



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

**Crater Planning District
Commission**
Victor Liu

At-Large Members
Linda McAllister

Council Meeting September 29, 2009 Administration Building Prince George, VA

Members Present:

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| Don Bagshaw | M. L. Everett Jr. | Granville Maitland | Joyce Pritchard for | Christina Bailey |
| Stacey Bradshaw | W D Kreider | Linda McAllister | Jerry Skalsky | |
| Linda Clements | Daniel D Lee | John Nicol | Bonnie Thompson | |

Staff: Neil Clark and daughter, Ray Dorsett, 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 D. Lee to accept the Minutes of May 28, 2009 and July 30, 2009 as presented. Motion passed. According to the Bylaws there was no quorum at the 7/30/09 meeting so all of the motions need to be voted on again.

III. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer McAllister explained the Treasurer's Report. It was moved by C. Morris, seconded by D. Lee to accept the Treasurer's Report of July 30, 2009 and September 29, 2009. Motion passed.

IV. Chairman's Report: Chairman Bradshaw attended Farm Bureau Women's Committee Meeting and there discussed a potential RC&D project. Bobbie Jeanquart resigned as Executive Director of National Association of RC&D Councils. John Hagen is the new Executive Director as of 9/10/09.

V. Coordinator's Report: Printed report included as part of the minutes. It was moved by L. McAllister, seconded by D. Bagshaw to re-approve items discussed at the July Meeting. Motion passed. At the next meeting a list of Mini Grant applications/projects will be provided. The deadline for applications is 11/20/09. Appomattox River SWCD applied for a grant for an event to be held next week. It was moved by D. Bagshaw, seconded by M. Everett to approve Appomattox River SWCD Farm Day Mini Grant project. Motion passed. Mission Ministries received half of the awarded \$15,000.00 grant funds from Altria (Philip Morris). The other funds will be sent in December. It was moved by G. Maitland, seconded by W. Kreider to close COOP Training Project. Motion passed. P. Vincent introduced a potential project: starting a Buy Fresh, Buy Local Chapter. Buy Fresh, Buy Local is a national program. Shenandoah & South Hampton Roads RC&D Councils are involved. Southampton County is involved already. If the Council wants to get involved in this project, the Virginia Tobacco Commission offers agri-business grant funds we may be able to utilize to implement the project. The grant application is due November 2. It was moved by L. McAllister, seconded by W. Kreider to approve the Buy Fresh, Buy Local project in concept and appoint a committee to get more information on the project. The motion was amended, and seconded by D. Lee to invite a speaker to the next meeting to expound on the program. L. McAllister withdrew the motion. It was moved by L. McAllister, seconded by D. Bagshaw to adopt Buy Fresh, Buy Local as a project. Motion passed. P. Vincent will try to have a representative from Buy Fresh, Buy Local speak at the next meeting.

VI. Old Business

- 5-Year Area Plan – Chairman Bradshaw remarked that the office received word from Jack Bricker, State Conservationist that the plan has been approved.
- VARCD Committees – J. Nicol agreed to serve on the Awards Committee. M. Jones has been approached about serving on the Public Relations Committee, but word has not been received as she is ill.
- Annual Plan of Work – Chairman Bradshaw announced Jack Bricker accepted, signed and returned to the office the Plan of Work.

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- D. Annual Report – The draft Annual Report brochure was included in meeting packets. A new smaller format is being used this year. If changes are needed please notify P. Vincent by 10/6/09.

VII. New Business

- A. Forestry Report – Printed report included as part of the minutes. N. Clark delivered the report. About 64 people attended the Forestry & Wildlife Tour on 9/24/09. He thanked the council for its support with this project; Thanks to M. Wilson for handling registration. The next Forestry Committee meeting will be held in late October, exact date to be announced. It was moved by D. Bagshaw, seconded by J. Skalsky to close 33rd Annual Fall Forestry and Wildlife Tour project. Motion passed.
- B. NRCS MOU – P. Vincent reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding. The agreement must be reviewed annually.
- C. Sponsor Attendance – P. Vincent discussed the attendance spreadsheet included in the meeting packets. It detailed how often sponsors have had representation at the council meetings over the past year. In the next month the office will send letters to sponsors to provide them with this information.
- D. Overview of Nonprofit Management Workshop – P. Vincent attended a workshop hosted by the Clinch Powell RC&D in Tennessee. It discussed how to find good council members, audits, finances, fundraising, internal controls, acquiring grants, fee-for-service projects, providing board member training, information meetings for the community.
- E. Changes to Bylaws – Bylaws Committee was appointed consisting of D. Bagshaw, S. Bradshaw, and J. Nicol. The Bylaws need to address paying sponsors v. voting privileges, ex-officio sponsors, making provisions for non-paying sponsors. D Lee suggested making steps to inform localities of what RC&D does and of ensuring sponsors feel involved even if they are not able to pay sponsor dues.

VIII. Additional Items

- 1. At the next meeting a representative from Buy Fresh, Buy Local will speak.
- 2. The next council meeting will be held Monday, November 30, 2009 in Sussex.
- 3. The Fall Business Meeting of the Virginia Assoc. of RC&D Councils will be held October 29, 2009 in Crozet, VA. S. Bradshaw and D. Bagshaw will attend. One other council member is needed to attend. Please notify Patrick or Meredith if you would like to attend.
- 4. It was moved by W. Kreider, seconded by M. Everett to re-appoint L. McAllister to a 4-year term as an At-Large member. Motion passed. At-Large members represent the whole council. D. Bagshaw asked for an updated Council Member Appointment Tracking Sheet.

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