

JAMES RIVER SWCD MONTHLY MEETING  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 4, 2008

James River Soil and Water Conservation District held its monthly board meeting on September 4th, 2008, at the Prince George County Human Services building. Chairman Don Bagshaw called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. opening with invocation.

Attendees were:

*Directors:* Don Bagshaw, W. D. Kreider,  
Charlie Skalsky, Chris Elko  
*Associates:* George Beadles, Scott Reiter  
*Staff:* Linda McAllister, Dan Lee  
*Agency Partners:* Carrie Hagin (DCR), Anthony Howell (NRCS)  
*Absent:* Margie Davis, John Kinch  
*Guests:* Richard Taylor, Friends of Lower Appomattox River

**Introduction of Guests:** Richard Taylor – Friends of Lower Appomattox River: Richard discussed the mission and makeup of FOLAR and what they are doing in Prince George County. On October 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a tour of the Appomattox River and the projects. On Saturday, October 4, there will be a kayak race from Petersburg to Hopewell with events around the race. Richard requested funding to assist with the event. A motion was made to donate \$200 to FOLAR. Motion made: Skalsky  
Seconded: Elko Motion passed:

Public Comments: No Comments

**Agency Reports:**

**NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)** – Anthony Howell provided a written report. He went over report highlights, noting that the new Farm Bill will have \$80 million dollars for the Chesapeake Bay. The NRSC/District computer was explained and a request was made for the District's support. Topic is later in the agenda.

**DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION (DCR)** – Carrie Hagin reviewed the written report and specifically discussed the increase in Cost Share funds for SL8, SL-8B, SL-8H and WQ-4. ICE training was discussed. The assessment of the Operational Grant was passed out and Carrie discussed

**Business Items:**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes of July 3, 2008:** Chris Elko requested his name be listed as absent at the July meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes with the noted amendment: Motion made: Kreider Seconded: Elko Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report – Period Ending 06/30/08:** Linda presented the treasurer's report. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report. Motion made: Skalsky  
Seconded: Elko Motion passed.  
Linda requested it be noted in the minutes that the approved budget amount be changed to \$223,233.91.

**Secondary Considerations:** Dan Lee and Carrie discussed some minor changes to our secondary considerations, explaining when and why these considerations would be used. A motion was made to approve the amended secondary considerations. Motion made: Skalsky Seconded Elko. Motion passed.  
Dan discussed the cover crop signup deadline of September 15<sup>th</sup>. Applications will be presented for approval at the October meeting.

**Joint Agreement Between JRSWCD and USDA/NRCS:** A motion was made to authorize Mr. Bagshaw to sign the agreement when the computers are updated on September 10, 2008. Motion made: Kreider Seconded: Elko Motion passed.

**Resignation of Mike Likins as appointed VCE Director:** Don Bagshaw read the letter of resignation that was received from Mike Likins. A motion was made to accept the resignation of Mike Likins. Motion made: Skalsky Seconded: Elko Motion passed.

**Appointment of VCE Director for term of office beginning September 1, 2008:** A motion was made for Scott Reiter to fill the unexpired term of Mike Likins. Motion made: Kreider Seconded: Elko Motion passed.

**Lease Agreement with Prince George County:** Prince George County offered the District a 2 year lease on the office space that they are currently occupying. The annual amount of the lease is \$7,999.50. A motion was made to sign the 2 year lease in the amount of \$7,999.50. Motion made: Elko Seconded: Skalsky Motion passed.

**Ag Producers Ice Cream Social – Held August 19, 2008:** Dan discussed the event including the number of producers that had attended. The approximate cost of the event was \$10/person. A motion was made to approve the event after the fact, due to the cancellation of the August meeting. Motion made: Skalsky Seconded: Elko Motion passed.

**Date for Farmer's Breakfast:** After a discussion it was determined that we would try to schedule the breakfast on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Staff will work with VCE to determine the date and location and report back in October.

**Rain Barrel Workshops – September 8th & October 4:** Linda reported on the workshops that are currently scheduled and invited participation. The workshops have been a good opportunity for community partnerships.

**Other Business:**

**Conservation Easements:** George Beadles discussed the draft that had been distributed at the June meeting and recommended that the Board adopt this draft. A motion was made that we adopt this document as preliminary guidelines. Motion made: Elko Seconded: Kreider Motion passed.

**District Reports:**

**Chairman:** Don Bagshaw advised the Board that the VASWCD, as of September 15<sup>th</sup>, will have no employees in the office.

**Staff:** Linda reported on staff training at Graves Mountain and Facilitator training with VCE. Dan discussed the producer's cookout and cost share promotion.

**Directors:** Chris Elko discussed ideas for the Area III meeting.

**Adjournment**

NEXT MEETING: October 2, 2008, in Chesterfield County

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McAllister  
District Administrator

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Don Bagshaw, Chairman

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