



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.”

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Council Meeting July 30, 2009 USDA Service Center Emporia, VA

Members Present:

Stacey Bradshaw Crockett Morris
Dan Lee Linda McAllister
Victor Liu

Staff: Neil Clark, Patrick Vincent and Meredith Wilson

I. Welcome: Chairman Stacey Bradshaw welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Secretary's Report: It was moved by L. McAllister, seconded by C. Morris to accept the Minutes of May 28, 2009 as presented. Motion passed.

III. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer McAllister explained the Treasurer's Report including Profit & Loss Statements from FY 2008-09. It was moved by C. Morris, seconded by D. Lee to accept the Treasurer's Report of July 30, 2009. Motion passed.

IV. Chairman's Report: Chairman Bradshaw sent two letters to Congressman Jim Webb and Congressman Mark Warner in behalf of the Council regarding RC&D funding for 2010 as suggested by the National Association of RC&D Councils. Council members can also send a personal letter, e-mail or telephone the senators about our feelings on NRCS being allowed to determine RC&D budget in each state.

V. Coordinator's Report: Printed report included as part of the minutes. It was moved by V. Liu, seconded by C. Morris to close the Educator & Youth Mini Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2008-09. Motion passed. It was moved by C. Morris, seconded by D. Lee to open Educator & Youth Mini Grant Project for the 2009-10 program year. Motion passed. V. Liu suggested we hold a rain barrel workshop for the Dinwiddie/Petersburg area. Possibly Appomattox River SWCD can host the workshop. James River SWCD has rain barrel kits for sale during the month of August. The kits are \$35 each. Waverly Food Bank now has half the money it needs. They were awarded a \$15,000 grant from Altria. The first work days on the building for Mission Ministries will be August 8 & 9. All are welcome to help work. Lunch and breakfast will be provided. The Fall Forestry & Wildlife Bus Tour will be in Southampton County on 9/24/09. It was moved by L. McAllister, seconded by D. Lee to adopt Forestry & Wildlife Bus Tour as a project. Motion passed. This project will be our project for National RC&D Week (September 20-26, 2009). The RC&D Council will handle registration for the Bus Tour. It was moved by C. Morris, seconded by L. McAllister to handle registration for FOLAR Canoe & Kayak Race and to accept it as a project. Motion passed.

VI. Old Business

- A. 5-Year Area Plan – The plan was discussed at the last meeting. It has been signed by the State Conservationist and is now awaiting approval from Washington. It was moved by L. McAllister, seconded by C. Morris to close the 5-Year Strategic Plan Project. Motion passed.
- B. National Association of RC&DC Meeting – P. Vincent attended the meeting held in Albuquerque, NM in June. About 950 were in attendance, this was a good turnout considering the economy. There were many opportunities for dialogue and discussions. P. Vincent participated in a Breakout Session and talked about our Educator & Youth Mini Grant Program along with a 4-H Specialist from the University of Arizona. P. Vincent said he received lots of positive feedback after his presentation. At the meeting we received a Circle of Diamonds plaque. An awesome speaker from the University of New Mexico gave a presentation.

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- C. Day Meetings v. Evening Meetings – Chairman Bradshaw reported that the council will continue to have evening meetings.

VII. New Business

- A. VARCD Committees – S. Bradshaw asked members to join a Committee for the VARCDC. So far for the list is as follows Nominations Committee - D. Bagshaw; Executive – S. Bradshaw; Forestry – C. Morris; Annual Meeting/Training – D. Lee; Recommendations were made for council members not in attendance to serve on remaining VARCDC Committees: Awards – J. Nicol; Legislative – J. Skalsky; Public Relations – M. Jones. Also we can appoint alternate delegates. Those council members will be contacted after the meeting to see if they are willing to serve.
- B. FY 2009 -2010 Meeting Calendar – The new meeting scheduled was included in the meeting packet. S. Bradshaw reviewed the meeting dates.
- C. Forestry Report – N. Clark presented the report. Printed report included as part of the minutes.
- D. Annual Plan of Work – P. Vincent reviewed the plan. The plan has not been approved by the State Conservationist yet. It was moved by L. McAllister, seconded by C. Morris to adopt the Annual Plan of Work for Fiscal Year 2009-10. Motion passed. All members are included as implementing the projects discussed in the plan. Please review the plan carefully.
- E. Annual Report – The Report is not yet available. P. Vincent will present it at the next meeting.
- F. Virginia Environmental Endowment Grant – P. Vincent submitted a grant request for \$3500 for our Mini Grant Project. We were awarded the grant to be used for additional money for our mini grant program. The funds are sent in advance, any unused funds must be sent back at the end of the grant cycle. It was moved by L. McAllister, seconded by C. Morris to sign the grant acceptance form. Motion passed.

VIII. Additional Items

- 1. V. Liu is strongly in support of our council partnering with FOLAR who has a good name in the communities of Hopewell and Petersburg.

There being no further business it was moved by C. Morris, seconded by L. McAllister to adjourn the meeting. Meeting Adjourned.

Meredithe J. Wilson, Recorder

Linda Clements, Secretary

Stacey Bradshaw, Chair