

JAMES RIVER SWCD MONTHLY MEETING  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 3, 2009

James River Soil and Water Conservation District held its monthly board meeting on September 3, 2009, at the Prince George Human Services conference room in Prince George. Don Bagshaw called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and Jerry Skalsky opened with the invocation.

Attendees were:

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

**Public Comments:** None

**AGENCY REPORTS:**

- **NRCS – Anthony Howell:** Anthony passed out a written report. He discussed training and meetings that he participated in. The Conservation Security Program was discussed.
- **DCR – Carrie Hagin:** Written report was provided for the packet. She discussed cost share and some of the issues and concerns associated with the stimulus funding. She provided information about the new Turf and Landscape Nutrient Management Certification that is available. The District Operational Assessment was presented and discussed. The new Ag BMP Tracking program is scheduled to be up and running September 10<sup>th</sup> and a series of training is being conducted.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes of July 2, 2009:** A motion was made to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion made: Margie Davis  
Seconded: Chris Elko 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: Chris Elko Motion passed
- **Conservation Plans:** Anthony presented a conservation plan for renewal. The application is for an additional 5 years. A motion was made to approve the plan.

Motion made: Margie Davis Seconded: Scott Reiter Motion passed. Details are on file.

- **Cost Share:** Dan presented a report outlining cost share allocation for the current fiscal year. He presented applications for a total of 561.43 acres of SL-8B, 52.12 acres of SL8-H, 250 acres of 5 year SL-15A and 13.31 acres of SL-1. The recommendation of the Ag Committee is to approve all applications. A motion was made to approve said applications. Motion made: Charles Skalsky Seconded: Chris Elko Motion passed An additional application was received for a SL-6 practice in the amount of \$11,000. The Ag Committee recommends approval of the practice pending the applicant complies to the recommendations of the Ag Committee, including rotational grazing with a minimum of one cross fence. A motion was made to approve said applications. Motion made: Charles Skalsky Seconded: Scott Reiter Motion passed. Application details are on file.
- **District Self Assessment:** Dan presented the District's self assessment report for the Ag BMP program and discussed the areas that were only partially fulfilled. A motion was made to sign the report. Motion made: Charlie Skalsky Seconded: Chris Elko Motion passed.
- **Easement Release:** George Beadles advised that the General Assembly has removed the requirement of VA Outdoor Foundation to have co-holders of all of their easements. The District is currently the co-holder of one easement with VOF. If the District releases their co-holders responsibilities, it will release the District of liabilities that could occur. Mr. Beadles recommends that the District release the easement we are currently holding with VOF in Prince George County. A motion was made for the staff to contact VOF and start the process of releasing our involvement with the easement we currently co-hold in Prince George. Motion made: Charles Skalsky Seconded: Chris Elko Motion passed.
- **Strategic Planning Process:** Linda discussed the planning process and recommended we start evaluating our Mission and Goals as we prepare for our 5 year planning. It was agreed that our October 1<sup>st</sup> District meeting would begin at 2:00 PM and the first part of the meeting would be exclusively for the strategic planning process. Patrick Vincent, coordinator of South Centre Corridors RC&D Council has agreed to facilitate the process. The meeting will be held at Castlewood, in Chesterfield County. Additional information will be provided prior to the meeting.
- **Additional Business Item:** Don Bagshaw reported that past director Glenn Chappell was currently listed as a signature on our BSV banking account. In order to correct this, the bank needs a resolution from the District Board recommending his removal as a signature. A motion was made stating that since Glenn Chappell was no longer a participating member of the District that his signature be removed from the BSV banking account. Motion made: Charles Skalsky Seconded: Chris Elko Motion passed

## REPORTS AND PROJECTS

- **Rain Barrels:** Linda reported that 10 barrels were provided to teachers for the training event that the District assisted with in August. The barrels were donated and the attendees purchased the hardware.
- **Farmer's Cookout:** There was a good turnout. This year families were invited and some attended. This is a good program.
- **VASWCD Annual Meeting – District Showcase:** The District submitted our “Ag Producers Education Series” as our program for the showcase.

## NEW PROJECTS:

- **Cover Crop Test Plots:** Scott reported that information is being collected and some plots will soon be developed.
- **Funding for Future Projects:** “Living in Your Watershed” booklets will be gone for Chesterfield County after this school year. The District will be seeking evaluations of the project to support the need of additional funding.

**Committee Reports:** No reports

## Staff/Director Reports:

- Linda reported that she had attended the employee training at Graves Mountain. She noted that the training is always a valuable opportunity for training and networking.
- Linda reported the she and Scott had partnered to host the Prince George Department Heads August meeting. It was an opportunity to discuss the mission of the District and to do a brief watershed activity.
- Bill Kreider reported on current efforts to establish a Farmers Market in Prince George County and asked if there would be any interest for the District be involved. A brief discussion followed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McAllister  
District Administrator

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Donald Bagshaw, Chairman

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