

JAMES RIVER SWCD MONTHLY MEETING
Board of Directors Meeting
November 6, 2008

James River Soil and Water Conservation District held its monthly board meeting on November 6, 2008, at the Prince George County Human Services building. Chairman Don Bagshaw called the meeting to order and it was opened with an invocation at 6:00 PM.

Attendees were:

Directors: Don Bagshaw, Margie Davis, W. D. Kreider,
Charlie Skalsky, Scott Reiter
Associates: George Beadles
Staff: Linda McAllister,
Agency Partners: Carrie Hagin (DCR), Anthony Howell (NRCS)
Absent: Chris Elko, John Kinch
Guests: Debra DeBiasi, John Fallon, Jerry Skalsky

Introduction of Guests: Debra DeBiasi, DEQ, John Fallon, Nutrient Management Specialist, DCR and Jerry Skalsky, Prince George Board of Supervisors

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

AGENCY REPORTS:

NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS): Anthony Howell provided a written report. He has received a letter from Jack Bricker stating that he will be assigned to the Dinwiddie office in addition to his current responsibilities. He discussed the Conservation Reserve Program. He had conducted a Wetland Determination for Mike Elko in Chesterfield.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION (DCR) – Carrie Hagin reviewed her written report. She discussed the current budget reductions which includes a 5% reduction in operational funding and 9% for the “Special AgBMP staff”. There are potentially further cuts prior to the end of the year, so she recommends waiting until January to do budget updates. There was additional cost share funding available in the Southern Rivers Priority watershed funds for districts that qualified. James River was allocated an additional \$12,169.00.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2008: Don Bagshaw noted that the signature line needed correction. **A motion was made to accept the minutes with the noted amendment:** Motion made: Margie Davis Seconded: Charles Skalsky Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Period Ending 09/30/08: Linda discussed the current report, noting that there were no unusual transactions. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report. Motion made: Margie Davis Seconded: W.D. Kreider Motion passed

AG Committee Recommendations: There were 3 applications for BMP cost share approval as follows:

PRODUCER	PRACTICE	FARM/TRACT/FIELD	ACRES	TOTAL
Michalek, Steve	SL-8B	116/979/7,10,6,18	26.09	\$1,695.85
Jones, Leander	SL-8B	1174/107/1,12,13 1174/315/3,4,5 1174/132/4	19.25 21.38 12.99	\$2,144.80
Clements, Warren	SL-8B	876/14/1,3,4,5,6,7 1307/73/5	50.6 4.5	1,928.50

A motion was made to approve the applications for Michalek, Jones and Clements. Motion made: AG Committee Seconded: Bill Kreider Motion passed.

A motion was made to allow the AG Committee to approve any additional applications for SL-8B that are submitted prior to the late planting date. Motion made: Margie Davis Seconded: Bill Kreider Motion passed.

Anthony Howell presented a Conservation Plan for VSU Randolph Farm for approval. A motion was made to approve this plan. Motion made: AG Committee Seconded: Margie Davis. Motion passed.

The AG Committee reviewed and discussed a potential new BMP practice that would be effective mid-year. They have charged the staff with responding to the AG Tech Committee with comments.

Annual Meeting in Roanoke: The meeting is December 7-9, 2008: George Beadles reviewed the packet and his recommendation was to not attend. Don Bagshaw addressed these comments and recommends District participation. Staff will determine their level of involvement.

The Board had a discussion about easements in Prince George County. In October a Prince George property applied for an easement with Virginia Outdoor Foundation. The current agricultural producer on the land is participating in VA State AG BMP program administered by the District. The District needs to monitor the status of this application

Report on Farmer's Focus Meetings: Linda reported on the concept of the farmer's focus group meeting. Scott addressed the structure of the meeting and presented some feedback. There was discussion from others who had participated. A motion was made to approve \$350 to cover the costs associated with the meeting. Motion made: Charlie Skalsky Seconded: Scott Reiter Motion passed.

District Reports:

Chairman: Don addressed issues about the Area III Spring meeting, which JRSWD is hosting.

Staff: Written reports are in the packet

Directors: Bill Kreider would like for the District to plan a program to address questions related to the Osage Ethanol Plant.

Scott distributed a flyer about an upcoming Prince George Drinking Water Clinic and inquired if the District would be interested in participating in any way. This will be an item for the December agenda.

Adjournment:

NEXT MEETING: December 4th, 2008 at 12:00 noon, following the Farmer's Breakfast.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McAllister
District Administrator

Chris Elko, Vice Chairman

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