure Stockpiles?
Marrakech Farm (Moulydriss Aloumouati Property)	7300-01-1971	Beef Cattle	6	552.00	100.7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Marrakech Farm (Moulydriss Aloumouati Property)	7300-01-1971	Sheep	8	32.80	0.6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Marrakech Farm (Moulydriss Aloumouati Property)	7300-01-1971	Goats	14	70.00	1.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Grand Totals:			28	654.8	102.6		

2 Recommended Approval of VACS BMPs by BOD Motion: Mohr Second: Price Vote: 4-0-1

BMPs

Heaton, Chris

BMP ID: 579424 Tracking Program #: 35-24-0017

Extension of Watering Systems

Practice	Total Est. Cost	Est. State C/S	Est. Tax Credit	Acres	Estimated Reductions		
					N. Red. (lbs.)	P Red. (lbs.)	Sed Red. (Tons)
SL-7	\$36,334.87	\$29,067.90	\$1,816.74				
BMP Watering System				21.0	29,569	3,932	0.802
Totals				21.0	29,569	3,932	0.802

Aloumouati, Moulydriss

BMP ID: 581569 Tracking Program #: 35-24-3000

Stream Exclusion with Narrow Width Buffer and Grazing Land Management

Practice	Total Est. Cost	Est. State C/S	Est. Tax Credit	Acres	Estimated Reductions		
					N. Red. (lbs.)	P Red. (lbs.)	Sed Red. (Tons)
SL-6N	\$19,255.53	\$14,441.65	\$1,203.47				
BMP Stream Exclusion				0.8	2,262	0,306	0,059
BMP Grazing Land Management				1.5	1,420	0,191	0,059
Totals				2.3	3,682	0,496	0,118

Yankey, Jay

BMP ID: 20860300 Tracking Program #: 35-15-0017

Stream exclusion with grazing land management

Practice	Total Est. Cost	Est. State C/S	Est. Tax Credit	Acres	Estimated Reductions		
					N. Red. (lbs.)	P Red. (lbs.)	Sed Red. (Tons)
SL-6	\$29,806.12	\$25,335.20	\$1,117.73				
BMP Stream Exclusion				0.0	0,000	0,000	0,000
BMP Grazing Land Management				0.0	0,000	0,000	0,000
Totals				0.0	0,000	0,000	0,000

Grand Totals:	Total Est. Cost	Est. State C/S	Est. Tax Credit	Acres	N. Red. (lbs.)	P Red. (lbs.)	Sed Red. (Tons)
	\$85,396.52	\$68,844.75	\$4,137.94	23.3	33,250	4,428	0.920

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Education Programs Update – Kim Lowther

Ms. Lowther stated that the MWEE follow-up teacher training at Triangle Elementary school was held on December 6, 2023. She thanked Ms. Anderson, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Quinones for their assistance in a successful event. Six third-grade classes participated in the training. Ms. Lowther is also assisting in the Native Plant Symposium on Saturday, February 10, 2024, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Verizon Auditorium, George Mason University, 10900 University Blvd., Manassas, VA 20110.

Water Quality Programs Update – Veronica Tangiri

Ms. Tangiri thanked the Board of Directors for their support of the water quality program. Three new chemical monitoring stations were adopted on Bull Run. The Water Quality Educational Outreach Sculpture was transported successfully to the 2023 Mid-Atlantic Marine Debris Summit at Ocean City, Maryland. Ms. Tangiri recognized Ms. Anderson for her assistance with presenting at the event. The National Park Service requested that water quality findings be presented at the 2024 National Capitol Spotlight event. We had 740 volunteers in 2023. We have seen a decrease in the number of tires collected along with waterways.

VCAP Update – Nicole Slazinski

Ms. Slazinski stated that she will be working on the Mt. Clair project. She also stated that she is on the planning committee for the Native Plant Symposium.

VACS Update – Alex Murphy

Unable to attend.

Directors' Time –

Mr. Bolles – Mr. Bolles stated that there have been discussions on shifting cost share funds to VCAP funds, particularly in urban areas.

Mrs. Bottino – Mrs. Bottino thanked the board members and staff for their support during her tenure as Secretary of the board.

Mr. Lintner – Mr. Lintner thanked the board members for supporting him during his tenure as Vice Chairman of the board.

Mr. Kahlon – unable to attend

Mr. Price – no further comments

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Motion to adjourn

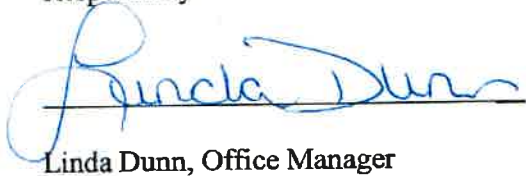
The motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:53 p.m. was made by Mr. Bolles with a 2nd by Mrs. Bottino and passed by a 4/0 vote.

Next TRC meeting – Thursday, January 11, 2024, 1 p.m., 8033 Ashton Avenue, Conference Room D, Manassas, VA 20109

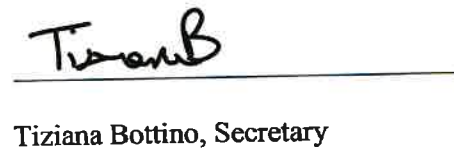
Next Board meeting – Thursday, January 18, 2024, WSSI, 5300 Wellington Branch Dr., #100, Gainesville, VA 20155, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Next Finance Committee meeting – Thursday, January 18, 2024, 12 p.m., WSSI, 5300 Wellington Branch Dr., #100, Gainesville, VA 20155, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Respectfully Submitted:


Linda Dunn, Office Manager

Approved:


Tiziana Bottino, Secretary