

**Meeting Minutes**  
Monacan Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board of Directors  
**February 10, 2025**  
Goochland Agricultural Center  
Central High School, 2748 Dogtown Rd  
Goochland, VA

- A. Call to Order and Roll Call – 9:00 AM
  - 1. Directors – John Kochensparger, Kate Anderson, Matt Dabney, Sebastian Volcker, Skye Brickhouse (VCE Ag Agent)
  - 2. Associate Directors – Dan Jones, John Few, VCE Ag Agent
  - 3. Staff - Keith, Colton, Maddie, Lissy
  - 4. Other – Denney Collins, DCR Conservation District Coordinator; Emily Langford, Goochland
  - 5. Not present – Sandy Brindley, Ken Carter
  
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
  
- C. Public Comment Period
  
- D. Approve Minutes\* - John made corrections and presented them. Motion made by Sebastian. Motion seconded by Kate. The motion carried.
  
- E. Treasurer's Report
  - 1. Monthly Report - Motion made by Sebastian. Motion seconded by Matt. Kate asked about the payment received for the Adcock easement. The motion carried.
  
- F. Chairman's Report
  - 1. NACD Membership\* - \$250 in the budget.
  - 2. Youth Conservation Camp – accepting applications through April. Keith presented.
  - 3. Camp Woods & Wildlife – Keith presented. There is a request for the district to sponsor a camper, in the amount of \$300. Sebastian motioned to continue the support of camp woods and wildlife. Kate seconded. There was discussion, the motion carried.
  
- G. Director/Associate Director Reports
  - 1. Sebastian – nothing to report
  - 2. Dan – nothing to report
  - 3. Kate – had a meeting with their BOS in Goochland Leaders and he seemed very knowledgeable of the district.
  - 4. Matt – Said that the BOS is spread very thin and we will probably need to go to them if we need anything. Knows of a student that needs volunteer time for their senior project.
  - 5. John Few – still working out his farm to table program.
  - 6. John Kochensparger – nothing to report

H. Liaison Reports

1. Goochland – Vic Carpenter has tendered his resignation. Alvarez will serve as the interim again. Hailey, new employee, has two trainings coming up. Joint project with Hanover. Central VA Power Wash Company will begin a project for metal building off Three Chopt Road. Dan asked who the utilities director is, there is currently an interim director.
2. Powhatan -none present

I. Committee Reports

1. Agricultural Committee

- a. The following contracts were presented as a motion to the board on behalf of the ag committee for approval:

- i. #38-36-0016 – NM-1A – previous contract value \$253.00, new contract value \$367.20
- ii. #38-25-0044 – FR-1 – Cost Share \$7,182.08  
Tax Credit \$281.51

There was no discussion and the motion carried.

- b. Conservation Plan #CP-38-25-0003 was presented to the board as a motion for approval. The motion carried.

J. Unfinished Business –

1. By-laws will be presented for approval next month, no discussion or comments at this time. This is the second consecutive month of the three-month review before approval of amended by laws.
2. 2025 Committees

K. New Business - none

- L. DCR Conservation District Coordinator – Denney Collins\* - DCR has some VACS promotional videos on YouTube. Provided information on upcoming trainings-and made a correction to the date for the February HR training, that will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> not the 10<sup>th</sup>.

M. Staff Reports & Presentation

1. Keith – March 26 is area III meeting, we will need attendee confirmation ahead of time. He passed around an article "*Farmer Fights Land Seizure*" from Farm Journal that he thought was interesting. New laptops were purchased, one for Maddie and one to replace Keith's. Attended VCPA annual meeting. Working on on-boarding/training Maddie.
2. Colton\* - Working on some upcoming VACS projects that will require some engineering assistance before it can get started. 4-L had some water system issues due to the recent below freezing temps. Attended VCPA meeting and earned some credits.
3. Lissy – attended the Goochland High School Career Day, and the Goochland Parks and Rec Stakeholder meeting. Sent County Funding request letters.
4. Maddie – no-till conferences, stakeholder meeting, working on getting into the systems needed. Shadow work with Colton.

N. Reports of Cooperating Agencies

1. VCE – Master Gardener Soil and Water Conservation Team – 3 act part. The first part in Goochland, second in Powhatan and third at their annual meeting. Attended a conference at VA Tech last week.

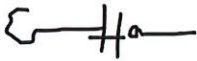
2. NRCS – Three projects were approved under the ACT NOW program. No telework at all. All IRA funding has been paused even for projects that are currently ongoing, at least for the 90 days its under review. Any Outreach events have to be approved through the national office. Not sure on the status of the intern since it was a federally funded internship. Attended a training last week.
3. Capital Region Land Conservancy – Dan asked if Keith has spoken to Parker, Keith has not since staff reviewed the MOU with CRLC and it stated all funds will go to CRLC. Discussions on payments and stewardship continued. The Ag Committee will hold a meeting in the near future to discuss easements. Discussions on the possibility of having the funds sitting in a separate, designated account.
4. DOF

O. Upcoming Activities

1. Agricultural Committee – conservation easements
2. Financial committee – budget
3. Annual Plan of Work – following March Board meeting
4. Strategic Planning public meeting

Adjourn - 9:58 AM

Respectfully Submitted,



Elizabeth Hamilton  
Office Administrator

Approved: Mar 18, 2025  
Date

*John Kochensparger*  
John Kochensparger (Mar 18, 2025 22:35 EDT)  
John Kochensparger, Chairman






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