

Meeting Minutes
Monacan Soil and Water Conservation District
July 17, 2023
Central HS Auditorium
Goochland, VA

- A. Call to Order and Roll Call – 9:00 AM
 - 1. Directors – Jonathan Lyle, Ronnie Nuckols, Kenton Moyer, Sebastian Volcker, John Kochensparger, Nicole Shuman
 - 2. Associate Directors – Ken Carter, Dan Jones, Rachel Henley, Sandy Brindley
 - 3. Staff – Keith Burgess, District Manager; Betty McCracken, Conservation Specialist II; Colton Sullivan, Agricultural Conservationist; Lissy Hamilton, Office Administrator
 - 4. Others – Denney Collins, DCR; Tara Ciaverella, NRCS; Daphne James, Goochland VCE; Emily Gibbs, Goochland County

- B. Pledge of Allegiance

- C. Public Comment Period – Daphne introduced herself. She is a marine biologist major at Ferrum College, and currently interning at the extension office for Goochland.

- D. Approve Minutes – Lissy presented June meeting minutes. John motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Kenton seconded. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

- E. Treasurer's Report – Lissy presented the Treasurer's report. Sebastian motioned to accept the report as presented. Ronnie seconded. There was no discussion. The motion carried.
 - 1. Signature Authority - Keith presented. Staff have started the process of opening accounts through the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP). He suggested adding Sebastian as signature authority on the District's bank accounts and LGIP accounts. Nicole motioned to add Sebastian as signature authority. Kenton seconded. The motion carried.
 - 2. Attachment "D" – Jonathan presented Attachment "D". Ronnie motioned to approve Attachment "D" as presented. Sebastian seconded. The motion carried.

- F. Chairman's Report – Jonathan complimented staff on the recent land and farm resources outreach program. Betty commented that the next event is being planned for November. He let the board know that the Goochland Farm Bureau is meeting this evening at 7 pm. The annual meeting is coming up as well. He gave updates on the Goochland Court House Village Plan. The round about at Fairgrounds Road is now open. The Centerville Village Plan is underway. He reported on the forecasted population growth within the districts. 52 years today, he joined the army and reported to Fort Dix for training.
 - 1. Associate Director Appointments – John presented a motion to appoint Sandy Brindley and Kate Anderson as Associate Directors. Sebastian seconded. The motion carried. John requested Sandy be on Personnel Committee.

- G. Director/Associate Director Reports
 - 1. Dan Jones – he also joined the army at the same time as Jonathan and trained at Fort Dix. There were sheep loose at Hughes Creek this morning. There is a 3" rain deficit in the area by the airport in Richmond. He reported the proposed hotel on Mitchell Road in Powhatan has been denied.
 - 2. Kenton Moyer – nothing to report.
 - 3. Ken Carter – nothing to report.

4. Ronnie Nuckols – nothing to report.
5. Sebastian Volcker – had his first tomatoes of the season from his garden the other day.
6. John Kochensparger – He has attended three District related meetings since the June meeting. This year would be 50 years since he joined the army.
7. Sandy – apologizes for being late. She is excited for the opportunity to be a part of the district. She would like to meet with staff and figure out how she can best assist the district.

H. Liaison Reports

1. Goochland County – Emily Gibbs presented. ENS and Stormwater laws will be combined this time next year. There will be a TMDL stream meeting. A new employee starts in her department Monday. One other position is currently open and accepting applications. She gave various updates on developments and permits, and the meat processing plant approval process. Ken had questions about ENS and stormwater laws.

I. Committee Reports

1. Ag Committee – Betty and Kenton presented. There are new requirements for VACS contracts. A member of the board is now required to sign part III of the VACS contract. Part II now requires a signature from the participant.
2. Personnel Committee – John presented. Staff evaluations have been completed and salary adjustments have been allocated. Allocations came under budget. Betty is planning on taking leave mid-September until her December 1st retirement.

J. Unfinished Business

1. Goochland Ag Fair – Keith presented. The Ag Fair is August 12th, volunteers are needed from 10 am to 6 pm.

K. New Business

1. AFD vs Conservation Easement land values/assessment for tax benefits -- Keith presented. The land value changes when enrolled in an AFD. Having a conservation easement in place before an AFD is beneficial for the landowner for tax purposes.

- L. DCR Conservation District Coordinator – Denney Collins presented. End of Year documents are due today. The annual report is due in September. There is a new DCR staff member who was previously a conservation district staff member.

M. Staff Reports & Presentation

1. Keith – Recently spoke to a Powhatan resident who built in a flood plain and the associated issues. There is a multi-agency training tomorrow. Reported on the status of the LGIP accounts.
2. Betty – Has been working on a new SL-6 project. Is planning the next outreach event for November 14, 2023 from 5 to 7 pm. There will be a light supper. Will be performing lifespan verifications and verification check with Denney.
3. Colton – Has been working on SL-6 contracts, and provided technical assistance at the State Farm. The 4-L Ranch project will soon be entering its next phase. He is planning on a field trip for any board members interested to the 4-L Ranch and State Farm after the August meeting.

N. Reports of Cooperating Agencies

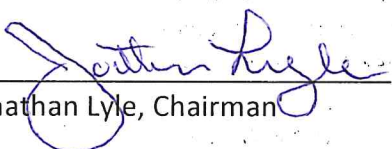
1. VCE – Goochland – Nicole presented. The administrative position will be reposted to accept new applications. She reported on the upcoming well water program.
2. VCE – Powhatan – Rachel presented. Applications for the Master Gardeners application are due September 1st. Offices will be closed for roof repair from August to October.
3. NRCS – Tara Ciavarella presented. CSP is funded for every forestry contract. Application deadline is November 1st. She attended the recent outreach program event.
4. Quail Forever – Jordan Rabon previously provided a report.

O. Adjourn - 10:28 am

Respectfully submitted,

Lissy Hamilton
Office Administrator

Approved: September 18, 2023
Date


Jonathan Lyle, Chairman