

Meeting Minutes
Monacan Soil and Water Conservation District
August 21, 2023
Agricultural Center Conference Room
Goochland, VA

- A. Call to Order and Roll Call – 9 am
1. Directors present – Jonathan Lyle, Sebastian Volcker, Kenton Moyer, Ronnie Nuckols, Nicole Shuman, John Kochensparger
 2. Associate Directors present – Kate Anderson, Dan Jones, Rachel Henley
 3. Staff present – Keith Burgess, District Manager; Betty McCracken, Conservation Specialist II; Colton Sullivan, Agricultural Conservationist; Lissy Hamilton, Office Administrator
 4. Other – Denney Collins, DCR CDC; Neil Spoonhower, Goochland County Board of Supervisors
 5. Not present – Ken Carter, Sandy Brindley
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Public Comment Period – Neil thanked the district for their work. Kate Anderson introduced herself.
- D. Approve Minutes – Lissy presented. Motion to approve minutes made by John. The motion was seconded by Sebastian. There was no discussion. The motion carried.
- E. Treasurer's Report – Lissy presented. The motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented was made by Ronnie. The motion was seconded by John. There was discussion about the status of opening Local Government Investment Pool accounts. Lissy and Keith have closed out CDs and the money market account and wire transferred them to LGIP accounts.
- F. Chairman's Report – Jonthan presented.
1. VCE Director Resignation – Nicole will be resigning August 31st. She is leaving her position at VCE. Motion to accept resignation made by Ronnie. The motion was seconded by Nicole. There was discussion. John inquired about Nicole's new position. She will be managing an urban farm at a High school in Henrico County. He asked about the process of appointing Rachel as the VCE Director, Keith explained the process. The motion carried, with the exception of Jonathan's nay.
 2. Clean Farmer Award – Deadline for applications is in October.
- G. Director Reports
1. Jonthan – Attended the Goochland Ag Fair Farm tour. The recent newsletter for the Goochland County Farm Bureau included information about the VACS program. He visited Greenswell Growers with Ken. Greenswell is looking for a solution to the excess peat they have. Rachel and Thomas were awarded the Virginia Young Farmers of the Year award. He thanked Colton for organizing today's farm field trip. Today is Betty's last board meeting, he thanked her for 17 years of service.
 2. Dan – Thanked Betty for her service. He noticed the Black Gum trees changing, a sign of the cooler weather to come.
 3. John – he made it to the Ag Fair in time to help for breakdown of the booth.
 4. Kate – She has worked with Betty while participating in the VACS program. She thanked Betty for her work.
 5. Sebastian – performed his first mini-audit for the district. He assisted at the Ag Fair booth. Betty assistance with cattle exclusion. Thanked Nicole for her service and presented her with a paperweight on behalf of the district.
 6. Ronnie – hosted farm tours for ag fair, which was a new experience having members of the general public touring the farm. Told Betty to enjoy her retirement.
 7. Kenton – told Betty he will miss working with her.
 8. Nicole – expressed her gratitude for the experience gained while working with the district as a director.

H. Liaison Reports

1. Neil Spoonhower – Goochland County – The county is trying to grow gracefully, but that has become a challenge. Subdivision ordinances. He reported that the county has a 9-million-dollar surplus. The new location of the fire station has improved response time.
2. Powhatan County – none present

I. Committee Reports

1. Ag Committee -*Keith stepped out of room* – Kenton presented, with additional information provided by Betty.
 - a. The following contract and conservation plan were presented as a motion by the committee for board approval: 1. Contract #38-24-0005. SL-6W, 15 yr. and 35' buffer = 90% VACS. System includes 3 troughs, division and stream fence using existing well. Total estimated cost = \$48,161.90. VACS payment (including buffer payment) = \$44,545.71. Estimated Va. State Tax Credit = \$904.00. Conservation Plan (CP) 38-24-0001, associated with the SL-6W practice above. The motion carried.
 - b. The following contracts were presented as a motion by the committee for board approval:
 - i. Contract #38-24-0008. SL-8B - \$171,617.40
 - ii. Contract #38-24-0009. NM-1A- \$3,826.80
 - iii. Contract #38-24-0010. SL-8B - \$10,362.10
 - iv. Contract #38-24-0011. SL-8B - \$42,320.70
 - v. Contract #38-24-0012. NM-1A - \$940.46
 - vi. Contract #38-24-0015. CCI-CNT (LONG TERM CONTINUOUS NO-TILL PLANTING SYSTEMS) - \$3,701.00

The motion to approve the above contracts carried.

- c. *Kenton stepped out of room* – Ronnie presented. The following contracts are presented as a motion for approval by the committee:

- i. Contract #38-24-0002. SL-8B (SMALL GRAIN AND MIXED COVER CROP FOR NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT AND RESIDUE MANAGEMENT) - \$8,207.10
- ii. Contract #38-24-0002. SL-8B (SMALL GRAIN AND MIXED COVER CROP FOR NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT AND RESIDUE MANAGEMENT) - \$8,207.10
- iii. Contract #38-24-0002. SL-8B (SMALL GRAIN AND MIXED COVER CROP FOR NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT AND RESIDUE MANAGEMENT) - \$8,207.10

The motion to approve the above contracts carried.

Keith and Kenton re-entered the room once voting was finished.

J. Unfinished Business

1. Annual Report – Staff provided a draft of the annual report. No motion at this time.

K. New Business – Ronnie had to leave meeting. John gave a standing ovation to Betty.

L. DCR – Denney – provided report previously by email.

1. Monacan received all A's for both the FY23 Cost Share and TA Assessment and the FY 23 Administration and Operations Assessment.
2. COIA Training, Associate Directors – COIA training is required for elected directors every two years, and suggested for associate directors and staff.

M. Staff Reports and Presentation

1. Keith – Thanked Nicole for her service, he has enjoyed working with her. Goochland Ag Fair turnout was better than he had expected. Received a thank you note from Patrick Mason for the scholarship to Youth Conservation Camp. He wrote and sent out articles to local papers. Attended trainings. Powhatan Ag Forestal District received applications, Powhatan's Farm Bureau paid for the first five. Staff will be attending training at Grave's Mountain starting tomorrow.

2. Betty – Has been working on SL-6 verifications for the next 2 years. She has started to work on December Ag Committee agenda. Has also been working on VCAP applications, outreach meeting planning. Director has to sign additional parts of VACS Contracts for FY24.
3. Colton – Finished up SL-6 in Powhatan. There are a couple outstanding projects from program year '23 waiting on contractors. Working on VACS outreach event with Betty. He has completed multiple site visits. He will be taking those who wish to go on a project/farm tour after today's meeting.
4. Lissy – created flyers for VACS, Envirothon and YCC. Worked with Goochland County staff to have VACS program information posted on their website. Worked with Keith on closing out CD's and the money market account and transferring funds to LGIP accounts. Updated the TV display in the lobby. Coordinated hotel rooms and meals for the upcoming training at Graves Mountain. Reported on recent and upcoming trainings.

N. Reports of Cooperating Agencies

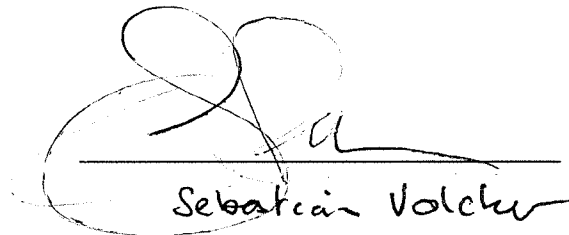
1. VCE Goochland – Nicole – Well water clinic is coming up. This Wednesday will be her last day in the office, and will be performing interviews for the administrative position. Her position vacancy will hopefully fill sooner than other vacancies due to the need. Keith asked about what can be done to get the position filled quickly. Nicole said individuals can contact her supervisor. County funded positions (her position is funded by both VCE and Goochland County) are typically filled faster.
2. VCE Powhatan – none present
3. NRCS – Tara previously provided report via email.
4. Other partners – none

O. Adjourn – 10:13 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Lissy Hamilton
Office Administrator

Date Nov 20, 2027



Sebastian Volcher

