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MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, May 15, 2025
Windy Knolls Farm LLC
11602 Kettle Run Rd, Nokesville, VA 20181

In-person Attendees:

John Price, Director – Chairman, Interim Treasurer
Nancy Vehrs, Director – Secretary
Mansimran Kahlon, Director
Harry Glasgow, Associate Director
Jim Gehlsen, Associate Director
Thomas Bolles, Director – VCE Agent
Will Lintner, Associate Director
Andrew Uglow, Associate Director
Hannah Canizales, Public Works
Debbie Cross, Conservation District Coordinator – DCR
Casey James, NRCS District Conservationist – NRCS
Melina Cienski- Urban Forester– DOF
Tom Gordy, Supervisor of Brentsville
Duane Mohr, District Manager
Linda Dunn, Office Manager
Veronica Tangiri, Water Quality Manager
Josie Anderson, Water Quality and Outreach Specialist
Nicole Slazinski, Urban Conservation Specialist
Seth Hatfield, Conservation Specialist
Kim Lowther, Education Specialist
Jack Bourdon, Agriculture Conservation Specialist
Alex Murphy, Conservation Specialist
Erin Jansen, Youth Conservation Leadership Institute Intern

Absent:

Jenny Reed, Director – Vice-Chairman

No Virtual Zoom Meeting

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

Chairman's Comments – Chairman Price noted that May was a very eventful month, primarily due to the closing of FY24 financial records. He stated his intention to have all budget-related matters resolved by the next Finance Committee meeting on June 12th. All final changes are expected to be completed and enacted by July 15th, allowing a draft to be presented at the upcoming Board meeting on June 26th.

Potomac Council Update - Ms. Vehrs reported that there were no new updates to share.

Minutes of the April 17, 2025 Meeting – The motion to approve the minutes, with the changes requested by Ms. Vehrs, was made by Ms. Vehrs, with a 2nd by Mr. Bolles, and passed by a 4/0/0 vote.

Treasurer's Report - The motion to file the Treasurer's report for audit was made by Mr. Kahlon, with a 2nd by Mr. Bolles, and passed by a 4/0/0 vote.

Managers Time – Duane Mohr –

Chairman Price informed the Board that the role of Soil and Water Conservation District Manager has officially transitioned from Mr. Duane Mohr to Mr. Jay Yankey. Mr. Yankey expressed his appreciation, stating it was good to be back in the position.

Mr. Mohr reported that the District has remained very active across all departments, particularly in outreach efforts. He highlighted a recent scouting outreach event, which included components on the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP), water quality volunteerism, and potential scout project involvement. Additionally, he visited several large-acreage lots to discuss cost-share opportunities, including one Resource Protection Area (RPA) site in consultation with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).

Mr. Mohr concluded by thanking the Board for their continued support during the budget planning process.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

May 17	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Water Quality Experience with the Merimac Master Naturalists @ Broad Run
18-May	12:00 Noon - 4:00pm	Community- Wide Volunteer Recognition Event and Picnic @ Ben Lomond
June 5th	8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Dale City ES MWEE
June 11th	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Potomac View ES MWEE at Occoquan Bay NWR
July 10th	12 - 1 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting, VCE Office - Conference Room D
Sep 27	9:00am -1:00pm	Occoquan River Cleanup by PWTSC
Sep 30	All Day	Virginia Water Monitoring Council Conference

Meetings/Events Attended

See attached April staff reports.

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

Environmental Qualities Incentives Program (EQIP) –

FY25 – 7 pre-approved contracts. Working on environmental reviews and required documentation to generate contracts.

Current Contracts

- EQIP- 2014 – 1 active contract - Fauquier Co- \$447,569
- EQIP- 2018 - 3 active contracts - 1 Fairfax, 3 Prince William, 11 Loudoun, 17 Fauquier \$3,334,493.37

Conservation Stewardship Program (CStP) –

FY25- 1 preapproved contract – has now been signed and pending obligation approval

Current Contracts

- 7 Active General CSP Contracts. 3 in Fauquier 3 in Loudoun 1 in Arlington for \$462,509
- 19 Active CSP-GCI Contracts, 1 in Prince William, 4 in Loudoun, and 14 in Fauquier \$54,566

Outreach/Agency Activities/Events (dates)

- Small Farm Outreach - Loudoun and Northern VA soil and Water– May 5th Potomac Vegetable Farm time TBD

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

- Basic Grazing School – Virginia Forage and Grassland Council – at Rapidan River Ranch May 13th & 14th Rapidan River Ranch 3375 Graves Mill Road, Madison, VA, United States

Virginia Cooperative Extension Office – Thomas Bolles, Associate Extension Agent

Mr. Bolles reported that the Extension Office has been actively engaged in public education efforts, particularly focusing on stream restoration initiatives in the Montclair area. Concurrently, the office continues to promote the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP) within the District.

He also conducted a soils training session in the Southern Piedmont region, where he met with local community members and provided educational outreach on data centers, specifically addressing implications for rural counties.

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

Ms. Cross emphasized that all items required under the District's grant agreement must be completed by June 30th. She also noted that the draft budget submitted by Mr. Mohr should be finalized no later than July 1st.

She stressed that both the District Budget and Plan of Work must be completed and submitted by June 30th.

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Additionally, she announced a Director & SWCD Administration Manager Training to be held on June 6th at Randolph-Macon College. This training will include sessions on Attachment D, audit preparation guidance, and consultation with a grant specialist.

Looking ahead, she noted that:

- Secondary considerations and average cost lists must be reviewed and approved by the Board before initiating any new cost-share activities.
- Staff involved in agricultural cost-share must attend the Annual VACS Training on either:
 - Tuesday, June 12th from 1:00–4:00 p.m., or
 - Tuesday, June 17th from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- The Program Year 2026 (PY26) CAS Virtual Training sessions will be held on:
 - July 8th at 1:00 p.m., and
 - July 24th at 9:30 a.m.

Ms. Cross also shared updates on the association's activities:

- A Steering Committee has been established, and efforts to form a Technical Committee are currently underway.
- A survey has been distributed to all Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Districts seeking feedback on the VCAP program. Responses are requested by May 30th.
- The Northern Neck region will host the next Potomac Watershed Roundtable virtually on July 11th.

See attached for Ms. Cross's complete report.

VA Dept. of Forestry – Melina Cienski

Ms. Cienski reported that Joe McCallion is departing the Department of Forestry, which may result in temporary delays due to increased workload, particularly in Fauquier County.

She announced the start of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Treatment Cost-Share Program, which runs from early May through June 13th. This program is designed to preserve the genetic material of ash trees by supporting treatment against the invasive Emerald Ash Borer.

Ms. Cienski also noted that DOF is restarting its "Tea Before Station of Turbulence" program.

In response to an inquiry from Ms. Vehrs about the Conway Robinson State Forest, Ms. Cienski stated that a long-term project is underway to explore options for generating revenue through forest management, noting that the forest is self-funded.

She concluded by encouraging the District to notify the Department of Forestry of any upcoming large-scale planting events so they can be documented in DOF's statewide database.

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Emerald Ash Borer Treatment Cost-Share Program

Treating ash trees for this destructive non-native insect increases the chance of preserving genetic material of ash trees throughout the state

Associate Directors –

Harry Glasgow – Mr. Glasgow shared that he and Ms. Vehrs recently attended a memorial service for the late Diane Hoffman, the former Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District. He circulated the memorial pamphlet to the Board in honor of her contributions.

Will Lintner – Mr. Lintner reminded the Board that the next Potomac Watershed Roundtable meeting will take place on July 11, 2025. He also mentioned his ongoing involvement with the Audubon Naturalist Society, conducting monthly bird surveys. Unfortunately, recent counts have indicated a decline in bird populations. Additionally, he noted that despite significant rainfall, local reservoirs and aquifers remain below expected levels for this time of year.

*Sonnie Cuffey – Mr. Cuffey was unable to attend.

Andrew Uglow – Mr. Uglow began by thanking Ms. Tangiri for organizing a successful Earth Day cleanup event in collaboration with the police department, during which over 200 pounds of trash were collected. He added that Prince William County Public Works has been actively partnering with Ms. Lowther on Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences (MWEEs), making April and May particularly eventful.

Jim Gehlsen – Mr. Gehlsen stated he has no further comments.

Operations

Approve Tax Credit of \$1,319 for Mary Mauck's SL7–

Discussion: Mr. Hatfield stated that Ms. Mauck's SL7 was completed this month and there is a 25% tax credit on the eligible cost that were not covered by cost share.

The motion to approve the Tax credit for Mary Mauck was made by Mr. Bolles, with a 2nd by Ms. Vehrs, and passed by a 4/0/0 vote.

Approve MOU between VCE & Prince William SWCD–

Discussion: Mr. Mohr explained that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) seeks to identify voluntary Best Management Practices (BMPs) that farmers have implemented independently. The goal is to collaborate with the Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) to locate and engage landowners who have installed BMPs without participating in formal cost-share programs.

Mr. Bolles added that voluntary conservation efforts often go unrecorded and, as a result, are not included in the Chesapeake Bay nutrient reduction models. This underreporting means that valuable nutrient reductions

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are not being fully credited. The initiative will reimburse the Districts for their assistance in conducting these surveys, with a payment of \$50 per completed survey, to be disbursed quarterly.

The motion to approve was made by Mr. Bolles, with a 2nd by Ms. Vehrs, and abstained by Mr. Bolles. Motion was passed by a 3/0/1 vote.

Approve FY26 MOU between PWC & Prince William SWCD -

Discussion: Mr. Mohr stated that this is a standard Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with no changes from the previous year. He noted that potential modifications may occur if Prince William County identifies additional work to be completed. The only current change is a reduction in the nitrogen reduction goal, which has been adjusted from 7,500 to 4,500 due to the loss of participating farms. Additionally, the number of anticipated VCAP (Virginia Conservation Assistance Program) practices has been increased to six per year. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Bolles, with a 2nd by Mr. Kahlon. Motion was passed by a 4/0/0 vote.

Approve FY26 MOU between Manassas & Prince William SWCD -

Discussion: Mr. Mohr stated that this is a standard Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with no changes from the previous year.

Ms. Cross noted that the fiscal year listed in the MOU should be updated from FY25 to FY26. She also inquired about the number of monitoring sites included in the MOU.

Ms. Tangiri responded that there are over 50 chemical monitoring sites currently included. She added that the city is experiencing several algae blooms, and as a result, a George Mason University graduate student will be assisting with monitoring efforts. This work will be conducted in coordination with Tom Ligon, who oversees the majority of chemical monitoring sites in the City of Manassas.

The motion to approve was made by Mr. Bolles, with a 2nd by Mr. Kahlon. Motion was passed by a 4/0/0 vote.

Approve FY26 Prince William SWCD Average Cost List-

Discussion: Mr. Mohr stated that the average cost list has been increased by 10% to reflect rising costs for fencing, crossings, and other materials associated with the cost-share program. Once approved, the updated list will be submitted to the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for review.

Mr. Bolles questioned the presence of an asterisk next to the term "cover crop." Ms. Slazinski explained that it was a typographical error and assured it would be corrected.

The motion to approve was made by Mr. Bolles, with a 2nd by Ms. Vehrs. Motion was passed by a 4/0/0 vote.

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Approve \$9,000 from Cash Reserves Computer Replacement Fund for New Server & 5 Remote log in licenses

Discussion: Mr. Mohr stated that the current server has reached the end of its service life. The District plans to purchase a refurbished server from Dell, equipped with two power supplies, 256 GB of RAM, and 4 terabytes of storage. Additionally, funds will be allocated for a new laptop for Mr. Yankey and for remote access capabilities.

The motion to approve was made by Mr. Kahlon, with a 2nd by Mr. Bolles. Motion was passed by a 4/0/0 vote.

Approve Sponsorship of \$500 for the Fall Festival at Leopold's Preserve on 9/20/25 –

Discussion: Mr. Mohr stated that this event had previously been sponsored by the District but was canceled in an earlier year due to a hurricane. The District attended last year and would now like to participate again as a "Maple Sponsor," contributing \$500 and hosting a table at the event.

The motion to approve was made by Ms. Vehrs, with a 2nd by Mr. Bolles. Motion was passed by a 4/0/0 vote.

Approve Letter from Ms. Reed to Mr. Price for attending the Virginia Natural Resources Leadership Institute Program –

Discussion: Mr. Mohr clarified that the request was for Ms. Reed to draft a letter of recommendation to Chairman Price for the Virginia Natural Resources Leadership Institute. Due to limited details and Ms. Reed's absence, the Board agreed to table the matter but requested that Ms. Reed provide a draft letter by May 21 to facilitate the recommendation process.

The motion to table was made by Mr. Bolles, with a 2nd by Ms. Vehrs. Motion was passed by a 4/0/0 vote.

Approve Secondary Considerations –

Discussion: Ms. Slazinski reported that the secondary considerations were reviewed at the Technical Review Committee (TRC) meeting and subsequently submitted to the state. They have been approved by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). She noted that, with all components completed, the secondary considerations could be brought forward for Board approval pending an update to the effective date.

The motion to approve with revision of date was made by Mr. Bolles, with a 2nd by Ms. Vehrs. Motion was passed by a 4/0/0 vote.

Discussions

Discuss Check Signers on Truist Operating Account and Virginia National Bank Accounts –

Discussion: Mr. Yankey raised the topic of bank signatories following his return and role as a check signer. He inquired whether the Board should retain Mr. Mohr as a secondary signer. After discussion, the Board agreed to remove Mr. Mohr as a signer on both the Truist Operating Account and the Virginia National Bank Account, and to add Mr. Yankey in his place.

Conservation

Approve Recommendations from the Technical Review Committee on May 8, 2025. Ms. Cross reviewed that this marks 40 conservation plans out of the goal of 45.

The motion to approve was made by Mr. Bolles, with a 2nd by Mr. Kahlon, and passed by a 4/0/0 vote.

1 Recommended Approval of Plans by BOD

Motion: Price

Second: Vehrs

Vote: 5-0-3

Crops

Plan	Staff	Plan ID GPIN	Crop	Acres	Nut. Reduction			RPA
					N. (lbs)	P. (lbs)	Sed. (T)	
Davis, AJ Davis Nine Farm 12040 Parkgate Drive, Nokesville, VA 20181	Bourdon	35-25-0042	Pasture	7.7	5.927	2.012	0.106	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		7593-23-6440						
Latham Family Farm 2025 Revision 14050 Shelter Lane, Haymarket, VA 20169	Hatfield	35-25-0039	Crop	23.5	90.123	5.041	0.353	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		7300-54-9159						
Latham Family Farm 2025 Revision 14050 Shelter Lane, Haymarket, VA 20169	Hatfield	35-25-0039	Pasture	63.5	48.882	16.593	0.876	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		7300-54-9159						
Latham Family Farm 2025 Revision 14050 Shelter Lane, Haymarket, VA 20169	Hatfield	35-25-0039	Hay	30.2	19.035	6.720	0.281	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		7300-54-9159						
Latham Gagnon Property 20250 Revision - 445 4455 Sudley Road, Gainesville, VA 20155	Hatfield	35-25-0040	Pasture	32.2	24.788	8.414	0.444	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		7399-98-3040						
Latham Gagnon Property 20250 Revision - 445 4455 Sudley Road, Gainesville, VA 20155	Hatfield	35-25-0040	Crop	20.4	78.234	4.376	0.306	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		7399-98-3040						
Latham Hottel Property 2025 revision - Shelter 13505 Shelter Lane, Haymarket, VA 20169	Hatfield	35-25-0041	Crop	43.9	168.357	9.417	0.859	<input type="checkbox"/>
		7400-02-2287						
Latham Hottel Property 2025 revision - Shelter 13505 Shelter Lane, Haymarket, VA 20169	Hatfield	35-25-0041	Hay	17.7	11.156	3.938	0.165	<input type="checkbox"/>
		7400-02-2287						
Lone Oak Farm 2025 - Raymond Byres Jr. 5305 Pageland Lane, Catharpin, VA 20143	Slazinski	35-25-0033	Hay	100.7	63.471	22.406	0.937	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		7499-70-3896						
McStravick Laz E Hill Farm (2025 Renewal) 2485 Little River Road, Haymarket, VA 20169	Bourdon	35-25-0043	Pasture	4.9	3.772	1.280	0.068	<input type="checkbox"/>
		7301-63-4119						
Whellhan Property 2025 12800 Brookfield Road, Nokesville, VA 20181	Slazinski	35-25-0034	Pasture	3.6	2.771	0.941	0.050	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		7593-00-5498						
Grand Totals:				348.3	516.5	81.1	4.2	

Livestock

Plan	Staff	Plan ID	Livestock	Num	Manure (lbs/day)	Manure (Tons/Year)	RPA	Manure Stockpile
		GPIN						
Davis, Al Davis Nine Farm 12040 Parkgate Drive, Nokesville, VA 20181	Bourdon	35-25-0042	Horses	2	108.80	19.9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		7593-23-6440						
Davis, Al Davis Nine Farm 12040 Parkgate Drive, Nokesville, VA 20181	Bourdon	35-25-0042	Beef Cattle	2	184.00	33.6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		7593-23-6440						
Latham Family Farm 2025 Revision 14050 Shelter Lane, Haymarket, VA 20169	Hatfield	35-25-0039	Beef Cattle	45	4,140.00	755.6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		7300-54-9159						
Latham Gagnon Property 20250 Revision - 445 4455 Sudley Road, Gainesville, VA 20155	Hatfield	35-25-0040	Beef Cattle	45	4,140.00	755.6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		7399-98-3040						
McStravick Laz E Hill Farm (2025 Renewel) 2485 Little River Road, Haymarket, VA 20169	Bourdon	35-25-0043	Beef Cattle	8	736.00	134.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		7301-63-4119						
Whellhan Property 2025 12800 Brookfield Road, Nokesville, VA 20181	Slazinski	35-25-0034	Horses	4	217.60	39.7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		7593-00-5498						
Grand Totals:				106	9,526.4	1,738.6		

<u>Total # of Plans for This Month</u>	<u>Total # of BOD Approved Plans so far:</u>
New Plans: 1	New Plans: 11
Revisions: 6	Revisions: 22
Total # of Plans: 7	Total # of Plans: 33

These totals do not include the plans for this month as they have not been officially approved.

2 Recommended Approval of VACS BMPs by BOD **Motion:** Mohr **Second:** Slazinski **Vote:** 7-0-1

BMPs

Mauck, Mary **BMP ID:** 589202 **Tracking Program #:** 35-25-0003
11201 Needmore Farm Lane, Nokesville, VA 20181

Extension of Watering Systems

Practice	Total Est. Cost	Est. State C/S	Acres	Estimated Reductions		
				N. Red. (lbs.)	P Red. (lbs.)	Sed Red. (Tons)
SL-7	\$19,402.20	\$14,551.65				
BMP Watering System			11.7	16.474	2.191	0.447
Totals			11.7	16.474	2.191	0.447

Chamberlain, Nick **BMP ID:** 650429 **Tracking Program #:** 35-25-0013
10560 Manley Road, Nokesville, VA 20181

Stream Exclusion with Wide Width Buffer and Grazing Land Management

Practice	Total Est. Cost	Est. State C/S	Acres	Estimated Reductions		
				N. Red. (lbs.)	P Red. (lbs.)	Sed Red. (Tons)
SL-6W	\$38,637.60	\$40,437.60				
BMP Stream Exclusion			1.4	3.958	0.535	0.104
BMP Grazing Land Management			6.5	6.153	0.826	0.255
Totals			7.9	10.111	1.360	0.359

Grand Totals:	Total Est. Cost	Est. State C/S	Acres	N. Red. (lbs.)	P Red. (lbs.)	Sed Red. (Tons)
	\$58,039.80	\$54,989.25	19.6	26.585	3.551	0.806

3 Recommended Approval of VCAP BMPs by BOD Motion: Second: Vote:

VCAP

4 BMPs and VCAP Completed this Month Motion: Second: Vote:

BMPs

Landowner	BMP ID	Tracking Number	Practice	Acres	N. Red. (lbs.)	P Red. (lbs.)	Sed Red. (Tons)	Final Cost-Share	Final Tax Credit
Bender, Jonathan 11405 Aden Road, Nokesville, VA 20181	633481	35-25-0005	SL-8B	71	445.47	10.72	10.61	\$6,390.00	\$0.00

Grand Totals:	71	445.47	10.72	10.61	\$6,390.00	\$0.00
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VCAP

Name Address	Contract No.	Practice	Area (sq. feet)	#	Gallons	Final Cost Share
Weathersby, Marie 15106 Calexico Ln, Woodbridge, VA 22193	VCAP 35-25-004	Rainwater Harvesting	950.0	1.000	620.000	\$2,427.72
Hillegas, Stacy 15491 Golf Club Drive, Montclair, VA 22025	VCAP 35-25-007	Conservation Landscaping	2,500.0	0.000	0.000	\$5,200.66
Totals:			3,450.0	1.000	620.000	\$7,628.38

Water Quality Programs Update – Veronica Tangiri

Ms. Tangiri expressed her gratitude to the Prince William Environmental Education Foundation (PWEFF) for their support in facilitating the grants she has been working on. These grants were submitted on Monday, May 12. She noted that she is currently preparing a grant application for Fairfax Water to support the Leesylvania State Park project.

She also thanked Mr. Uglow for his assistance in organizing multiple cleanup events in May and expressed enthusiasm for continued collaboration with Public Works.

Ms. Tangiri highlighted the upcoming annual community-wide event, the Volunteer Recognition Picnic, hosted by Volunteer Prince William on May 18, and encouraged Board members and Supervisors to attend to show support for the county’s volunteers.

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Lastly, she reported increased participation in the Adopt-a-Stream program from families in both Manassas and Prince William County.

Education Programs Update – Kim Lowther

Ms. Lowther reported that she successfully conducted Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences (MWEE) for participants of all ages across the county, working closely with YCLI intern Zainab Soofey and Prince William Watershed Coordinator Rebecca Wadmen. She noted that three additional MWEEs are scheduled with Bull Run Middle School, Dale City Elementary, and Potomac View Elementary School.

Ms. Lowther also participated in this year's Envirothon event, which was very successful, thanks in part to a team she recruited. She is currently exploring potential new locations for next year's Envirothon.

Additionally, Ms. Lowther is completing her Environmental Literacy courses to further advance her certification through the Virginia Association for Environmental Education (VAEE). As part of this process, she will be required to complete a capstone project, develop lesson plans, and undergo teaching observations.

Outreach Update – J. Anderson

Ms. Anderson announced that the District's first farmers market event, in partnership with Manassas Stormwater, will take place on Saturday, May 17. She will be attending the event alongside Mr. Murphy. The following day, Sunday, May 18, both will attend the Volunteer Recognition Picnic with Chairman Price. This event, hosted by Volunteer Prince William, will honor volunteers from the District and other local organizations.

Ms. Anderson and Mr. Murphy will also participate in World Turtle Day on May 23, where they will assist in rehoming turtles back to Hospital Pond in coordination with Manassas Stormwater.

Ms. Lowther added that the District plans to register soon for the Bee Festival scheduled for June 21.

VCAP Update – N. Slazinski

Ms. Slazinski reported that four spot checks were conducted; three passed successfully, while one received a maintenance recommendation and is scheduled for a recheck in August. She also noted that another approved VCAP project has commenced construction and planting.

Mr. Murphy added that two additional VCAP projects are expected to receive approval by the end of the month.

Additionally, Ms. Slazinski informed the Board that a practice she previously implemented has been approved by the Steering Committee.

VACS – Seth Hatfield

Mr. Hatfield reported that several projects are nearing closure, including all fall cover crops from Mr. Bender, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Eaustice, which will be included on the agenda for the next Technical Review Committee (TRC) meeting.

He also mentioned that Ms. Mauck's SL7 project is complete, and he plans to meet with her later that evening to deliver the approved payment check.

Looking ahead to next year, Mr. Hatfield informed the Board that a few SL6 applications are ready to begin.

Mr. Mohr added that one cover crop project, which utilized drone seeding, failed due to drought conditions. As a result, that project has been canceled, and the District will not be providing payment for it.

Directors' Time –

Mr. Kahlon – Mr. Kahlon stated he has no further comments.

Mr. Bolles – Mr. Bolles stated that there is a soil health in-service scheduled for May 8th in Southern Piedmont, aimed at training individuals on the use of soil health demonstration equipment.

Ms. Vehrs – Ms. Vehrs reported that she received an email from a former manager of the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) program requesting the District's support in advocating to Congress to continue funding CZM. She noted that the sponsor, Plant Virginia Natives Regional Guides, highlighted that CZM receives \$3 million in NOAA funding annually, which is used for projects such as constructing fishing piers, boardwalks, and trails, as well as restoring oyster reefs and providing coastal habitats.

Ms. Anderson added that she attended the Marine Debris Conference and emphasized that the District has a longstanding partnership with and ongoing support for CZM.

Ms. Vehrs also mentioned that the Prince William Wildflower Society will hold a meeting on May 19, featuring guest speaker Jim McCloan, a retired urban conservationist from the Department of Forestry, who will present on "Why Trees Are Not a Clade." She concluded by excusing herself to attend another meeting with the Upper Occoquan Service Authority.

Mr. Price – Mr. Price stated he has no further comments.

Motion to Adjourn:

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:49 p.m. was made by Mr. Kahlon, with a 2nd by Ms. Vehrs, and passed by a 3/0/0 vote.

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Next TRC meeting – Thursday, June 12, 2025, 1 p.m., 8033 Ashton Avenue, Conference Room D

Next Board meeting – Thursday, June 26, 2025, 1 p.m., Wetland Studies and Solutions, 5300 Wellington Branch Dr., Gainesville, VA 20155

Next Finance Committee meeting – Thursday, June 12, 2025 12:00 p.m., 8033 Ashton Avenue, Conference Room D

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Josie Anderson". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Josie Anderson, Water Quality and Outreach Specialist

Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Vehrs". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Nancy Vehrs, Secretary

