



## South Centre Corridors Resource Conservation and Development Council

P.O. Box 1237  
Prince George, VA 23875  
Phone: 804-732-4375 Fax: 804-732-4713  
<http://southcentrecorridorsrcd.org>

*“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  
Susan A. Watkins

**Greensville County**  
Linda Clements  
Lin Pope

**Prince George County**  
Jerry Skalsky  
John Nicol

**Southampton County**  
M. L. Everett, Jr.  
Walter L. Young III

**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 November 30, 2009 Newsome Human Services Building Sussex, VA

#### Members Present:

Don Bagshaw      W D Kreider      John Nicol  
Stacey Bradshaw      Daniel D Lee  
Linda Clements      Linda McAllister

**Staff:** Melvin Atkinson, Patrick Vincent and Meredith Wilson

**I. Welcome:** Chairman Stacey Bradshaw called meeting to order at 6:34pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. A quorum was not present so the council could not conduct business at this meeting. Melvin Atkinson with Virginia Beach Dept of Agriculture & Hampton Roads (HR) Buy Fresh, Buy Local Chapter (BFBL), gave a presentation on how the HR Chapter was started. Buy Fresh, Buy Local is a national social movement to get people to buy and eat fresh & local food. BFBL is a trademark. The organization is a network to help people get access to local food. Funds to print the publications were received as donations by Friends; also farmers were charged a fee to be included in the publication. The HR chapter produced a card with info about how to sponsor before printing the 2-page 11½ x 17 publication. They worked with a company, referred by BFBL in adapting a trademark label for the area. BFBL operates as 501c3 in HR. It has many volunteers. The goal is to have a sustainable chapter with good supportive volunteers. The organization has a board of directors and elected officers.

**II. Secretary's Report:** Secretary Clements asked for any changes to the 9/29/09 minutes. None suggested.

**III. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer McAllister gave Treasurer's Report update. Chairman Bradshaw mentioned the Audit Report was received. She signed documents to be returned to the auditor.

**IV. Chairman's Report:** Chairman Bradshaw attended ACWR meeting 11/19/09, the Fall VARCDC meeting along with D. Bagshaw, B. Thompson & P. Vincent; participated in VARCDC Executive Committee teleconference. The Executive Committee discussed revising/adding to the VARCDC Vice Chair duties and voted to approve the Tidewater RC&D grant for biofuels.

**V. Coordinator's Report:** Printed report included in meeting packet. The Executive Committee will review proposals for the Mini Grant Programs. Notifications to the approved schools are due by the end of the week. In January, we will re-advertise the program since all of the funding has not been allocated. The deadline for RFP grants for outdoor classrooms is 12/31. The classrooms can be on public property not only on school grounds. Recipients of grants will be notified in January. We submitted a proposal for funding for Buy Fresh Buy Local to the Tobacco Commission. We expect their staff recommendations to be posted online tomorrow. The Executive Committee will vote on using \$2500 project funds to get local chapter started.

#### VI. Old Business

- A. Changes to Bylaws – The changes included in meeting packets. S. Bradshaw requested to table item until January meeting and to approve/vote on changes at March meeting.
- B. VARCD Fall Meeting Update – S. Bradshaw, B. Thompson, D. Bagshaw, and P. Vincent attended the meeting in Crozet. Both Virginia applicant RC&Ds were present: South Hampton Roads & Upper James (western, Rockingham County) RC&D. NARCDC voted to hold conferences every other year beginning in 2010, instead of every 3<sup>rd</sup> year. In 2010, the Southeast Association meeting will be held in Biloxi, MS. Jeanette Jamieson has suggested members attend this meeting if councils had to make a choice on which conference to attend.

“Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer”

More information will be received on this.

- C. Member Attendance Records – Chairman Bradshaw is working on attendance records since the council's existence. Also the office is working on council member re-appointments and will notify sponsors of how many times each person attended a meeting. It is important for council members to attend meetings. The group discussed whether or not the meeting should be cancelled if it is known prior to the meeting there will not be a quorum and also ways to increase participation and attendance in council meetings (council members participate in projects and therefore feel responsible to be present, change agenda to show actual projects/action needed that will be discussed, encourage sponsors to appoint people likely to be more interested in RC&D/be effective council members). At-Large members are those who want to be involved and are not appointed by the jurisdictions.

## **VII. New Business**

- A. Forestry Report – P. Vincent presented N. Clark's (absent) printed report.
- B. Awards Committee – The VARCDC Awards Committee is requesting nominations for awards by 1/15/10. Awards Committee selected: McAllister, J. Skalsky, D. Lee to form local awards committee to decide nominees. J. Nicol serves on State Awards Committee. State Committee will survey past award recipients to find if they liked the awards (style, size, look) received. Also. J. Nicol will have to submit a potential judge to the committee from our sponsor area, preferably someone unfamiliar with RC&D, but who may be interested in becoming involved.
- C. Council Member Appointments – Expired appointments: S. Watkins, Dinwiddie; and W. Young, Southampton. 3 appointments will expire in December: G. Gross, M. Everett, and V. Liu. Appointments expiring in 2010: B. Thompson, March; D. Lee, June. G. Maitland was reappointed with no expiration date for Appomattox River. S. Bradshaw is working with the office to update the appointment tracking sheet. They will notify the sponsors who have expiring council member appointments.
- D. Funding Requests – Council members will give budget reports to their corresponding sponsor areas at Boards of Supervisors/ City Council Meetings. The reports will show what the council has done for the particular area. Starting in January council members will be called upon to attend these budget meetings.
- E. Chamber of Commerce Membership – The Prince George/Hopewell Chamber of Commerce is excited about Buy Fresh Buy Local P. Vincent reported. The Council could partner with the Chamber to help with interviewing in the J.O.B.S youth program. Would the Council be interested in joining the Hopewell/PG Chamber? The cost is \$25 set-up fee, \$80/yr non-profit fee. There are Chambers in Dinwiddie, Greensville, Petersburg, and Sussex. It was discussed and decided that the Council either join all or none of the Chambers to be fair. Perhaps we can join once the Buy Fresh Buy Local program has produced some publications. Funding from the locality could pay for the membership fee in each area.
- F. Bi-Annual Awards Banquet – The meeting will be held next September. Suggestions are welcome as to the time & date. Also, the 2010 Southeast Association of RC&D Councils Meeting will be held in September so we'll have to plan around that. Those who would like to volunteer for the Planning Committee, please notify S. Bradshaw by the January council meeting. D. Lee volunteered.
- G. National Leadership Forum – The meeting will be held in March of 2010. Any who would like to attend please notify the office or S. Bradshaw. Please remember to always thank legislators for votes toward RC&D each year.

## **VIII. Additional Items**

- 1. L. McAllister discussed Mission Ministries fundraiser information included in packets. Mission Ministries is selling goods by catalog through the internet. Also Mission Ministries is serving cookies and hot chocolate at the tree-lighting ceremony this weekend. S. Bradshaw will donate a few cookies. The Executive Committee will vote on the Council donating \$100 to buy the hot chocolate and cookies.
- 2. W. Kreider suggested we approach the newspapers about writing an article once a month or so to tell about RC&D as Extension agents do.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Bradshaw at 9pm.

---

Meredith J. Wilson, Recorder

---

Linda Clements, Secretary

---

Stacey Bradshaw, Chair