

**THOMAS JEFFERSON SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

April 24, 2019

Present:

Directors: Pratley (Chair), Campbell, Collins, Lucas, Murdoch, Murray, Thompson

Assoc. Directors: McGoff, Tweardy

Staff: Coates, Longanecker, Moyer

Agencies: Cross (DCR), Bayless (NRCS)

Absent:

Directors: Easter, Meeks, Swanson, Tingley, Wagner

Staff: DaMitz, Eiserman, Gyurisin, Hyatt, Talley

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Pratley called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS: Mr. Pratley welcomed Logan Tweardy as a new Associate Director.

ADDITIONS / CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None.

CLOSED SESSION:

***MOTION:** Mr. Thompson moved to enter into closed session for briefings by staff members pertaining to probable litigation with Dr. William Orr, where such consultation or briefing in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the District and the Board, in accordance with Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711 (A) (7), and to invite Anne Coates, Luke Longanecker, Amy Moyer, Debbie Cross, and the Associate Directors to participate in the closed session. Mr. Murray seconded the motion, and **the motion passed unanimously.** All others in attendance removed themselves from the meeting.*

CERTIFICATION:** Upon returning to open session, Mr. Thompson move to certify that, to the best of each Director's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and identified in the motion by which the Closed Session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the Closed Session. Mr. Lucas seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and **the motion passed 7 to 0.

MOTION:** Mr. Thompson moved to carry out the consensus of the Board that was reached during the closed session and to authorize Luke Longanecker and himself to work with the Office of the Attorney General in future negotiations. Mr. Murdoch seconded the motion, and **the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ACTION ITEMS:

Directors Meeting Minutes:

MOTION:** Mr. Lucas moved to approve the Directors Meeting Minutes for March 27, 2019. Mr. Murdoch seconded the motion, and **the motion passed unanimously.

Education Committee Report:

Mr. Collins stated that each year the District awards two camp tuitions at \$550 apiece to eligible students interested in attending the Youth Conservation Camp. They extended the deadline but still received only one application. The Education Committee reviewed the application and recommends awarding \$550 in camp tuition to Elizabeth Fox of Albemarle to attend this year's camp in Blacksburg, Virginia.

MOTION:** Mr. Collins moved to approve the Youth Conservation Camp tuition award to Elizabeth Fox. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion, and **the motion passed unanimously.

Agriculture Committee Report:

Mr. Thompson summarized the Agriculture Committee meeting and reviewed projects recommended for approval (*see attached minutes and reports for details*). He noted that the bulk of the meeting was devoted to reviewing equine program applications. They sought to meet the grant specifications for broad geographic representation among the localities in the District and a variety of practices, with plans for a tour and videos or other media. Program response was a great success. Mr. Thompson outlined projects at UVA Polo Grounds and the North Garden Equine Center, which are two of the larger projects recommended for approval. The committee will meet next month to discuss WIP III and program changes for the upcoming year.

Mr. Longanecker reported on water shortage issues at Piedmont Manor due to collapsed and non-functioning wells and inadequate water pressure. He will field verify existing conditions and explore options for cost-share assistance to correct these issues. The practice lifespan would reset if new wells are drilled.

Mr. Thompson reported on committee discussion of the manure storage agreement and manure management guidelines for the equine grant projects. Mr. Longanecker and Mr. Thompson also gave an update on progress in obligating funds.

The Board of Directors then took up the Consent Agenda. Mr. Longanecker noted corrections to add Afton Stables and adjust the amount for Buteau.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Committee Minutes:** Agriculture Committee (4-22-2019); Budget/Finance Committee (3-27-2019); Water Resources Committee (3-27-2019); Personnel/Operations Committee (3-27-2019); Public Relations Committee (4-18-2019); Education Committee (3-27-2019).
2. **DCR Grant Agreement:** Dam Maintenance, Repair, and Rehabilitation Fund Agreement No. SDR19020

3. Consent Items:**Agriculture Practices**

Last Name / Business	Contract #	Instance	Practice Code	Estimated Cost Share	Potential Tax Credit	Final Tax Credit	Conservation Plan Approval
Ballenger Creek Farm, LLC	02-19-0122	334885	SL-11	\$8,085	\$673.75		Yes
Joel Mangham	02-19-0121	334882	WP-2	\$10,484.10	\$873.68		Yes
Oakdale, LLC	02-19-0123	334945	SL-6	\$41,547.68	\$2,596.73		Yes
	02-19-0124	335008	RMP-2	\$220.00			
	02-19-0124	335009	RMP-2	\$2,720.00			
	02-19-0124	335010	RMP-2	\$665.00			
	02-19-0124	335011	RMP-2	\$220.00			
Campbell	02-18-0218	303227	WP-4			\$4,526.07	
Project Increases				Increase Amount			
Riverview Cattle Farms	02-19-0018	321376	SL-6	\$6,063.20			
Rea Williams	02-15-0383	209171	SL-6	\$522.68			

Equine Practices

Last Name	Business	Practices	Estimated Cost Share
Timmerman		Compost Facility, HUA	\$21,054.00
Hueston		Compost Facility	\$7,104.00
A.M. Roberts		Gutters, Water System	\$5,017.86
	North Garden Equine Center	Gutters, Water System, Outlet, Compost Facility	\$22,648.88
Valente		Compost Facility	\$5,040.00
Guerlain		Native Planting	\$1,500.00
M. Roberts		Compost Facility, HUA	\$10,557.00
Oliver		Compost Facility, HUA	\$21,021.75
Carter		Compost Facility	\$5,040.00
	UVA Polo	Compost Facility, Laneway, Critical Planting	\$54,237.38
Buteau		Compost Facility	\$6,720.00 \$5,040.00
Weintraub		Fence, pipeline, hydrants	\$4,682.36
Thompson		HUA, Laneway, Critical Planting, Retaining Wall, Drainage, rain garden	\$13,522.50
Ordel		Exclusion Fence, Trough	\$6,297.02
McConnell		HUA, Roof Runoff System	\$6,993.75
	Hopes Legacy	Roof Runoff System	\$1,616.63
	<u>Afton Stables</u>	<u>HUA</u>	<u>\$7,500.00</u>

Septic Practices

Last Name / Business	Contract #	Instance	Practice Code	Estimated Cost Share
Jackson	02-19-0127	335066	RB-3R	\$1,600
Plaskey	02-19-0126	335064	RB-4	\$4,800
Sanford	02-19-0125	335063	RB-4	\$4,400

MOTION: Mr. Thompson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Mr. Murray seconded the motion, and **the motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Campbell and Mr. Bayless left the meeting at 12:18 p.m. In the absence of a quorum, any remaining items requiring a vote were deferred. Directors resumed hearing committee reports and updates.

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND UPDATES:

Water Resources Committee:

Mr. Murray summarized the recent Water Resources Committee meeting and reviewed projects recommended for approval (*see attached minutes and reports for details*). The City of Charlottesville CCAP postcard outreach was very successful. Staff have received over 100 calls, and they are working to setup site visits. More refined scoring criteria may be needed to prioritize the large number of applications.

Finance/Budget Committee:

Ms. Coates reported that the Finance/Budget Committee did not meet due to absences.

Public Relations Committee:

Ms. Coates reported that the Public Relations Committee discussed outreach materials, the website, the Annual Report, and staff participation in public events. The committee recommended cutting the number of events by 75 percent. The schedule has been cut from 46 events last year to 26 in 2019 and 16 in 2020, with a goal of prioritizing events with the highest impact.

Mr. Murray added that they discussed value-add events, such as workshops rather than tabling, as well as criteria for accepting new events, success metrics, and objective quantification. He noted that Directors can sign up to table events or speak at public meetings. Mr. Murray gave a VCAP presentation at a recent DEQ meeting and will attend an event at Monticello this weekend.

Ms. Coates summarized discussions regarding the *Daily Progress* advertising campaign, entrance signage, and river signage for agriculture cost-share recipients.

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORTS:

DCR: Ms. Cross congratulated staff on the Attachment E submittal and distributed certificates to Directors who attended COIA training. Ms. Cross summarized information from her monthly report (*see attached report for details*).

Mr. Thompson left the meeting at 12:42 p.m.

NRCS: No updates.

FSA: FSA provided the attached written report.

VCE: Ms. Swanson reported that a well water testing clinic will be held in Albemarle in May.

DEQ: DEQ provided the attached written report.

DOF: No updates.

TJWRPF: No updates.

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND UPDATES:

Drinking Water Testing: Information was distributed regarding the upcoming drinking water clinic in Albemarle County.

NRCS Questionnaire: Ms. Coates encouraged Directors to complete the NRCS Programs Questionnaire and submit comments to Mr. Bayless for consideration by the local working group.

STAFF REPORTS:

Ms. Coates shared an excerpt from the WIP document regarding potential future legislation establishing a date by which all farms with livestock accessing perennial streams must provide exclusion measures. Mr. Murray stated that the General Assembly may allow localities to regulate stream buffers. Mr. Pratley noted that any Board comment on WIP III needs to be approved at the May meeting to make the comment deadline.

Ms. Coates reported that she attended the VASWCD meeting, where she learned that Albemarle and Nelson are slated to receive poultry litter.

Ms. Coates related that Albemarle County is looking for property referrals for tree planting.

DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Mr. Lucas reported that he filled out the beef survey and met with PEC officials in Culpeper regarding programs to supply local beef to schools and institutions.

Mr. Murray reported on the North Fork Rivanna TMDL meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: *Mr. Collins moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Murdoch seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.*

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Recording Secretary

Approved: _____
Chair