

**Monacan Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**Board of Directors**  
**March 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes**  
**Goochland CH Auditorium**

- A. Call to order – 9:00 am
  - 1. Directors present: Jonathan Lyle (chair), Kenton Moyer, John Kochensparger, Sebastian Volcker, Ronnie Nuckols, Nicol Shuman
  - 2. Associate Directors present: Ken Carter, Rachel Henley, Dan Jones
  - 3. Staff present: Keith Burgess, District Manager; Betty McCracken, Conservation Specialist II; Colton Sullivan, Agricultural Conservationist; Lissy Hamilton, Office Administrator
  - 4. Others present: Denney Collins, DCR CDC
  
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
  
- C. Public Comment Period – none
  
- D. Approve February meeting minutes – Lissy presented. Motion to approve meeting minutes as presented made by John. Sebastian seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried.
  
- E. Treasurer’s report – Lissy presented. Motion to accept Treasurer’s report as presented made by Ronnie. Kenton seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried.
  
- F. Chairman’s report – presented by Jonathan.
  - 1. Legislative update – Information verbally provided by Jonathan, Denney, and Keith.
  - 2. VCAP – Monacan Program Guideline Development – Keith presented and suggested Suburban Committee meet to develop.
  
- G. Director reports
  - 1. Jonathan – Well water testing event is coming up. Spoke with Goochland County resident who was concerned about biosolids application near residence. Requested Local Government Investment Pool to be put on upcoming Finance Committee meeting agenda. Reported on Goochland County draft solar panel policy. He will be attending Farm Bureau meeting this evening. He would like there to be outreach to the new Powhatan County administrator.
  - 2. Nicole – submitted some comments to county about solar policy draft. She planted trees at the state farm.
  - 3. Dan – said it is a great day to be alive.
  - 4. Ken – nothing to report.
  - 5. John – Delegate Ware will be at the Area III Spring meeting later this week.
  - 6. Sebastian – needs volunteers for booth at the Ag. Showcase that is in the building the upcoming Saturday.
  - 7. Kenton – nothing to report.
  - 8. Ronnie – nothing to report.
  - 9. Rachel – nothing to report.

H. Liaison Reports – none in attendance.

I. Committee Reports

1. Ag Committee – Kenton presented. Keith stepped out. The following contracts were presented and recommended for approval in one motion:
  - a. Contract #38-23-0052 – NM-5N in the amount of \$12,516.80.
  - b. Contract #38-23-0053 – NM-5P in the amount of \$12,516.80
  - c. Contract #38-23-0013 – NM-1A – previously approved in September 2022. Adding 235.73 acres that were included in the newly submitted NMP. This change adds \$471.48 to the existing contract.

The motion to approve the above contracts carried. The two following contracts were presented with the recommendation of approval by the committee:

- a. Contract #38-23-0033 – NM-1A – previously approved in October 2022. Adding 311.71 acres that were included in the newly submitted NMP. This change adds \$623.42 to the existing contract.
- b. Contract #38-23-0032 – SL-8B – previously approved in September. Adding 66.99 acres (1 tract) there were inadvertently omitted from original approval. The tract is adjacent to several tracts that have been inspected for compliance throughout the cover crop season. It has met all criteria toward successful completion. This change adds \$6,029.10 to the existing contract.

The motion to approve the above contracts carried. Keith re-entered the room.

- c. Adcock Conservation Easement – request for funding – Keith presented. No action required at this time.
  - d. 4-L Ranch - Phase I of the largest and longest running project is complete.
2. Personnel Committee – John presented. Report was provided. There was a discussion about the excel sheet provided in the report. There will be a new letter of outline in the report to add re-evaluation in November. Betty had questions as to the requirements of use of sick leave. Based on the questions and comments, the committee decided to hold another committee meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

J. Unfinished Business

1. Area III Spring Meeting, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Keith presented.
2. Ag Showcase – VACS Outreach
3. 23-24 Budget, Financial Committee meeting March 29, 9:00 AM – Keith provided updates
4. Virginia Local Government Investment Pool
5. Area III Human Resources letter – John motioned to approve letter; Nicole seconded. The motion carried.

K. New Business – none

- L. DCR Conservation District Coordinator – Denney Collins – previously emailed report. Reported on upcoming dates to be aware of, including upcoming trainings.

M. Staff Reports

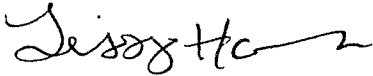
1. Keith – reported on personnel related training. Provided technical assistance to local landowners. Worked on State Farm project.
2. Betty – reported on outreach and technical assistance provided.
3. Colton – reported on 4L Ranch and State Farm project.

N. Partners

1. VCE – Goochland – Nicole presented. Upcoming events include pond workshop, horse pasture walk and talk program.
2. VCE – Powhatan – Rachel presented. Various presentations coming up. Looking for ideas for ag/forestry outreach opportunities for potential Board of Supervisor candidates – looking at September.

O. Adjourn – 10:15 am. Annual planning workshop to follow.

Respectfully submitted,



Lissy Hamilton  
Office Administrator

Approved: April 17, 2023  
Date

  
Jonathan Lyle, Chair

