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JAMES RIVER SWCD MONTHLY MEETING
Board of Directors Meeting
May 7, 2009

James River Soil and Water Conservation District held its monthly board meeting on May 7, 2009, at the Prince George County Human Services Building. Vice Chairman Chris Elko called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and opened with the invocation.

Attendees were:

Directors: Margie Davis, Chris Elko, W. D. Kreider, Charles Skalsky,
Associates: Mike Likins
Staff: Linda McAllister, Dan Lee
Agency Partners: Carrie Hagin (DCR), Anthony Howell (NRCS)
Absent: Don Bagshaw, Scott Reiter, George Beadles, John Kinch
Guests: Joan Poore – FSA CED, Jacqueline Gooden-Sey

Public Comments:

AGENCY REPORTS:

- **FSA Program Report:** Joan Poore discussed the DCP signup, ACRE Program, and Disaster Buy-In Waiver Extension. Written information was distributed discussing activities of FSA. She discussed the County Committee Elections, which will impact Chesterfield only, during the current year. Nominations are accepted from June 15th – August 3rd, 2009.
- **NRCS – Anthony Howell : Information Agreement with District Employees** – Anthony discussed the letter from Jack Frye concerning FOIA. The Federal government is trying to protect all personal information such as social security numbers, FSA maps, tract numbers, farm numbers and other information that is shared among partners in confidence. Attachment C must be signed by employees and Directors stating that they agree to follow the USDA policy for handling data. Anthony provided copies and requested signatures from the staff and Directors.
- **DCR – Carrie Hagin:** Carrie provided a written report. She emphasized that the program year is coming to an end and we need to prepare.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- **Treasurer's Report :** Linda McAllister gave a brief report, with a written report in the packet

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2009:** A motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion made: Charles Skalsky Seconded: Margie Davis Motion passed.
- **Conservation Plans: None**
- **Cost Share:** Dan Lee has an application from Brandon Plantation for continuous no-till (SL15) on 249.9 acres. His recommendation, based on the location and attributes of the fields, is to approve the application. A motion was made to approve the cost share application in the amount of \$24,990.00 Motion made Margie Davis Seconded: Bill Kreider Motion passed. A second application was presented for James Clements for SL-8B. A motion was made to approve the application for 152.29 acres for payment in the amount of \$5,326.00. Motion made: Bill Kreider Seconded: Margie Davis Motion passed
- **Annual Report for FY 2007-08:** A draft of the Annual Report for the 2007-08 fiscal year was presented. A motion was made to approve the report as presented. Motion made: Margie Davis Seconded: Charles Skalsky Motion passed.
- **District Personnel Policy:** The policy was reviewed and discussed. It was the consensus of the Board to make no changes at the current time.
- **Information: Operational Funding Recommendations:** Information was in the packet discussing the VASWCD's recommendations for operational funding and possible allocations of the funds. The information was based on the funding request of \$120,000 per district. The Soil and Water Board requested the information be sent to the Districts for any comments, recommendations, etc. that they may have. Directors will review the information.
- **Project Reports**
 - Rain Barrels:** Programs have been successful with all workshops being filled to capacity. An additional workshop will be held in Chesterfield to meet current demands.
 - Envirothon:** The Prince George High School team represented JRSWCD at the Area III completion, placing 3rd.
 - Area III Meeting:** A complete financial accounting will be presented at the June meeting.
 - Farm Day:** Held on April 7th at the Bresko farm in Prince George. The District did a presentation on soils, followed by a puppet skit supporting the information given to them. Approximately 500 second graders visited the farm.

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April 30th Fort Lee Event: Dan and Bonnie partnered with VA Cooperative Extension to use the soil tunnel as an educational tool at the Fort Lee Earth Day, supporting the information by making soil profiles. Approximately 800 students visited the activity.

Director/Staff Reports: Charlie Skalsky discussed some environmental concerns that the District needed to be aware of. Dan Lee discussed his training progress and opportunities.

Adjournment:

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McAllister
District Administrator

Chris Elko, Vice Chair

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