



**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**HANOVER-CAROLINE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
Hanover, Virginia April 14, 2009

**Board Members Present:**

Donald L. Wells – Chair / Director  
Joe Stepp – Vice Chair / Director  
Mac Saphir – Secretary / Director  
Bill Orrock - Director

Park Dodd – Director  
Leigh Pemberton – Associate Director  
Rose Bradshaw – Associate Director

**Staff Present:**

Jim Tate – Conservation Specialist  
Rebecca Jones – Education Specialist  
Ann Edmonds – Administrative Assistant

**Others Present:**

Wayne Davis – Department of Conservation and Recreation  
Mike Flagg – Hanover County Director of Public Works  
Brian Wooden - Natural Resource Conservation Service

**Absent:**

Sharon Conner – District Manager  
Marian Moody - Conservation Specialist  
Bruce Cauthorn – Treasurer / Director  
Tim Etheredge – Associate Director  
David Nunnally – Caroline County Senior Environmental Planner  
Dave Terwilliger - Department of Forestry

**Call to Order:**

The April 2009 meeting of the Hanover-Caroline Soil and Water Conservation District was held in the Hanover USDA Service Center Conference Room on Tuesday, April 14, 2009. Mr. Wells called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Secretary Report:**

The minutes of the March 2009 meeting were presented as e-mailed to the Directors. A motion was made by Mr. Saphir and duly seconded by Mr. Dodd to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer's Report for March 2009 was presented. A motion was made by Mr. Dodd to file the March 2009 Treasurer's Report for audit. The motion was seconded by Mr. Saphir and the motion carried.

**Agency Reports:**

**Department of Conservation and Recreation:**

Mr. Davis' report was provided in the packet.  
Mr. Davis reviewed his report, noting the dates for the Conservation Planning Course.

**NRCS:**

Mr. Wooden handed out his report. Mr. Wooden reviewed his report, noting the section on Freedom of Information Act.

### **Cooperative Extension:**

Mr. Saphir reported that he will be participating in these events:

May 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> "Back to the Farm" Workshop Series: Starting a Beef Cattle Operation  
June 2<sup>nd</sup> No-Till Vegetable Twilight Meeting, Mt. Olympus Farm, 6:30-8:30pm

Ms. Bradshaw reported:

Corn has been planted for the Ag Expo

April 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> is the Virginia Beef Expo

Ms. Bradshaw will be participating in the Goochland County 4th grade Ag Day

Virginia will be participating in the On Farm Network for testing nitrogen through stock test and aerial photos

April 22<sup>nd</sup> Corporative Farm Business Management Meeting

April 29<sup>th</sup> Advanced Nitrogen Management & Cover Crop Field Day

April 29<sup>th</sup> Hanover volunteers Appreciation Day

Ms. Bradshaw will be purchasing grazing sticks for educational uses

### **Hanover County:**

Mr. Flagg thanked Mr. Tate for his assistance with the Gautreaux land clearing for pasture plan. The County is updating their literature on the Hanover Cannery to promote this asset.

### **District Business:**

#### **2009 Ag BMP Cost-share Program Report:**

Mr. Tate reported that the Ag committee met this morning and recommends three Chesapeake Bay Plans for approval: Bruce Anderson, farm 2633 tract 10122 SL-6 grazing system and alternative water; Jim Clay, farm 2422 tract 2919 SI-8C - this tract is third year cover crop contract; and Monique Gautreaux, farm 3041 tract 10475 land clearing for pasture. A motion was made by Mr. Orrock to accept the recommendation of the Ag Committee and approve these three plans. The motion was seconded by Mr. Saphir and the motion carried.

Mr. Tate reported that the committee recommends the official cancelation of Eastview Farm's SL-6 practice for insufficient progress. A motion was made by Mr. Orrock to cancel Eastview Farm's SL-6 practice. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stepp and the motion carried.

Mr. Tate reported that the committee recommends approval for three producers: Randy Christian, Benjamin Whitman and Eagle Point for their ASA complaint resolution for NM-1 and NM-2 practices. A motion was made by Mr. Orrock to approve these practices, the motion was seconded by Mr. Saphir and the motion carried.

#### **State Ag BMP Cost-Share Advisory Committee Update:**

Mr. Tate attended the meeting in March and reported:

Continuing Conservation - five new practices mostly buffers

The Committee has proposed changes to lower cost-share rates for certain cover crop practices starting in the 2010 Program year. Discussion followed by the district board members. A motion was made by Mr. Stepp to advise Mr. Maroon, Director DCR,

through a letter from the District, that the District does not support this proposed change. The motion was seconded by Mr. Saphir and the motion carried.

### **Education Program Report:**

Mr. Saphir reported:

The Education committee met this morning and recommends Camp scholarships to Elizabeth Mills (Lee Davis High School) and Kayla Jost (Patrick Henry High School). The committee also recommended that Benjamin White (Lee-Davis High School) be third in line for a camp scholarship should a place become available. A motion was made by Mr. Saphir to provide camp scholarships for these applicants. The motion was seconded by Mr. Orrock and the motion carried.

Ms. Jones reported:

May 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> the District will host a "Back to the Farm" Workshop Series: Starting a Beef Cattle Operation. This series will replace the districts Bayscape workshops. The workshop will be training for the Master Gardner's and Master Naturalists and will also be open to the public.

April 18<sup>th</sup> - The district will participate in the Earth Day Event at the DSS facility in Ashland. Ms. Jones will give two presentations on the benefits of water capture and the District will have sign up to purchase rain barrels. Bird boxes will also be available for sale.

April 20<sup>th</sup> - Mr. Milligan will deliver 100 plus barrels to the District.

April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> - Pick up days for rain barrels

April 30<sup>th</sup> - The Area III Envirothon will be held at Dorey Park

June 18<sup>th</sup> - Teachers will visit the Meadow Park to view the site for the MWEE

A Scope of Work has been drafted between DEQ and the Hanover-Caroline SWCD to develop the curriculum. A motion was made by Mr. Saphir to approve and sign the Scope of Work. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Orrock and the motion carried.

### **Tributary Strategies Reports:**

#### **James River:**

Ms. Jones attended the Annual Roundtable Meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> at Longwood University. The group is working to restructure the roundtable through a newly elected steering committee.

#### **Rappahannock River:**

Mr. Saphir reported he attended the meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

The nonpoint source work group will be reviewing the Storm Water Regulations and the Septic Tank Regulations.

### **Other Business:**

Board Meeting and Committee Meetings Schedule:

The June board meeting has been rescheduled for 16<sup>th</sup>

The personnel committee will meet on May 19<sup>th</sup> after the board meeting.

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The finance committee will meet June 15<sup>th</sup>

The annual plan of work committee will meet June 15<sup>th</sup>

The agricultural/technical review committee will meet June 15<sup>th</sup>

A request has been made from FSA for the donation of a bird feeder as a door prize for the Virginia Association of FSA County Office Employees Convention. There was no opposition to this request.

Mr. Stepp reported that he received a letter from the DEQ concerning irrigation withdrawal. Mr. Tate reported that Ms. Conner is in the process of gathering water use data for Hanover County. The consensus of the board was for the district to contact the sender of Mr. Stepp's letter regarding this issue.

Ms. Bradshaw handed out e-mails containing information on the Virginia on Farm Network Project.

There being no further business, Mr. Wells adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

**Correspondence in Packets:**

DCR Activity Report

No-Till Drill Report/Wildlife Box Report

NRCS Report

SWCD Staff Activity Reports

Treasurer's Report

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**District meetings -** May 19, 2009 June 16, 2009 July

Earth Day Event/Rainbarrel Workshop – April 18, 2009

Rainbarrel Pick-up days – April 21-22, 2009

Dam Safety Meeting – April 23, 2009; Charlottesville

Area III Envirothon – April 30, 2009; Dorey Park

Master Gardener/Naturalist Farm Training – May 5 and 7, 2009

District Strategic Planning – May 12, 2009 DSS facility in Ashland; 4-6 pm

VA Small Grains Field Day – May 14, 2009; Corbin Hill

State Envirothon – May 17-18, Wakefield 4-H

VA Ag BMP Cost-share Training – May 18, 2009; Prince George

Small Grain Field Day – May 21, 2009; Providence Forge

Hanover Ag Day – May 27-28, 2009; Poor Farm Park

MWEE Meeting – June 18, 2009; Meadow Farm

Respectfully submitted:

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Ann Edmonds, Administrative Assistant

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Donald Wells, Chairman

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Mac Saphir, Secretary

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