



South Centré Corridors Resource Conservation and Development Council

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“The mission of South Centré Corridors RC&D is to develop partnerships to advocate and promote the conservation, preservation and development of our resources to enhance the quality of life in the region.”

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: **Council Members:**

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**Crater Planning District
Commission**
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Victor Liu

At-Large
Linda McAllister

Council Meeting
July 29, 2008
Human Services Building
Prince George, VA

Members Present:

Donald Bagshaw Doug Holc Daniel D. Lee Linda McAllister
Linda Clements Mary E. Jones Victor Liu Jerry Skalsky Susan Watkins
M. L. Everett, Jr. W. D. Kreider Granville Maitland Bonnie Thompson

Others Present: Neil Clark, Anthony Howell, John Kines, Jr., and Meredith Wilson

I. Welcome: Chairman Don Bagshaw welcomed everyone to the meeting and had attendees introduce themselves.

II. Secretary’s Report: It was moved by W. Kreider, seconded by M. Everett to accept the Minutes of May 29, 2008 as presented. Motion passed.

III. Treasurer’s Report: L. McAllister explained the Treasurer’s Report. It was moved by L. Clements, seconded by W. Kreider to accept the Treasurer’s Report of July 29, 2008. Motion passed. Accounts have not been reconciled for the month of July since the month is not over yet. Dinwiddie, Greensville, and Hopewell have notified the office that we will receive funding. The first quarterly check from Dinwiddie has been received. Sussex has approved funding also. Mr. Kines, County Administrator from Prince George will check on funding and let us know. We have heard that Petersburg will not provide funding this year, but no official notification has been received from them. Until it is received the normal funding from them will remain in the budget.

IV. Chairman’s Report: Report is included as part of the Minutes. Chairman Bagshaw informed the council that the State ELC is considering meeting only twice instead of four times a year.

V. Coordinator’s Report: Printed report included as part of the minutes. It was moved by L. McAllister, seconded by D. Lee to close the Educator & Youth Mini-Grant project. Motion passed. It was moved by M. Jones, seconded by M. Everett to close the Albemarle-Chowan Watershed & Rivers Day project. Motion passed. Funding for RC&D has been approved for \$50.730 million.

VI. Old Business

- A. 2008 Southeastern Association Conference – The volunteer workers spreadsheets were shown to the council. D. Bagshaw and M. Jones volunteered to work more shifts at the conference. The preliminary agenda was shown also.
- B. Annual Plan of Work – M. Jones reviewed the draft plan of work with the council. It was moved by M. Jones, seconded by L. Clements to adopt the 2009 Annual Plan of Work as presented. Motion passed. Chairman Bagshaw thanked the Planning Committee for their hard work.
- C. Calendar of Scheduled Meetings – D. Bagshaw reviewed updated council meeting schedule. Should the council choose not to meet in Petersburg or Petersburg chooses not to host since they are no longer paying sponsors, the location in parenthesis will be the meeting place. A letter was sent to the mayor of Hopewell requesting a replacement for Robyn Thompson who has moved. The By-Laws have been interpreted that if a jurisdiction does not supply funds it can still attend council meetings and be a member, but may not be able to vote.

VII. New Business

- A. Forestry Report – N. Clark presented the Forestry Report. The Woodland Options Short Course will be Held August 20th. The Dept of Forestry received a \$1000 grant to help host it. We are charging a \$10 registration fee. It was moved by L McAllister, seconded by J. Skalsky to allocate \$100 to sponsor the Woodland Options Short Course. Motion passed. The Fall Forestry Bus tour will be in Nottoway this year. A stop will be made in Dinwiddie County for lunch. It was moved by M. Jones, seconded by L. McAllister to sponsor the Fall Forestry Bus Tour and to allocate \$100 for it. Motion passed. A representative from the Council is welcome to speak during the lunch in Dinwiddie County. There will be a Landowner's Retreat Weekend at the end of October. September 29th in Petersburg there will be a workshop on Urban Issues. Other events are coming up as well.
- B. Annual Meeting – D. Lee gave the report. The committee has had 1 meeting and one teleconference. They were trying to find a speaker with a connection to all the localities and so are trying to get Wendy Austin of Connect Southside. The Award Recipients will be contacted in advance so that they can attend if possible. The meeting will be held at the Beacon Theatre in Hopewell. The catering choices are between Catered Affairs by Shelby and Homemade to Go. There is a \$1200 budget right now. V. Liu suggested asking for donations to help host the meeting. Also, the Committee will try to negotiate a lower price with Shelby's. It was moved by M. Jones, seconded by J. Skalsky to add additional funding not to exceed \$2000.00 to hold the Annual Meeting. Motion passed.
- C. Auditor – D. Bagshaw discussed the 2 bids we've received from CPAs to perform an audit. Media Lane in Richmond and Sandra Claytor in Chesterfield submitted bids. Media Lane's bid was for \$6000.00. Sandra Claytor's is for between \$1900 and \$2300. It was moved by J. Skalsky, seconded by D. Lee to let the Executive Committee select an auditor among these two or select a different one. Motion passed.

VIII. Additional Items

- A) L. McAllister discussed the rain barrel project she has been involved in. She would like the council to adopt as a project buying the supplies needed for Chowan Water Basin SWCD, James River SWCD, Appomattox River SWCD, and others to host the workshops. It was moved by J. Skalsky, seconded by L. Clements to adopt project Hardware for Rain Barrel Workshop. Motion passes. This is a good project to be involved in also because it meets the Protecting Water Quality goal on the Area Plan; and it is an urban project.
- B) D. Lee discussed council members' part in their locality. Council members should have an active share in insuring local farmers get to grow barley for the ethanol plant.
- C) W. Kreider suggested a committee write articles for the newspaper in agriculture section of Tom Page's newspapers.
- D) S. Watkins suggested setting up a booth at the Ag Expo. D. Lee, J. Skalsky offered to volunteer at a booth. B. Thompson will check with Mike Harris with extension to see if we could possibly set up a booth with them.
- E) A. Howell gave some NRCS highlights.

There being no further business it was moved by L. Clements to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Meredithe J. Wilson, Recorder

Mary E. Jones, Secretary

Donald Bagshaw, Chair