



EASTERN SHORE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Friday, December 8, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

Island House Restaurant, 17 Atlantic Ave., Wachapreague, VA 23480

ATTENDANCE:

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

- **Directors:** Sally Williams, Sands Gayle and Kyle Sturgis
- **Associate Directors:** Robbie Lewis, Hunter Blake, Norman Pitt and Rick Hall
- **Staff:** Carmie Ross, Bill Savage, Palmer Smith, and Julie Head
- **Partners:** Olivia Leatherwood DCR, Jenny Templeton- NRCS, Ben Young- NRCS
- **Guests:** Helene Doughty, Mr. Doughty, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Gayle, Mrs. Savage, Mr. Head, and Mrs. Lewis

The following Board Members and Staff were unable to attend:

- **Directors:** Nick Thomas and Jim Evans
- **Associate Directors:** Chip Turlington, Matt Hickman, Ursula Deitch, Edwin Long and Brian Broadwater

CALL TO ORDER: Director Kyle Sturgis called to order the December 8, 2023, District Board Meeting of the Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District.

MINUTES and FINANCIAL REPORTS: Director Sally Williams made a motion to approve the October 24, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. The motion, seconded by Director Sands Gayle, was carried unanimously. Director Sally Williams made a motion to approve the October and November 2023 financial reports as presented. The motion, seconded by Director Sands Gayle, was carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. n/a

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **FY24 Cost Share Report:** The last poultry project was completed and paid on December 1, 2023. The FY24 Ches Bay VACS allocation is \$2,689,088 plus interest through November 30th of \$ 299.82 and bank fees of \$24.00 for falling under minimum before allocation was direct deposited, bringing the total available funds to \$2,689,293.82. The FY24 OCB VACS allocation is \$1,208,491.00 plus interest through November 30th of \$58.77 bringing the total available funds to \$1,208,549.77. Approved as of November 30th: Ches Bay VACS: \$285,720.45, OCB VACS: \$282,627.70, Ches Bay WFA: \$2,860,767.50 and OCB WFA: \$1,931,565.05. New Cost share requests were presented for approval totaling \$44,141.00 for Ches Bay WFA and \$27,631.10 in OCB WFA. **Director Sally Williams made a motion**

APPROVED: _____ **SIGNED:** _____
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to approve the new cost share requests as presented. The motion, seconded by Director Sands Gayle, was carried unanimously. Director Sands Gayle made a motion to approve the cost share report. The motion, seconded by Director Sally Williams, was carried unanimously.

B. Update on ES RC&D Dissolution: During the September 27th Board meeting, the Board appointed Carmie as the District representative in matters to do with the dissolution of RC&D. She met with the other legal sponsors which were Accomack County, Northampton County, and A-NPDC along with the chair of RC&D and some council members on October 27th at the Chamber of Commerce. It was agreed at that meeting that the dissolution of RC&D was imminent. As the representative authority for the District, Carmie spoke with Nick and a letter was drafted as an approval from the District to dissolve. Carmie planned to email the letter to Chair Edwin Long on Monday, December 11th.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes were recorded by Carmie S. Ross

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