

JAMES RIVER SWCD MONTHLY MEETING
Board of Directors Meeting
July 2, 2009

James River Soil and Water Conservation District held its monthly board meeting on July 2, 2009, at Shoney's Restaurant in Prince George. Don Bagshaw called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and Dan Lee opened with the invocation. Don announced that this would be an official Area III meeting for him.

Attendees were:

Directors: Donald Bagshaw, Margie Davis, W. D. Kreider, Scott Reiter,
Charles Skalsky,
Associates: Mike Likins
Staff: Linda McAllister, Dan Lee
Agency Partners: Anthony Howell (NRCS)
Absent: Chris Elko, Carrie Hagin (DCR), John Kinch
Guests:

Chairman Bagshaw amended the Agenda to include a brief presentation. The Board recognized Linda McAllister for 10 years of service with the District.

Public Comments: None

AGENCY REPORTS:

- **NRCS – Anthony Howell:** Passed out his written report. He discussed USDA personnel changes, his training, the current work load and answered questions about local working groups.
- **DCR – Carrie Hagin:** Written report was provided for the packet. The primary points covered were changes in the Ag BMP program, the administration of Ag BMP money and reminders of upcoming events.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2009:** A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion made: Margie Davis Seconded: Charles Skalsky Motion passed.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Linda McAllister gave a brief report, with a written report in the packet. A motion was made to accept the report. Motion made: Margie Davis Seconded: Bill Kreider Motion passed
- **Budget:** Linda McAllister presented a draft budget for Fiscal 2009-10, projecting expenses of \$215,318.00. Discussion followed, with a recommendation that we budget \$1000 for drill maintenance. A motion was made to accept the 2009-10 budget, in the amount of \$215,318.00, with a reallocation for \$1000 for drill

maintenance. Motion made: Charles Sklasky Seconded: Margie Davis Motion passed

- **Conservation Plans:** None
- **Cost Share Year End Report:** Dan Lee gave a brief report on the end of the year program. Cost share payments were Southern Rivers \$29,723.00 and Chesapeake Bay \$34,846.00. There were 11 producers who participated in the program for 2008-09.
- **Secondary Considerations:** The District's secondary considerations have not been approved. The staff requested approval to complete the required changes and resubmit for approval. The Board approved the addition of conditions to the original considerations.
- **Local Working Group Meetings:** Linda reported that the District has been asked to host Local Working Group meetings (a copy of the request is enclosed in the packet). She and Anthony will determine a date, the District will arrange a suitable meeting location, and Anthony will contact stakeholders and facilitate the meeting.
- **Graves Mountain Training:** VACDE annual employee training will be held at Graves Mountain Lodge on August 25- 27. A motion was made to approve \$700 for District employees to attend the training. Motion made: Margie Davis Seconded: Bill Kreider Motion passed.
- **VASWCD Annual Meeting – District Showcase:** VASWCD has requested each district to submit a paper describing a program or project that the district feels is worth sharing. These will be shared with all districts to help facilitate the flow of ideas among districts. The staff recommendation was the Farmer's Cookout, which is a time of updates and idea sharing. The Directors recommended the rain barrel workshops, highlighting the positive partnerships that have evolved as a result. The staff will prepare each of these for submission, share them with the board, and a decision will be made by consensus prior to the August 7th submission date.

PROJECT REPORTS:

- **Rain Barrels –** The final workshop for this fiscal year was held on June 25th in Prince George County. There is still interest in additional workshop in both counties. The staff is going to be assisting with an educator's workshop, being held in New Kent county on August 6th. They will be conducting a rain barrel demo and requested approval to provide a barrel for each school represented (a maximum of 25 barrels). A motion was made to donate the barrels, stamped with information that James River SWCD donated them. Motion made: Margie Davis Seconded: Charlie Skalsky Motion passed. Additionally, Linda McAllister reported that the District has some barrels that need to be made available. A motion was made to make "rain barrel kits" available, during the month of August to interested citizens at a cost of \$35. Motion made: Charlie Skalsky Seconded: Margie Davis Motion passed.
- **Farmer's Cookout:** The annual farmer's cookout is scheduled for July 16th. The staff reported that the cost would be approximated \$350. A motion was made to

approve \$350 to host the cookout. Motion made: Bill Kreider. Seconded: Margie Davis Motion passed

NEW PROJECTS:

- **Cover Crop Test Plots:** Dan discussed a proposal to do some test plots for innovative ideas for cover crops in partnership with Prince George Cooperative Extension. The plots would be hand sown, replicating the air seeding methods that are part of the current NRCS program. A motion was made to allocate \$300 for the purchase of supplies to plant innovative crop test plots. Motion made: Charles Skalsky Seconded: Bill Kreider Motion passed.
- **Signage for Education Garden:** Linda discussed the Educational Garden that Prince George Cooperative Extension is planting on the grounds at the Prince George Courthouse. The district was involved in the initial planning phases of the garden and would like to continue with this project. The current need is signage for the garden concept. A motion was made to continue the district's support of the project and address needs as they arise. Motion made: Margie Davis Seconded: Charles Skalsky Motion passed

Committee Reports: No additional reports

Staff/Director Reports: Linda McAllister thanked the board for the recognition of her 10 years employment.

August Meeting: Traditionally the district does not have an August meeting, unless there is a business issue that had an immediate need to be discussed. A motion was made to cancel the August meeting, unless it is determined necessary to schedule it. Motion made: Charlie Skalsky Margie Davis Motion passed

Adjournment: With no further business a motion was made to adjourn Motion made: Charlie Skalsky Seconded: Margie Davis Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McAllister
District Administrator

Donald Bagshaw, Chairman