

THOMAS JEFFERSON SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2020

Present:

Directors: Pratley (Chair), Bartz, Collins, Easter, Lucas, Murdoch (*arrived at 9:10 a.m.*), Murray (*arrived at 10:00 a.m.*), Thompson, Willis

Assoc. Directors: Cowger (*arrived at 10:00 a.m.*), Daughters, Tingley (*arrived at 10:00 a.m.*)

Staff: Abowd, Eiserman, Gyurisin, Hyatt, Kirschner, Linaberry, Longanecker, Moyer, Talley

Guests: See strategic planning session participants list below.

Absent:

Directors: Campbell, Meeks, Swanson

Assoc. Directors: Merle-Smith, Tewardy

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Pratley called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Pratley noted that Ms. Coates was unable to attend today due to illness. He announced that the Area II spring meeting is May 12 in Middleburg.

ADDITIONS / CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ACTION ITEMS AND UPDATES:

Committee Signups:

Mr. Pratley encouraged Directors to review the committee sign-up list and communicate any changes or new committees on which they wish to serve.

DEQ Contract Extensions:

Mr. Longanecker explained that the Hardware contract modification is a six-month extension, keeping current BMP funding in place. The Tye contract modification is the second round of a two-year grant, for additional agricultural and septic BMP funding.

MOTION: *Mr. Thompson moved to approve the Tye TMDL contract modification. Mr. Collins seconded the motion, and **the motion passed unanimously.***

MOTION: *Mr. Thompson moved to approve the Hardware TMDL contract extension. Mr. Bartz seconded the motion, and **the motion passed unanimously.***

The meeting then recessed for breakfast and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP:

In addition to the attendees listed above, participants included:

Megan Seibel
Alyson Sappington
Peanut Coleman

Rob Harrison
Will Hueston, Springwood Farm
Ann Mallek, Albemarle County
Laurel Williamson, Albemarle County
Anne Marie Roberts, James River Association
Tom Egeland, Louisa County
Kris Nelson, Louisa County
Dana Bayless, NRCS
Matt Carroll, NRCS
Kory Kirkland, NRCS
Jon Lipinski, NRCS
Julie Roller, Monticello
Dominique Lavorata, TJPDC
Lisa Wittenborn, Rivanna Conservation Alliance
Rex Linville, Piedmont Environmental Council

Mr. Pratley welcomed attendees. He noted that Mr. Meeks is out of town for NACD business.

Facilitator Megan Seibel shared information on VALOR, an agriculture leadership program at Virginia Tech. She then gave an overview of the day's schedule and goals.

Attendees shared brief introductions.

Ms. Sappington shared a presentation prepared by Ms. Coates, giving an overview of District operations and programs. Mr. Longanecker outlined the agricultural cost share programs. Mr. Gyurisin presented on natural resources programs, such as locality assistance, homeowner conservation assistance programs, and easements. Ms. Hyatt shared information on the residential septic cost share program.

Directors, staff, partners, and community members participated in a facilitated strategic planning session and breakout sessions on major program areas. Feedback will be compiled for use in developing the 2020-2024 strategic plan.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Recording Secretary

Approved: _____
Chair