

Monacan Soil and Water Conservation District
May 19, 2025
Board Meeting Minutes
Goochland Agricultural Center
Central High School, 2748 Dogtown Rd
Goochland, VA

- A. Call to Order and roll call by Vice Chair – 9:00
 - 1. Directors – John Kochensparger, Chair; Sebastian Volcker, Vice Chair; Matt Dabney, Kate Anderson, Sandy Brindley, Skye Brickhouse
 - 2. Associate Directors – Dan Jones, Ken Carter
 - 3. Staff – Keith Burgess, District Manager; Colton Sullivan, Ag Conservationist; Maddie Wiley, Ag Tech; Lissy Hamilton, Office Administrator
 - 4. Partners – Denney Collins, DCR Conservation District Coordinator; Reed Hilderbrand, Goochland County Environmental Inspector; Hailey Crawford, Goochland County Environmental Inspector
 - 5. Not Present – John Few, VCE Associate Director
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Public Comment Period – Johnathan Lyle – Goochland County resident and Board of Supervisors member - Board of Supervisors will announce the new County Administrator Friday.
- D. Minutes - April Minutes were previously provided by Lissy. Motion to approve made by Kate. The motion was seconded by Matt. There was no discussion. The motion carried.
- E. Treasurer's Report
 - 1. Monthly Report- Lissy presented. Motion to accept made by Sandy. The motion was seconded by Matt. There was no discussion. The motion carried.
- F. Chairman's Report – Goochland Day Parade & Earth Day
 - 1. MOU – VCE and SWCD Producer Survey – Keith presented. Sebastian made a motion to participate. Kate seconded. No discussion, the motion carried.
- G. Director/Associate Director Reports
 - 1. Skye – So far John Few's Farm-to-Table program is going well. Goochland Ag Day for 4th Grade was successful. Powhatan's Earth Day was successful as well, Lissy and Maddie participated. The next few weeks will consist of conferences and training sessions.
 - 2. Kate – Its hay season, be kind to tractors on the road.
 - 3. Matt – He, Colton and Maddie participated in the Golf Tournament. Goochland Day went well. The stress balls were popular.
 - 4. Dan – Hopes the farm community is enjoying the spring, hopefully there hasn't been too much rain.
 - 5. Sandy – Brett Sheridan, County Administrator, has left Powhatan County to go to Hanover. She and John went this morning to represent Monacan at Delegate Ware's annual breakfast.

6. Sebastian – Participated in Goochland Day as well, thanks Kate for the tractor and trailer.
7. Ken – apologies for being gone for so long, learning how to walk again.
8. John-attended Earth Day in Powhatan and Goochland Day.

H. Liaison Reports

1. Goochland – “Project Rocky” has officially broken ground. Improvements to Ashland Road and a through road to Luckstone. The new development on Fairgrounds Road to start, 40-lot project.
2. Powhatan – none present.

I. Committee Reports

1. Agriculture Committee
 - a. Contract #38-25-0015 -SL8H – Increase by \$442.00, totaling \$1,215.20. Kate motioned to approve. Sebastian seconded. The motion carried.

J. Unfinished Business

1. Recognition Dinner – October 29, 2025, 6-8 PM at the County Seat in Powhatan – Sandy updated that the keynote speaker will be Delegate Lee Ware. The guest list is currently being put together.
2. Personnel Reviews - Sandy – will meet with Keith today to go over reviews and then they will meet with staff at the end of this week/next week. She hopes to receive input back from directors for feedback.

K. New Business - none

L. DCR Conservation District Coordinator – Denney Collins – disbursement letters were sent out. In-person training will be at Randolph-Macon for Directors/Managers/Administrative staff. Virtual FOIA training is upcoming as well. Changes in VACS Grant agreements for FY 25-26. Proposed numbers are provided in her report. Webinar on June

M. Staff Reports & Presentation

1. Keith – DEQ TMDL meeting, staff starting to use Microsoft teams, Staff performance reviews. Goochland Day took more staff time than expected but it turned out well, Maddie’s banner was well received. FY 25-26 budget.
 - i. Powhatan Erosion and Sediment Control Program – still a work in progress, *Sebastian passed the meeting to John, the chair, at 9:30 a.m. when John arrived.
2. Colton – VACS payments. Tree planting in Powhatan – he and Maddie installed a sign that Maddie designed to help let public know what the project is for. VCAP applications. Dan asked for more details on the Reforestation project in Powhatan.
3. Lissy – helped Maddie with Earth Day Celebration in Powhatan.
4. Maddie – Earth Day Celebration, Sign installed for tree planting project, Education Foundation Golf Tournament. Upcoming trainings toward certifications.

N. Reports of Cooperating Agencies

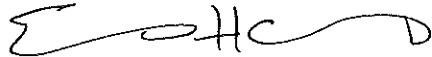
1. VCE – New farm office administrator – Susan – here 4 days a week from 8:30 to 1:30.
2. NRCS – report previously provided.
3. Capital Region Land Conservancy – Dan – no updates
4. DOF – none present

O. Upcoming Activities

1. Financial committee – budget
2. Strategic Plan surveys and meeting
3. Staff will schedule 2X2 meetings for financial and planning

Adjourn - 9:45 AM

Respectfully Submitted,



Lissy Hamilton
Office Administrator

Approved: _____
Date

Aug 10, 2025

John Kochensparger
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John Kochensparger, Chair