



## South Centre Corridors Resource Conservation and Development Council

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*“The mission of South Centre 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.”*

### Council Members:

**City of Hopewell**  
Christina Luman-Bailey

**City of Petersburg**  
Vandy Jones  
Dama Rice

**Dinwiddie County**  
Daniel Lee

**Greensville County**  
Linda Clements  
Lin Pope

**Prince George County**  
Jerry Skalsky  
John Nicol

**Southampton County**  
M. L. Everett, Jr.

**Sussex County**  
Mary E. Jones  
Crockett Morris

**Appomattox River  
Soil and Water  
Conservation District**  
Granville Maitland  
Bonnie Thompson

**Chowan Basin Soil and  
Water Conservation  
District**  
Gary Cross  
Stacey Bradshaw

**James River Soil and  
Water Conservation  
District**  
Donald A. Bagshaw  
W. D. Kreider

**Crater Planning District  
Commission**  
Victor Liu

**At-Large Members**  
Linda McAllister

### Council Meeting

January 28, 2010

Maude Langhorne Nelson Library  
Hopewell, VA

### Members Present:

Stacey Bradshaw	M L Everett Jr.	Victor Liu	Linda McAllister
Linda Clements	W D Kreider	Christina Luman-Bailey	John Nicol
Gary Cross	Daniel D Lee	Granville Maitland	Jerry Skalsky

**Staff:** Anthony Howell, Patrick Vincent and Meredith Wilson

**I. Welcome:** P. Vincent called meeting to order at 6:42pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**II. Secretary's Report:** D. Lee moved W. Kreider seconded to accept the 9/29/09 and 11/30/09 minutes. Motion passed.

**III. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer McAllister gave Treasurer's Report update. G. Maitland moved D. Lee seconded to accept Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed.

**IV. Chairman's Report:** Chairman Bradshaw attended Tri-City Crop Conference 1/21 along with D. Lee and gave an update on Buy Fresh Buy Local Program. Also on 1/21, she participated in the VARCDC Legislative teleconference. 1/25/10 gave a presentation on Buy Fresh Buy Local & our Council at the Chowan Basin SWCD meeting.

**V. Coordinator's Report:** Printed report included in meeting packet. The second round of funding for Mini-Grant program has begun. Applications are due 3/26/10. On 2/3, James River SWCD will hold Farmers' Meeting at Virginia State featuring guests from Virginia Beach & Richmond Buy Fresh Buy Local Chapters. About 80 people will attend, unlike the 50 expected initially. J. Skalsky moved to add up to \$200.00 for meals for the Buy Fresh Buy Local meeting. L. Clements seconded. Motion passed. Buy Fresh Buy Local logo development committee selected: D. Lee, V. Liu, and J. Nicol. P. Vincent assisted Dinwiddie Junior High School in writing a grant proposal to the Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program for \$15,200.00. W. Kreider moved to adopt Dinwiddie Junior High School Outdoor Classroom as a project. J. Skalsky seconded. Motion passed.

### VI. Old Business

- Changes to Bylaws – The changes included in meeting packets. S. Bradshaw reviewed the proposed changes in the Bylaws. Email P. Vincent or members of Bylaws committee (D. Bagshaw, J. Nicol, S. Bradshaw) with any further suggestions or clarification by 2/25/10. At the next council meeting, we will vote on the Bylaws.
- VARC&DC Spring Meeting Update – The meeting will be April 28-30 in Smithfield, VA. P. Vincent is the acting coordinator for South Hampton Roads RC&D, hosts of the annual meeting this spring. Let South Centre Corridors staff know if you plan to attend. Registration is \$150.00.
- Member Attendance Records – Chairman Bradshaw discussed spreadsheets on council member attendance & sponsor representation at council meetings over the past years. As the council sends funding requests to the sponsors, we will also advise them of the involvement of their appointed members. Some options to encourage participation are to ask sponsors to delegate someone who may be interested in participating and encourage members to send an alternate if he/she is not able to attend.
- VARCDC Awards – The nominations submitted this year are Exemplary Assistance to the RC&D Program by an Individual, Neil Clark; Outstanding Youth Involvement, Woodlawn Learning Center; Outstanding Performance by a Council Member, Linda McAllister; Outstanding Performance by a Council, South Centre Corridors; Outstanding RC&D Project, Mission Ministries. So far, there has only been one nominee for Outstanding Performance by a Coordinator so the nominations will remain open until next Tuesday. S. Bradshaw would like to nominate P. Vincent.

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- E. Funding Request – The office sent requests to Hopewell, Dinwiddie, Prince George, and Sussex Counties.
- F. National Leadership Forum – The Forum is March 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup> in DC. The VARCDC Legislative Committee encourages each council to send at least one representative to the forum. National funding to the RC&D budget will be in question next year due to the economy
- G. Bi-Annual Awards Banquet – the Banquet will take the place of our September Council meeting. Planning committee selected L. McAllister, L. Clements, and D. Lee. Time and date of banquet are to be determined.
- H. Council Member Appointments – Gary Cross and Bonnie Thompson were reappointed to the council. Soon to be reappointed is Victor Liu & M L Everett. Susan Watkins & Walter Young's appointments have expired and need to be filled.

#### **VII. New Business**

- A. Forestry Report – N. Clark not present, no report.
- B. RC&D Program Performance Criteria Survey – The management team will develop RC&D Council Criteria to state what each RC&D Council must do. There will be different levels of councils, such as high-performance. Possibly, once criteria are established, the amount of funding each state and each council receives will depend on how well councils' performance meets the national criteria survey.
- C. Charitable Solicitations – As a nonprofit the council needs to register with VDACS as a charitable organization. VDACS keeps us with all charitable organizations in the Commonwealth of Virginia. We must submit an application along with the \$100.00 registration fee. There is also an annual fee.

#### **VIII. Additional Items**

- 1. APNEP is offering grants for Water Demonstration projects in the Albemarle Chowan Watershed. Extension and SWCDs can apply also.

Chairman Bradshaw adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm.

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Meredithe J. Wilson, Recorder

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Linda Clements, Secretary

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Stacey Bradshaw, Chair