



EASTERN SHORE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, May 18, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

USDA Service Center, 22545 Center Parkway, Accomac, VA 23301

ATTENDANCE:

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

Nick Thomas- Vice Chair, Ursula Deitch-Director, Sands Gayle- Director, Kyle Sturgis- Director, Rick Hall- Associate Director, Carmie Savage- District Manager, Bill Savage- Conservation Specialist, Julie Head- Education Director, Norman Pitt- Conservation Technician, Ben Young- NRCS Soils Conservationist, Amy Walker- DCR and Marie Schirmacher- DCR

The following Board Members and Staff were unable to attend:

Robbie Lewis- Associate Director, Bill Shockley- Associate Director and Chip Turlington- Associate Director and Edwin Long- Associate Director

CALL TO ORDER: Nick Thomas- Vice Chair, called to order the May 18, 2022 District Board Meeting of the Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District.

MINUTES and FINANCIAL REPORTS: Director Ursula Deitch made a motion to approve the April 20, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. The motion, seconded by Director Kyle Sturgis, carried unanimously. Director Ursula Deitch made a motion to approve the April financial reports as presented. The motion, seconded by Director Kyle Sturgis, carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

I make a motion that we meet in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. This executive meeting is permitted under Section 2.2-3711. (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia.

Motion: Nick Thomas

Second: Kyle Sturgis

Executive Session is held.

I make a motion that we reconvene into open session. Code of Virginia 2.2-3712 (D).

Motion: Nick Thomas

Second Kyle Sturgis

APPROVED: _____ **SIGNED:** _____

BOARD CHAIRMAN

BOARD SECRETARY

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I move for adoption of Resolution #1, Certification of Closed Meeting, which confirms that we only discussed those matters in Closed Meeting that were identified and lawfully exempted.

**Motion: Nick Thomas
Second: Ursula Deitch**

**Resolution No: 1
Meeting Date: May 18, 2022**

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) MEETING

WHEREAS, the Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this District Board that a closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the District Board.

VOTES

AYES: Nick Thomas, Ursula Deitch, Kyle Sturgis

NAYS: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: Jim Evans, Sands Gayle

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Secretary of District Board

A motion was made to proceed with the motion as described in closed session regarding personnel matters as discussed.

**MOTION: Nick Thomas
SECOND: Kyle Sturgis**

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Eastern Shore Groundwater Committee Minutes- April 19, 2022 meeting. A copy of the meeting minutes were provided in the Board meeting packet.

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NEW BUSINESS:

A. Remembrance of Chair Robin Rich-Coates (years of service: Jan. 1, 1991- May 10, 2022): The Board discussed Robin's years of service to the District and the tremendous loss to the Eastern Shore community. **Director Ursula Deitch made a motion to donate \$500 annually to the *Robin Rich-Coates Opportunity Scholarship* at Eastern Shore Community College in Robin's memory. The motion, seconded by Director Kyle Sturgis, carried unanimously.**

B. Appointed New Board Officers and Committee Members:

- **Appointed District Chair and Vice Chair to District Board:** Director Kyle Sturgis made a motion to appoint Nick Thomas as District Chair and Jim Evans as Vice-Chair effective immediately. The motion, seconded by Director Ursula Deitch, carried unanimously.
- **Appointed Director to fill Robin Rich-Coates' remaining term:** Director Ursula Deitch made a motion to nominate Sally Williams of Northampton County to the VA Soil and Water Conservation Board for appointment to fill the remaining term of Robin Rich-Coates through December 31, 2023. The motion, seconded by Director Kyle Sturgis, carried unanimously.
- **Appointed Associate Director:** Director Kyle Sturgis made a motion to appoint Hunter Blake as an Associate Director to the District Board. The motion, seconded by Director Ursula Deitch, carried unanimously.
- **Other Committee Member Changes:**
 - Nick Thomas- Operations Committee Chair
 - Rikki Sterrett- Endowment Committee Chair
 - Sally Williams- Endowment Committee Member
 - Bill Shockley- retire from Technical Review Committee
 - Hunter Blake and Kyle Sturgis- Technical Review Committee members

Director Ursula Deitch made a motion to approve the committee changes as presented. The motion, seconded by Director Sands Gayle, carried unanimously.

C. FY22 Cost Share Report- Carmie Savage: Carmie presented an updated report that was also included in the meeting packet. After cost share payments, and the repayments of cancelled contract funds to DCR, the balance of '20 VACS funds for Poultry projects is \$382,435.53 in Ches Bay and \$0 in OCB. The balance of 22 Ches Bay VACS Transfer Funds is \$182,634.40. A total of \$95,303.75 in Local funds has been used towards cost share payments. The FY22 VACS allocation was \$1,198,908 in Ches Bay VACS and \$583,598.00 in OCB VACS. Interest earned through April 30, 2022 totals \$344.95 towards Ches Bay funding and \$107.59 towards OCB funds. Non-compliant BMP repayments total \$269.76 in Ches Bay funds and \$119.70 in OCB funds. Transfer of OCB

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VACS funds from James River SWCD total \$250,000.00. Transfer of Ches Bay VACS funds from John Marshall SWCD total \$200,000.00. The transfer of OCB VACS funds from VA Dare SWCD total 27,558.35. The transfer of OCB VACS funds from Chowan Basin total \$150,000.00. The total available FY22 funds is \$1,039,292.06 in Ches Bay and \$1,011,383.64 in OCB. The cost share requests approved, contingent on funding, as of May 18th total \$996,558.20 in Ches Bay and \$945,657.60 in OCB. Additional cost share requests totaling \$362.80 in Ches Bay and \$235.00 in OCB funds were included bringing the total unallocated Ches Bay VACS to \$42,371.06 and a total of \$65,491.04 in OCB VACS to. Carmie reported to the Board that the OCB funds balance will equal \$0 by the end of the fiscal year because it will be used to replace that amount in local funds that have been used. The FY21 poultry project approved using FY20 VNRCF TA funds, including the new increase to estimated costs, totals \$319,158.93.

The following BMP cost share requests were presented for approval contingent on funding:

Contract No:	Instance No:	BMP:	Total Acres:	Funding Source: CB VACS	Funding Source: OCB VACS or Local	Funding Source: RMP State
20-22-0110	456822	NM-1a	46.1		\$ 184.40	
20-22-0132	457720	NM-1a	10.3		\$ 20.60	
20-22-0015	442242	NM-1a	15		\$ 30.00	
20-22-0191	476263	NM-1a	10.6	\$ 21.20		
20-22-0044	448739	NM-1a	5.7	\$ 11.40		
20-22-0110	456822	NM-1a	79.6	\$ 318.40		
20-22-0140	459532	NM-1a	1	\$ 2.00		
20-22-0140	459541	NM-1a	1.5	\$ 3.00		
20-22-0140	459561	NM-1a	1.5	\$ 3.00		
20-22-0132	457685	NM-1a	1.9	\$ 3.80		
Total Cost Share Requests:				\$ 362.80	\$ 235.00	

Director Kyle Sturgis made a motion to approve new BMP cost share requests as presented, contingent on funding. The motion, seconded by Director Ursula Deitch, carried unanimously.

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The following summary of RMP-2 payments as of May 18th was reported:

Contract No:	Instance No:	BMP:	Total Acres:	Funding Source: RMP State	Status:
20-22-0198	472837-41 47283743	RMP-2	3,035.6	\$15,178.00	Requires certification inspection
20-22-0197	472826-32 472834-36	RMP-2	1,390.43	\$6,952.15	Pd. 5/17/22
20-22-0197	472833	RMP-2	107.10	\$535.50	Requires certification inspection
20-22-0196	472812-13 472815-22 472824	RMP-2	3,054.04	\$15,270.20	Pd 5/17/22

The following update to the WFA-1 (Whole Farm Approach Pilot Program) was reported:

<p>Grant Scope: March 1, 2021- May 31, 2022- Bayside Acres only- first-come, first-serve basis, no cap limit, no ranking required. Requires RMP fully developed or under development to receive cost share funds. In FY22, priority is given to those who participated in FY21.</p> <p>Technical Assistance available: \$ 111,610.00</p> <p>Total Cost Share funds available: \$ 865,241.00 -Disbursed in FY21: \$279,932.90 -Funds Available for Disbursement in FY22: \$585,308.10</p>		
WFA-1 Contract: 20-22-0075		\$ 19,397.80
WFA-1 Contract: 20-22-0179 (one tract was listed in VACS OCB CC, but it in Ches Bay HU so cancelled in VACS and added to WFA-1)	'22 Paid	\$ 171,903.20
WFA-1 Contract: 20-20-0180	'22 Paid	\$ 127,600.95
Total FY22 WFA-1 Approved (Ches Bay funded only) as of May 18, 2022:		\$ 318,901.95
Total MEB Funds in '21 Disbursed to District:		\$ 279,932.90
Total MEB Funds Paid in '21 to Producers:		\$ (279,932.90)

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Total MEB Funds in '22 Disbursed to District:	\$	333,150.00
Total MEB Funds Paid in '22 to Producers <i>(one cost share payment but projecting no change in funds)</i>	\$	(318,901.95)
Total MEB Funds to Return to DCR after last Cost share Payment has been made:	\$	14,248.05
Total MEB Technical Assistance paid to District in '21:	\$	36,109.37
Total MEB Technical Assistance paid to District in '22:	\$	24,962.99
Total MEB Technical Assistance to return to DCR: Total MEB Pd \$613,082.90 * 10% TA= \$61,308.29 \$61,308.29 - \$36,109.37 disbursed in '21 and \$24,962.99 disbursed in '22 = \$253.93 to return to DCR	\$	235.93

Carmie updated the Board that the poultry projects are moving along. Three FY20 projects have been completed and paid. One as-built inspection completed by Amanda Pennington, DCR State Engineer, resulted in several issues that need to be corrected and are being addressed. The Engineer of the remaining four projects (two under one contract- so three producers) has stated there was an issue with the water table being high so he had not allowed the poles to be set on those projects which caused delays.

Carmie presented a Carryover Report to the Board to extend the completion date to June 2023 for the remaining four projects that have been delayed. The carryover report included the following WP-4/ WP-4C contracts:

- Contract 20-20-0164 Instance 377886 2020 CB VACS & 2022 CB VACS Transfer
- Contract 20-20-0170 Instance 378612 2020 CB VACS & 2022 CB VACS Transfer
- Contract 20-20-0170 Instance 379658 2020 CB VACS & 2022 CB VACS Transfer
- Contract 20-20-0206 Instance 389615 2020 CB VACS & 2022 CB VACS Transfer

Director Kyle Sturgis made a motion to approve the four projects as presented on the Carryover Report be extended with a new completion date of June 2023. The motion, seconded by Director Sands Gayle, carried unanimously.

Director Ursula Deitch made a motion to approve FY22 Cost Share Report as presented. The motion, seconded by Director Sands Gayle, carried unanimously.

C. Operations Committee Draft Minutes- April 20, 2022 meeting: The draft minutes from the April 20th Operations Committee meeting were presented. **Director Sands Gayle made a motion to approve the draft meeting minutes as presented. The motion, seconded by Director Kyle Sturgis, carried unanimously.**

D. Operations Committee Verbal Report from May 18th meeting: The Operations Committee met prior to the District Board meeting. The 2022 - 2026 draft Strategic Plan was reviewed and recommended for Board approval. **Director Kyle Sturgis made a**

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motion to approve the draft 2022 - 2026 Strategic Plan as presented. The motion, seconded by Director Sands Gayle, carried unanimously. The Committee reviewed the current Signatory Cards and recommended Nick Thomas replace Robin Rich-Coates as signatory on all accounts and to add Jim Evans and Carmie Savage as signatories to the Fidelity Investment Account. **Director Ursula Deitch made a motion to approve replacing Robin Rich-Coates with Nick Thomas as signatory on all accounts and adding Jim Evans and Carmie Savage as signatories to the Fidelity Investment Account. The motion, seconded by Director Kyle Sturgis, carried unanimously.** The committee also reviewed a draft Budget and will meet again in June to review after some changes are made. The Annual Awards Banquet was discussed. The District has not held one since Pre-COVID. Carmie presented the idea to dedicate the awards banquet in Robin Rich-Coates' and Fred Holland's memory. The Board discussed various venues/ dates and will make a final decision of where and when during the June District Board meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESS:

A. n/a

STAFF REPORTS:

District Manager Report: Carmie Savage, District Manager, included a written report in the meeting packet and it is on file in the District office. She presented her report to the Board.

FY22 Cost Share:

Agronomic Update:

- All spreadsheets and tracking have been kept up-to-date. Processing payments for VACS Cover Crop practices as burn down is reported. Also paying out NM-4 Split App, CCI-CNT, SL-15A and NM-1a practices.
- **Whole Farm Approach Pilot Program (WFA-1):** Two of the Contracts have been completed and paid. One more is working on burning down cover.
- **RMP-2s:** Tracking is up-to-date to reflect RM-2 practices. Processing payments as plans are certified.

Poultry:

- **Poultry Project Updates:**

- Status and updates on all poultry projects were presented in the Cost Share Report under New Business.

Operations Committee: Prepared meeting packet, participated in meeting on 5/18 and will draft the meeting minutes. Carmie has been working on many agenda items that were discussed and reviewed during the meeting.

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Local Working Group: Submitted questionnaire results to Jenny to compile and submit to the NRCS State Office. The questionnaire gathered input on how well USDA NRCS programs address natural resource concerns and was emailed to all stakeholders.

Arbor Day: Arbor Day was held at Strawberry Square in Cape Charles on Saturday, April 30. The Department of Forestry, Master Gardeners and Cape Charles Tree Advisory helped the District with the event. The focus was on native plants and was a great success!!

Strategic Plan: Carmie created a survey through Survey Monkey to gain input in drafting the District's next Strategic Plan. The survey was emailed to partners, community members, producers, and educators. The link has been posted on the District's website. Several responses have been received. She compiled a draft Strategic Plan for the Operations Committee to review.

Admin/ Funding Concerns: On Tuesday, May 3rd, Robin, Kendall Tyree (VASWCD), Don Wells (VASWCD), Jay Ford (VASWCB), Christine Watlington Jones (DCR) and myself participated in a Zoom meeting hosted by Jay Ford to express concerns over the Admin /Ops funding for the District. We were informed the column used on the budget template that shows the needs is not the column DCR looks at and they do not include Education positions in their funding assessments. There were several things that were brought up in that call that need to change. As a result Robin emailed Delegate Rob Bloxom with her concerns on Friday, May 6 and he has been in conversations with Director Matt Wells and is hopeful he can help. We were told the first option DCR presented with the District having a large decrease in Admin/Ops is off the table. The newest option, Option 3, also keeps the District at level funding.

Conservation Specialist Report: Bill Savage, Conservation Specialist, included a written report in the meeting packet and it is on file in the District office. He presented his report to the Board.

BMP - Cost Share:

- Ongoing: Cover Crop burn down reporting in.
- Ongoing: Reviewing NM-4 sheets as they are reported in.
- Assisting Carmie in Tracking as needed.
- Calling farmers for check pick up on completed contracts.

VCAP (Water Cooler Chat) Meeting (Virtual) 4/19/22:

- This meeting focused on three topics:
 - 1. The possibility of increasing Technical Assistance. It is currently set at \$500 per project.
 - 2. The possibility of certifying SWCD staff working in VCAP for more incentive.
 - 3. Compensation of some amount of Technical Assistance for VCAP projects that don't move forward.

VESLT Reports:

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- One monitoring report filed this month.

Trainings:

- May 4th Bill participated in the VCAP training: What BMP Goes Where? (Virtual)
- May 11th Bill completed Workplace Violence Prevention in AgLearn for the Fed Computer.

Events and Meetings:

- April 22nd Bill met with a VA Tech Research team (led by Dr. Ashley Dayer) on sea level rise and its effects on farmland. He showed them some examples of sea level rise and its lasting effects on my farm.
- May 4th Bill participated in the VCAP training: What BMP Goes Where? (Virtual)
- The next Groundwater Committee Meeting will be held on May 17th.

Conservation Technician Report: Norman Pitt, Conservation Technician, included a written report in the meeting packet and it is on file in the District office. He presented his report to the Board.

Poultry

- Norman has been in communication with some of the poultry producers, contractors, and a local engineer to help to get the construction of some of the approved poultry sheds completed.

VCAP :

- Conducted an inspection of an on-going VCAP project. The project consists of living shoreline and rip rap construction. The project is 75% completed.
- Been talking with Karen Duhring, Coastal Scientist for Virginia Institute of Marine Science, concerning the availability of certain plants. Trying to find a company that can provide living shoreline vegetation to not only private companies but also home-owners.
- Spoke to Robbie Lewis of the Department of Forestry, concerning a potential VCAP project but there is an infestation of pine bark beetles. The trees are in the RPA and would require removal to access the project area. Norman passed Robbie's contact information on to the landowner.
- Met with the landowner and engineer to go over a plan to make sure they are purchasing the correct quantity. Norman informed the landowner to contact their design engineer as he/she would have to determine quantity according to the plan's planting specifications.

Mics:

- Norman has been helping Carmie enter some data in the tracking program.
- Discussed with NRCS staff the process of requesting Corps of Engineers Jurisdictional Determination (JD), concerning local farms.

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Education Director Report: Julie Head, Education Director, included a written report in the meeting packet and it is on file in the District office. She presented her report to the Board.

Presentation of Educational Display

Julie showed the Board a display that she designed and Bill built to help show how rainwater is disburshed on soil with live plants vs soil with forest debris vs. bare soil.

Ongoing

- a. Water Wise Home Program
- b. Kiptopeke Elementary School – *A Long Walk to Water*
- c. VDOE Environmental Education Advisory Committee

2022 Poster Contest

This year's theme is Healthy Soil; Healthy Life. Emails have been sent to all art teachers in both counties. In addition, NCPS and ACPS pushed out the information to all teachers in every grade.

Butterfly Life Cycles

Currently, there are 12 teachers signed up at 7 elementary schools including Cape Charles Christian, Accawmacke, Kegotank, Metompkin, Tangier, Chincoteague, and Occohannock. Julie is working with Lauren Tafoya who is the butterfly lady across the bay. Each class will receive a caterpillar, chrysalis, butterfly enclosure, book, craft, and other assorted butterfly themed activities. These have been delivered and the non-consumables will be picked up at completion so they can be reused next year.

Shore Outdoors

The District's Water Wise Home Program will be featured in the next issue.

Watershed Roundtable

Julie attended this meeting on 4/26. She had to reiterate several times that the District is not in the business of septic tank pump-out or septic tank pump-out grants. The A-NPDC works with septic matters.

Upcoming Dates

- a. 5/17 – VASWCDE meeting, NCPS Community Stakeholders Group, CCCS Life of a Plastic Bag, TNC Event
- b. 5/20 – Field Trip with Nandua High self-contained class
- c. 5/27 – Spectrum Installation
- d. 6/11 – Principles of Gardening, Davis Center, Parksley

PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS:

Department of Conservation & Recreation Update: Amy Walker, DCR, included a written report in the meeting packet and it is on file in the District office. She presented a verbal report to the Board.

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First, Amy introduced herself and Marie Schirmacher, DCR's new Nutrient Management Specialist, out of Suffolk.

Administration And Operations

- Individual SWCD Audit Results: have been emailed to the Treasurer, Chairman and SWCD Office.
- Direct Deposit for Directors: can be used in Quickbooks to reimburse Directors for travel. With the new 60 day requirement for reimbursement it may be a good option for direct deposit to be used for director reimbursement. Directors should be set up as independent contractors.

Ag Cost Share

- Upcoming Trainings:
 - PY2023 VACS Update Training - Hold the Dates! JUNE 6 and JUNE 14
 - PY2023 Tracking Program Updates - July 19 @ 9:30 am and July 28th 1:00 pm
- Recommendations on Cover Crop Rates and Participant Caps: are due to DCR on May 6 for CC and May 13 for caps.
- TAC Suggestions for PY24: are due to Christine Watlington Jones by May 27.
- Secondary Considerations: for PY23 are due to DCR before June 30.
- Average Cost Lists: need to be reviewed annually and formally approved by the District Board and submitted to DCR prior to any VACS cost-share contracts being approved in the new Program Year.
- Carryover Process: can be found on Pages II 41-44 in the VACS manual. Notify Blair Gordon by May 13 (cc me) of any projects needing DCR approval prior to District consideration to carry over a third time. Practices approved in FY22 that are listed as "two-year completion date eligible" do not need formal board carryover approval prior to the end the year. Other practices substantially under construction and eligible for carryover will need approval by District boards prior to 6/30.
- Ag Waste Practices and Nutrient Management Plan Requirements - New Engineering Check: Please be advised that effective immediately DCR-DSWC's Engineering Services will be initiating a new check for animal waste practices that previously had not been enforced. When you submit an Animal Waste Management System (AWMS) Plan you should now include a copy of the updated nutrient management plan that reflects the planned use of the manure that will be collected in the planned structure. Engineering staff will NOT be reviewing the nutrient management plan, rather confirming that the nutrient management plan includes the proposed structure. In the past, engineering staff assumed that the associated nutrient management plan had been completed. Unfortunately, the most recent round of cost-share case file administrative reviews and verifications found that this had not been completed for multiple projects, across multiple SWCDs. If the SWCD has a project for which the assigned DCR-DSWC engineer has already approved the AWMS Plan, you may move forward with the project and do not have to submit the nutrient management plan.

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- Nutrient Management Plan Reminder: there are a number of VACS practices that require a NMP be prepared and signed by a certified nutrient management planner and a copy on file with the SWCD before cost-share payments or tax credits can be issued. It is the responsibility of the SWCD to make participants aware of this requirement and to provide the participant with contact information for a nutrient management planner that can write the plan.

Grant Deliverables/ Reminders

- Annual Plan of Work: reviewed twice during the FY and recorded in Board meeting minutes.
- Desktop Procedures for District Fiscal Operations: reviewed annually in Board meeting minutes.
- Long-Range/Strategic Plan: reviewed once during the FY by the Board & recorded in Board meeting minutes.
- FY23 Budget Preparations: Finance committees should begin preparations for FY23 budgets for District Board discussions. FY23 budgets are to be SWCD board approved by 6/30.
- FOIA Officer: required training every two years and officer's name posted to District and FOIA website.
- Record Retention Officer: required training every three years and officer registered on Library of VA website.
- Employee Evaluations: completed for end of year.

Dates To Remember:• **MAY**

May 4— What BMP Goes Where –VCAP training 10 am

May 12 or 13— Perennial Stream Identification, James City County, registration details out soon.

May 13— BMP Carryovers that need DCR approval must be submitted to DCR, Blair Gordon

May 18— VA Soil and Water Conservation Board Meeting 10 am, Bear Creek Lake State Park (may postpone)

May 25— VASWCD Educational Foundation Golf Tournament

May 27— TAC Suggestions due to Christine Watlington Jones

May 30— State Holiday

May 31— Tillage Surveys must be completed and all data submitted to DCR

• **JUNE**

June 6 & 14— FY23 VACS Updates (virtual)

June 8— Conservation Selling Skills Webinar,

June 8, 10:00-Noon

June 20— State Holiday

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June 22— Virtual Quarterly VASWCD & Educational Foundation Meeting

June 29 & 30— Soil Science, Soil Fertility, Crop Production School 9:00 am -4:30 pm, Frontier Culture Museum, Staunton. Fee \$130

June 30— Secondary Considerations due to DCR

• **JULY**

July 4— State Holiday

July 12— JED Ag Waster Engineering, AJ Schaeffer & Amanda Pennington, location TBD

July 12-14—Agriculture Nutrient Management Plan Writing School, 9:00 am- 4:30 pm, Frontier Culture Museum, Staunton Fee \$130 (\$150 after 6/20/22)

July 19— Tracking Program Updates & continued VACS Updates virtual 9:30-11:30 am

July 28— Tracking Program Updates & continued VACS Updates virtual 1:00-3:00pm

Accomack Field Office NRCS Report: Ben Young, NRCS Acting District Conservationist, presented a verbal report to the Board.

Program Updates/ Deadlines:

- **Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)**
Classic CSP applications - ranking deadline 5/27
 - 11 applications in process of being ranked
- **Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)**
Ongoing restoration work on 1 WRE (Wetland Reserve Easement) in Northampton County
 - Wetland Easements annual monitoring ongoing; deadline 8/5
- **Food Security Act:** currently working on compliance reviews, Ben has been traveling all over the Area.
- **VA NRCS Personnel Changes:** Jenny is still acting Area Resource Conservationist for Area VI beginning and will be until the position is filled. Ben is acting Accomac DC during this time.

The May 18, 2022 Board meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes were recorded by Carmie M. Savage