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JAMES RIVER SWCD MONTHLY MEETING
Board of Directors Meeting
January 8, 2009

James River Soil and Water Conservation District held its monthly board meeting on January 8, 2009, at the Prince George Human Services Building. 2008 Chairman Don Bagshaw called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

Attendees were:

Directors: Don Bagshaw, Margie Davis, Chris Elko, W. D. Kreider, Charles Skalsky

Associates: None

Staff: Linda McAllister, Dan Lee, Bonnie Stefaniak

Agency Partners: Carrie Hagin (DCR), Anthony Howell (NRCS)

Absent: Scott Reiter, George Beadles, John Kinch

Guests: Kerry Hutchenson, Patrick Vincent, Heather Barrar

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Charles Skalsky presented the following report from the Nominating Committee: Donald Bagshaw, Chairman; Chris Elko, Vice Chairman

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: A motion was made to accept the officers as presented by the Nominating Committee. Motion made: Chris Elko Seconded: Margie Davis. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

VA OUTDOORS FOUNDATION EASEMENT AGREEMENT: Kerry Hutchenson, VOF Staff Counsel, discussed the purpose of a co-holder agreement between VOF and Districts. The James River District currently co-holds one easement with VOF and he would like the District to sign an agreement for that easement. VOF will take the lead in monitoring the easement and handle any legal issues that may arise from that easement. The District requested that language be added to the standard document that VOF will be responsible for the costs associated with enforcement of the easement. Mr. Hutchenson agreed with the request and will send a draft document for the District for review. The document will be presented for approval at the February meeting.

AGENCY REPORTS:

NRCS: Anthony Howell reported that USDA's nationwide audit concluded on December 17th. He presented a conservation plan for Charles Skalsky on tract #5954, for approval. A motion was made that Charles Skalsky's plan on tract #5954 be approved. Motion made: Margie Davis Seconded: Chris Elko Motion passed. Mr. Skalsky abstained from voting.

DCR: Carrie Hagin - A report is in the packet. The end of quarter reports are due January 15, 2009. Tax related forms for producers must be mailed prior to Jan. 31st. The Governor's budget was presented on Dec. 17th and the major point impacting Districts are outlined in the written report.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- **2009 Meeting Dates:** A list of meeting dates was in the packet, with meetings continuing to be held the first Thursday of every month. The meetings in January, February, March and December will be at 3:00 PM. All other meeting will be at 6:00 PM. A motion was made to accept the proposed meeting schedules for 2009. Motion made: Chris Elko Seconded: Bill Kreider Motion passed.
- **Approval of December 4, 2008 Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2008 meeting as presented. Motion made: Bill Kreider Seconded: Chris Elko Motion passed.
- **Cost Share:** Dan discussed the new Ag BMP practice, Long Term Continuous No-Till (LTCNT). This practice is a mid-year change, with signups beginning January 1, 2009.
- **Associate Director Nomination:** Don Bagshaw received communication from Mike Likins, requesting to serve as Associate Director on the District Board. Don Bagshaw is sponsoring Mr. Likins. A motion was made was made to accept T. Michael Likins as an Associate Director on the District Board. Motion made: Bill Kreider Seconded: Chris Elko Motion passed.
- **Farmer Focus Group:** The meeting is scheduled for February 18th, at Shoney's in Hopewell. Mike Henry is the scheduled speaker to provide information on beef production and conservation practices. Mailings will go out prior to the end of January.
- **Planning Session for Area III Spring Meeting:** A planning meeting will be held January 15th at 10:00 AM in Prince George County. Notices have been sent to the Districts in Area III.
- **Scholarship Information:** Bonnie gave a report on current scholarship procedures and presented some options for the District to consider as we move forward with our scholarship program. Written information was provided for the directors to review. A recommendation was made to let FFA handle the scholarship and increase the amount to \$2600, providing a scholarship for a student in each county and. A decision will be made at the February meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion to go into Closed Meeting as provided for in the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3712 to discuss personnel issues of the James River Soil and Water Conservation District.

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Motion carried and meeting was adjourned to closed session.

Motion: Charles Skalsky
Second: Chris Elko

Meeting date: 01/08/2009

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED (EXECUTIVE) MEETING

WHEREAS, the James River Soil and Water Conservation District has convened a closed (executive) meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the James River Soil and Water Conservation District that a closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the James River Soil and Water Conservation District hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the James River Soil and Water Conservation District.

VOTES

AYES: Charles Skalsky, W.D. Kreider, Chris Elko, Margie Davis, Don Bagshaw

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ABSENT DURING VOTE: Scott Rieter

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Linda McAllister

Secretary of James River Soil and Water Conservation District

A motion was made by Charles Skalsky and seconded by W.D. Kreider to reconvene into open session.

Only personnel matters were discussed.

Committee Reports:

Staff: Written reports were included in the packets. Linda reported that we need to move forward with the long term planning process. Dan reported that he is working with Heather Barrar, Senior Planner in Chesterfield County, to identify Ag producers and production opportunities in Chesterfield County.

Directors:

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Bill Kreider discussed the well testing program that is available in Prince George County and the involvement of Farm Bureau in the project. Secondly, he reported that Tom Sordelett a former employee of the District has passed away. The District will make an appropriate memorial. The consensus of the Board is to make a donation of \$50 in memorial.

Don Bagshaw reported that we should approach Prince George County about VRS benefits for District employees.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion : Bill Kreider
Seconded: Charles Skalsky Motion passed

NEXT MEETING: February 5th at 3:00 in Chesterfield, Room 502 of the Lane B.
Ramsey Administration Building

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McAllister
District Administrator

Don Bagshaw, Chairman

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