



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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At-Large
Linda McAllister

Council Meeting
November 17, 2008
Newsome Human Services Building
Sussex, VA

Members Present:

Don Bagshaw Paul D. Holc Daniel D. Lee Jerry Skalsky
Linda Clements Mary E. Jones Linda McAllister Bonnie Thompson
M. L. Everett, Jr. W. D. Kreider Granville Maitland

Others Present: Harvey Baker, Neil Clark, Patrick Vincent and Meredith Wilson

I. Welcome: Chairman Don Bagshaw welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Secretary’s Report: It was moved by J. Skalsky, seconded by L. Clements to accept the Minutes of July 29, 2008 as presented. Motion passed.

III. Treasurer’s Report: L. McAllister explained the Treasurer’s Report. It was moved by M. Jones, seconded by W. Kreider to accept the Treasurer’s Report of October 31, 2008. Motion passed. The accounts are currently being audited. A full report on the audit will be given at the next meeting. The auditor has already recommended some suggestions in our bookkeeping.

IV. Chairman’s Report: Chairman Bagshaw has been ill and has not been out much. Chairman Bagshaw is also the Chairman of the VARCDC Nominations Committee. No nominations were received from the floor at the Fall Meeting last weekend. All council members can expect to receive ballots in the mail soon.

V. Coordinator’s Report: Printed report included as part of the minutes. It was moved by L. McAllister, seconded by J. Skalsky to allow the first round of money for the Educator & Youth Mini-Grant project to be distributed one for each locality and the Soil & Water Districts. Any unclaimed money will be awarded on the value of the project, to be decided by the Education Committee Motion passed. It was moved by J. Skalsky, seconded by D. Lee to close the Rain Barrel Workshop Hardware Purchase project. Motion passed. It was moved by M. Jones, seconded by M. Everett to open Rain Barrel Workshop project. Motion was amended to add funds not to exceed \$250.00 for support of volunteers. Motion passed. It was moved by J. Skalsky, seconded by L. Clements to write a letter in support of the VSU Small Farm Outreach Program. Motion passed. P. Vincent will meet with StudioAMMONS to discuss possible logo ideas and give a report at the January meeting. It was moved by D. Lee, seconded by M. Jones to appropriate \$1000.00 for pre-registered participants to the Household Water Quality Testing program with Extension to each actively-participating locality with the first year serving Dinwiddie and Prince George County. Motion passed. It was moved by M. Jones, seconded by J. Skalsky to adopt A P Hill Monument Park Project and to contribute an estimate of \$1200.00 toward landscaping. Motion passed.

VI. Old Business

- A. 2008 Southeastern Association Conference – The VARCDC hosted the conference in Wytheville. VARCDC attendees wore red vests and served as hosts & hostesses, guides, and volunteers. D. Bagshaw, S. Bradshaw, and D. Lee attended along with the office staff. The new National Association president attended. D. Bagshaw reported that the facilities were nice. He especially enjoyed the break-out sessions. D. Lee reported that he learned that the council members can make RC&D what they want it to be.
- B. Annual Plan of Work – The Annual Plan of Work was signed and approved with no problems 8/25/08 by the State Conservationist.
- C. Annual Awards Banquet – P. V reported the banquet was very successful. He thanked M. Wilson for calling many people to make sure they would attend. The banquet was good PR for the council. The banquet will be

held bi-annually since the officers also change bi-annually. In the future there will not be as many honorees since the council was catching up this time. The location may move around among the localities.

- D. Audit – L. McAllister spoke with the auditor today. She has many recommendations for our accounting practices. She will audit our accounts on an annual basis and is completing the IRS report for us. A full audit report will be received before the next council meeting.
- E. Fall Meeting – Printed report included as part of the minutes. M. Jones and P. Vincent traveled along with South Hampton Roads Council member Judy Lyttle to the meeting which was held in Charlottesville. Jay Hubble reported a \$30,000.00 profit from the Southeastern Association Conference.
- F. 5-Year Area Plan – The Area Plan will expire 6/30/09. The State Office wants the new 5-year plan by 4/09. It needs to be approved in Washington by 6/30/09 so that it will go into affect when current one expires. We will create an online survey at surveymonkey.com so that our partners and the community can contribute to suggestions for the Area Plan. It was moved by D. Lee, seconded by G. Maitland to pay \$60.00 to surveymonkey.com to put the Annual Plan Survey online. Motion passed. An Area Plan Committee was selected: J. Skalsky, B. Thompson, and M. Jones.

VII. New Business

- A. Forestry Report – Printed report included as part of the minutes. N. Clark presented the Forestry Report. The Bus Tour Committee wished to thank P. Vincent and the council for their contributions. The Forestry Committee will meet next in the spring. 3/27 Investing in Sustainable Forestry will be held at the Airfield 4-H Center. The Ag Expo was the largest ever in Virginia this year, over 1200 attended. It was moved by M. Everett, seconded by L. Clements to close the Woodland Options Short Course as a project. Motion passed.
- B. Annual Report – Draft copies of the 2007-08 Annual Report were distributed. A smaller summary annual report has been created, too. If any changes or corrections need to be made to the report, please notify the office within the next week.
- C. Council Appointments – D. Bagshaw reported that the appointments of S. Bradshaw, L. Clements, W. Harris, M. Jones, W. Kreider, G. Maitland, C. Morris and possible P. Holc are or will soon be expired. L. Clements was reappointed in September of 2008. She submitted a copy of her renewal letter. B. Pelham resigned when she was appointed Mayor of Hopewell. Christina Luman-Bailey has filled her vacancy. Hopewell still has to fill R. Thompson's vacant citizen spot. The office will send letters to localities about appointments.

VIII. Additional Items

- A) J. Skalsky visited the conference center in Wytheville in behalf of citizens interested in a YMCA in Prince George. The center in Wytheville was a model they were investigating. A group is evaluating the need of a YMCA in Prince George.
- B) The next council meeting will be January 29, 2009 in Petersburg, location to be determined.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Meredithe J. Wilson, Recorder

Mary E. Jones, Secretary

Donald Bagshaw, Chair