

THREE RIVERS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES
December 14, 2022
Prince Street Café @ Hobbs Hole Golf Course Tappahannock, VA

Board Members Present:

Robert Bland, Chair

Langdon Townsend, Vice-Chair

Bruce Taylor, Secretary

Keith Balderson, Treasurer

Thomas Fox, King William County

Robbie Longest, VCE

Benjamin Ellis, Essex County

Todd Henley, Associate Director

Three Rivers SWCD Staff Present:

Michelle Carter, District Manager

Waring Baylor, Conservation Specialist

Anne Davis, Administrative Coordinator

Sarah Cole, Conservation Coordinator

Agency Partners:

Marissa Roland, DCR

Guest:

Sara Henley, King & Queen Co.

Call to Order

Mr. Bland, Chair, called the Three Rivers Soil and Water Conservation District monthly meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. at Prince Street Café @ Hobbs Hole Golf Course Tappahannock, Virginia.

Minutes of the Last Board of Directors Meeting

Mr. Taylor motioned to approve the November Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Mr. Ellis seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Balderson motioned to accept the November Treasurer's Report as presented and the report will be filed for audit. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Old Business:

VASWCD Annual Meeting (Roanoke – Dec 4/6) – Robert Bland

Mr. Bland stated Michelle Carter, Waring Baylor, Langdon Townsend and himself attend the Annual Meeting in Roanoke on December 4 - 6. He stated it was very informative and well attended.

End of Year Lifespan BMP's Verification – Michelle Carter

Mrs. Carter stated she and Waring Baylor had conducted nine BMP Verifications on structural practices that are near the end of their lifespan to make sure they were still in compliance. She stated there was no issues and all nine were still in compliance.

New Business:

Conservation Plan Approval – Sarah Cole

Ms. Cole asked Mr. Todd Henley and Mrs. Sara Henley to leave the room. Ms. Cole presented a Conservation Plan and Tax Credit for MTG Partners, LLC for review. Mr. Balderson motioned to approve the Conservation Plan and Tax Credit for MTG Partners, LLC as presented. Mr. Townsend seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Baylor stated producers have been reporting their cover crop planting dates and as they call in the acreage is being adjusted in the tracking program along with the allocated monies.

Local Government Budget Request – Keith Balderson

Mr. Balderson stated it was time to send budget request for the Fiscal Year 2024 to local governments and he suggested the District request level funding from all three counties. Mr. Balderson motioned to request level funding from Essex, King & Queen and King William Counties. Mr. Ellis seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Three Rivers SWCD Meeting Calendar 2023 – Michelle Carter

Mrs. Carter presented a draft meeting calendar for the 2023 year. After some discussion, the suggestion was made to change the September meeting time to 8:30 a.m. Mr. Ellis motioned to approve the 2023 Meeting Calendar as presented with the new September meeting time of 8:30 a.m. Mr. Townsend seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Nominating Committee Report – Robbie Longest

Mr. Longest, Nominating Committee Chair made the following recommendations for the 2023 Slate of Officers: Chairman – Robert Bland, Vice Chair – Langdon Townsend, Secretary – Bruce Taylor, Treasurer – Keith Balderson, FOIA Officer – Michelle Carter and Records Retention Officer – Michelle Carter. Mr. Longest motioned to approve the 2023 Slate of Officers as presented by the Nominating Committee. Mr. Ellis seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Three Rivers SWCD Standing Committee Review – Robert Bland

Mr. Bland presented a draft copy of the Standing Committees for review. After review and discussion, Mr. Townsend made a motion to accept the Standing Committees as presented. Mr. Ellis seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Virginia Association of Conservation Districts Educational Foundation – Michelle Carter

Mrs. Carter read a letter from Philip Henley to Three Rivers SWCD and the VASWCD Educational Foundation with a donation to the scholarship fund. In the letter Mr. Henley stated he was a past recipient of the Earl H. and Anna K. Longest Memorial Scholarship and how the scholarship had helped him throughout his college education he wanted to give back to help another scholarship recipient.

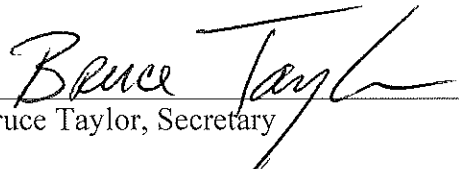
4-H Sponsorship Letter – Michelle Carter

Mrs. Carter presented a letter from Christina Ruszczyk-Murray, 4-H Youth Development asking the District to sponsor a 4-H camper from King & Queen and King William Counties in the amount of \$350 per camper. After a brief conversation, Mr. Ellis motioned to sponsor one 4-H camper from Essex, King & Queen and King William Counties in the amount of \$350 per camper. Mr. Townsend seconded the motion and the motion carried.

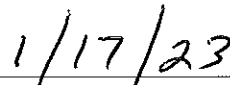
Agency Reports:

Marissa Roland, DCR – Gave an oral and written report. (Report Attached)

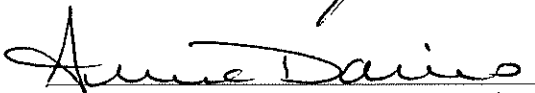
There being no further business, Mr. Bland, Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.



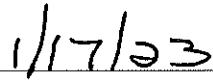
Bruce Taylor, Secretary



Date



Anne Davis, Administrative Coordinator



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