



EASTERN SHORE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

**Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 1:00 p.m.
USDA Service Center, 22545 Center Parkway, Accomac, VA 23301**

ATTENDANCE:

The following Board members, Staff and Partners were in attendance:

Robin Rich-Coates- Chair, Nick Thomas- Vice Chair, Jim Evans- Director, Sands Gayle- Director, Kyle Sturgis- Director, Carmie Savage- District Manager, Bill Savage- Conservation Specialist, Norman Pitt- Conservation Technician, Julie Head- Education Director, Jenny Templeton- NRCS District Conservationist

The following Board Members and Staff were unable to attend:

Jim Evans- Director, Ursula Deitch- Director, Robbie Lewis- Associate Director, Edwin Long- Associate Director, Rick Hall- Associate Director, Bill Shockley- Associate Director, Chip Turlington Associate Director

CALL TO ORDER: Robin Rich-Coates, Chair, called to order the March 2, 2022 Special Called District Board Meeting of the Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District.

NEW BUSINESS:

FY20 Contract Increases for Approval using new FY22 Average Cost List- Carmie Savage:

Carmie presented to the Board the increases/decreases in funding that would affect the approved FY20 Carryover Poultry projects using the approved FY22 District Average Cost List (ACL) to estimate the costs. The VA Soil and Water Board approved to allow individual Districts to recalculate the original estimated costs based on their individual FY22 ACL due to the rise in lumber/costs if individual Boards chose to do so. Since the FY20 estimates were based using FY20 NRCS' ACL, the Litter Shed estimates increased using the new ACL but the composters decreased due to the extremely inflated costs used in FY20 NRCS' ACL. Since then, NRCS' most current ACL is more in-line with actual costs for constructing composters. For the six (6) FY20 Carryover VACS funded projects, the difference between the FY20 Ches Bay VACS estimates and the FY22 Ches Bay VACS estimates using the new ACL totaled an increase of \$360,230.65 and a decrease of \$68,383.64. The FY20 OCB VACS estimates totaled an increase of \$95,303.75 and a decrease of \$60,375.06.

The increase of \$360,230.65 in Ches Bay contracts (contracts 20-20-0170 instance 378612, 20-20-185 instance 379662, 20-20-0206 instance 389615, 20-20-0164 instance 377886) would be funded using 100% of the unallocated balance left in the District's FY22 Ches Bay allocation totaling \$187,013.07 and the transfer of unallocated Ches Bay funds

APPROVED: _____ **SIGNED:** _____
BOARD CHAIRMAN BOARD SECRETARY

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from another District(s). There is potentially another District willing to transfer the needed Ches Bay funds to the Eastern Shore SWCD from their unallocated balance. Considering funding the increases would wipe out the FY22 Ches Bay VACS funds, the request for transfer could be rounded up to \$200,000 instead of the \$173,217.58 needed in case any last minute Ches Bay cost share requests come into the District.

After the transfer of \$250,000 OCB VACS funds from James River SWCD, the District still needs \$129,472.76 to fully fund the OCB cost share requests. There is \$167,208.64 in the District's FY22 Operational Budget line item "Cost Share Support" that could be used to fully fund the requests. That would leave a balance of \$37,735.88 in that "Cost Share Support" line item. The increase of \$95,303.75 in the one OCB contract (20-20-0175 instance 378741) could be funded using that balance of \$37,735.88 and \$57,567.87 from the District's Designated funds that are designated for "projects related to soil and water conservation on the Eastern Shore". Those available designated funds total \$298,008.96 which would more than cover the \$57,567.87 needed leaving a balance of \$240,441.09.

The one FY21 approved contract 20-21-0176, instance 426648, the District approved to fund using local funds (FY20 VNRCF TA). That project increase is \$115,151.22 and could also be funded through the District's Designated funds then leaving a balance of \$125,289.87.

The following charts of increases/decreases and tax credit increases were presented:

Contract:	Instance:	Description of Practice:	Originally Approved FY20 Estimated 75% Cost Share:	Originally Approved Funding Source:	New Estimated 75% Cost Share using new FY22 ACL:	Difference in 75% Cost Share from FY20 using FY22 ACL:	Funding Source for Difference using new FY22 ACL:
20-20-0170 '20 Carryover	378612 379658	WP-4 Litter Sheds WP-4C Composter	\$ 142,624.20 \$105,270.80	FY20 Carryover Ches Bay VACS	\$243,809.46 \$ 36,887.16	\$101,185.26 -\$ 68,383.64	FY22 Ches Bay VACS
20-20-0185 '20 Carryover	379662	WP-4 Litter Sheds	\$257,724.45	FY20 Carryover Ches Bay VACS	\$ 435,320.70	\$177,596.25	FY22 Ches Bay VACS
20-20-0206 '20 Carryover	389615	WP-4 Litter Shed	\$71,124.85	FY20 Carryover Ches Bay VACS	\$120,781.80	\$ 49,656.95	FY22 Ches Bay VACS
20-20-0164 '20 Carryover	377886	WP-4 Litter Shed	\$65,532.76	FY20 Carryover Ches Bay VACS	\$ 97,324.95	\$ 31,792.19	FY22 Ches Bay VACS

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20-20-0175 '20 Carryover	378741 378757	WP-4 Litter Sheds WP-4C Composter	\$134,221.39 \$94,390.48	FY20 Carryover OCB (Seaside) VACS	\$229,525.14 \$ 34,015.42	\$ 95,303.75 \$ 60,375.06	FY2 ESSWCD Ops Budget- "Cost Share Support"
20-21-0176 Current FY21	426648	WP-4 Litter Sheds	\$204,007.71	FY21 Project funded by FY20 VNRCF TA (Local funds)	\$ 319,158.93	\$ 115,151.22	FY2 ESSWCD Ops Budget- "Cost Share Support" and Designated \$
Total Obligated FY20 Carryover Ches Bay VACS funds towards Poultry Projects: Total FY20 Ches Bay VACS funds decrease in approvals using '22 ACL: Total FY22 Ches Bay VACS funds requested to approve increases using '22 ACL:						\$ 1,002,440.78 -\$ 68,383.64 \$ 360,230.65	
Total Obligated FY20 Carryover OCB VACS funds towards Poultry Projects: Total FY20 OCB (Seaside) VACS funds decrease in approvals using '22 ACL: Total FY22 OCB (Seaside) VACS funds requested to approve increases:						\$ 228,611.87 -\$ 60,375.06 \$ 95,303.75	
Total Obligated FY20 VNRCF TA (Local Funds) towards Poultry Projects: Total Local funds from FY22 Ops Budget requested to approve increases:						\$ 204,007.7 \$115,151.22	

Contract:	Instance:	Description of Practice:	Originally Approved FY20 Estimated Tax Credit (\$17,500 max)	New Estimated Tax Credit (\$25,000 max- effective 1/01/21)
20-20-0170 '20 Carryover	378612 379658	WP-4 Litter Sheds WP-4C Composter	\$ 11,885.35 \$ 8,772.57	\$ 20,317.46 \$ 3,073.93

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20-20-0185 '20 Carryover	379662	WP-4 Litter Sheds	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 25,000.00
20-20-0206 '20 Carryover	389615	WP-4 Litter Shed	\$ 5,927.07	\$ 10,065.15
20-20-0175 '20 Carryover	378741 378757	WP-4 Litter Sheds WP-4C Composter	\$ 11,185.12 \$ 7,865.87	\$ 19,127.10 \$ 2,834.62
20-20-0164 '20 Carryover	377886	WP-4 Litter Shed	\$ 5,461.06	\$ 8,110.41
20-21-0176 Current FY21	426648	WP-4 Litter Sheds	\$ 17,000.64	\$ 25,000.00

Director Nick Thomas made a motion to approve the recalculated original FY20 Estimated costs using the District's FY22 ACL which results in both contract increases and decreases and to use available VACS funds and funds from any other available funding sources as presented along with the increases in associated tax credits. The motion, seconded by Director Kyle Sturgis, carried unanimously.

Director Kyle Sturgis made a motion to approve the transfer of any unallocated VACS funds from other willing Districts to the Eastern Shore SWCD as needed. The motion, seconded by Director Sands Gayle, carried unanimously.

The March 2, 2022 Board meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes were recorded by Carmie M. Savage, Board Secretary/Treasurer