



## **EASTERN SHORE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

### **MINUTES OF DISTRICT BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday, March 20, 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:**

Robin Rich-Coates- Chair, Nick Thomas- Vice Chair, Ursula Deitch-Director, Sands Gayle- Director, Kyle Sturgis- Director, Carmie Savage- District Manager, Bill Savage- Conservation Specialist, Julie Head- Education Director, Edwin Long- Associate Director, Ben Young- NRCS Soils Conservationist, and Jay Ford- Guest

**The following Board Members and Staff were unable to attend:**

Robbie Lewis- Associate Director, Rick Hall- Associate Director, Bill Shockley- Associate Director, and Chip Turlington- Associate Director

**CALL TO ORDER:** Robin Rich-Coates- Chair, called to order the April 20, 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 March 16, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. The motion, seconded by Director Kyle Sturgis, carried unanimously. Director Ursula Deitch made a motion to approve the March financial reports as presented. The motion, seconded by Director Kyle Sturgis, carried unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. n/a

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. FY22 Cost Share Report- Carmie Savage:** Carmie presented an updated report that was also included in the meeting packet. After payments, transfer of 22 Ches Bay VACS funds, and Local funds, the Balance of funds for Poultry projects is \$1,014,390.18 in Ches Bay and \$228,611.87 in OCB. The FY22 VACS allocation was \$1,198,908 in Ches Bay VACS and \$583,598.00 in OCB VACS. Interest earned through March 31, 2022 totals \$303.30 towards Ches Bay funding and \$92.19 towards OCB funds. Non-compliant BMP repayments total \$269.76 in Ches Bay funds and \$119.70 in OCB funds. Transfer of OCB 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 total available FY22 funds is \$1,039,250.41 in Ches Bay and \$861,368.24 in OCB. The cost share requests approved, contingent on

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD CHAIRMAN

BOARD SECRETARY

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funding, as of April 20<sup>th</sup> total \$1,008,521.30 in Ches Bay and \$957,997.54 in OCB. Board approved estimated cost increases to FY20 contracts total \$360,230.65 in Ches Bay FY20 Contracts and \$95,303.75 in OCB FY20 Contracts. Additional cost share requests totaling \$301.20 in Ches Bay and \$50.60 in OCB funds were included bringing the total unallocated Ches Bay VACS to \$30,427.91 and a need of \$307,162.87 in OCB VACS to fully fund all OCB cost share requests as of April 20<sup>th</sup>. The FY21 poultry project approved using FY20 VNRCF TA funds, including the new increase to estimated costs, totals \$319,158.93.

Carmie reminded the Board of other available funding sources if additional OCB VACS funds cannot be obtained. The Eastern Shore SWCD FY22 Operational Budget *Cost Share Support* line item totals \$167,208.64 and can be used towards either Bay or Sea practices. Also, Carmie noted there is \$298,008.96 designated contingency funds towards projects directly related to soil and water conservation on the Eastern Shore which could be used if needed.

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

Cons Plan Contract No:	Instance No:	BMP:	Total Acres:	Funding Source: CB VACS	Funding Source: OCB VACS or Local	Funding Source: RMP State
20-22-0082	474166	NM-1a	81.6	\$ 163.20		
20-22-0028	444230	NM-1a	1.4	\$ 2.80		
20-22-0063	475128	NM-1a	33.8	\$ 135.20		
20-22-0063	475129	NM-1a	7		\$ 28.00	
20-22-0071	475359	NM-1a	9.5		\$ 19.00	
20-22-0135	475395	NM-1a	15.8		\$ 31.60	
20-22-0035	445895	NM-1a	4	\$ 8.00		
<b>Total Cost Share Requests:</b>				<b>\$ 309.20</b>	<b>\$ 50.60</b>	

Director Kyle Sturgis made a motion to approve new BMP cost share requests as presented. The motion, seconded by Director Nick Thomas, carried unanimously.

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

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.		
Technical Assistance available: \$ 111,610.00		
Total Cost Share funds available: \$ 865,241.00		
-Disbursed in FY21: \$279,932.90		
-Funds Available for Disbursement in FY22: \$585,308.10		
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)	\$	171,903.20
WFA-1 Contract: 20-20-0180	\$	141,849.00
Total FY22 WFA-1 Approved Cost Share Requests as of April 20, 2022: (Ches Bay funded only)	\$	333,150.00

Carmie updated the Board that the poultry projects are moving along. Two 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. Another project has just had its as-built inspection conducted and once approved will be paid. The Engineer of the remaining three projects claims there is an issue with the water table being high so he will not allow the poles to be set on those projects. **Director Sands Gayle made a motion to approve the FY22 Cost Share report as presented. The motion, seconded by Director Nick Thomas, carried unanimously.**

**B. TRC Committee Draft Minutes- April 18, 2022 meeting-** Bill Savage presented the draft minutes from the April 18<sup>th</sup> TRC meeting for approval. **Director Ursula Deitch made a motion to approve the draft TRC minutes as presented. The motion, seconded by Director Nick Thomas, carried unanimously.** During closed session, twenty-one RMP Certification Inspections were reviewed and recommended by the TRC for Board approval. **Director Kyle Sturgis made a motion to approve the twenty-one RMP certification inspections as recommended by the TRC. The motion, seconded by Director Ursula Deitch, carried unanimously.** The TRC also recommended a letter of concern be sent to the VA Soil and Water Conservation Board regarding the increased input costs for cover crops so that an increase in cover crop cost share rates for fall could

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be considered. Carmie drafted the letter and distributed copies during the Board meeting. Jay Ford was asked to take a copy to the VA Soil and Water Conservation Board meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Carmie also included the decrease/increase options for consideration regarding ESSWCD's Admin/Ops allocation. Robin Rich-Coates and Carmie verbalized the concerns to Jay Ford. After much discussion, Robin thanked Jay for serving on the Board and carrying the ESSWCD's concerns to the next meeting.

**C. Endowment Committee Draft Minutes- April 13, 2022 meeting:** Robin gave a verbal breakdown of the Endowment draft minutes. **Director Ursula Deitch made a motion to approve the draft meeting minutes as presented. The motion, seconded by Director Sands Gayle, carried unanimously.**

**D. District Re-appointment to RC&D Council:** The term of Keith Privett expired February 21<sup>st</sup> and he has expressed that he would like to be re-appointed. His new term would run from April 20, 2022 until April 20, 2026. **Director Ursula Deitch made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Keith Privett to the RC&D Council. The motion, seconded by Director Kyle Sturgis, carried unanimously.**

**Operations Committee Verbal Report from April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting:** The Operations Committee met prior to the District Board meeting. The FY23 draft Annual Plan of Work was reviewed and recommended for Board approval. The Committee reviewed the current Strategic Plan and plans to draft the new one as the current one will expire on June 30<sup>th</sup>. They also discussed the decrease in Health/ Vision insurance rates effective June 1<sup>st</sup> and noted the dental rates stayed the same. The Committee also discussed the increase in VRS Employer Contribution rates for FY23 and FY24 based on the June 2021 actuarial study effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. They also reviewed the meeting packet for the April 21<sup>st</sup> VA Soil and Water Conservation Board. The options for Admin/Ops was unexpected, one as a decrease in funding and one at level funding. The Cost Share funds are projected at 2.9 million. **Director Nick Thomas made a motion to approve the draft FY23 APOW as presented. The motion, seconded by Director Kyle Sturgis, carried unanimously.**

**E. District Audit Results with Comments and Recommendations from Adam Wilson, Chairman Audit Subcommittee of VA Soil and Water Conservation Board.** A copy of the letter was provided in the meeting packet for review.

**F. Arbor Day Event featuring Eastern Shore Natives:** This event will be held on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at Strawberry Square, Cape Charles from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

## CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESS:

**A.** "Conservation Considerations" (featuring Jim Evans) in the 2022 Edition of *Virginia Agriculture* was included in the meeting packets.

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## **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 updated to reflect all passed practices after spot check verifications. Processing payments for NM-1a as submitted. Have begun processing payments for VACS practices as burn down is reported. Reached out to all Split Application/Side dress participants to remind of specification requirements and to turn in application form within two weeks of application. Have also begun paying out those payments.

**Whole Farm Approach Pilot Program (WFA-1):** All WFA-1 practices have been entered into Tracking and are currently up-to-date. Have requested funds from DCR to begin processing payments as completed.

**Resource Management Plans:** Tracking is up-to-date to reflect new RM-2 practices. Funding has been requested.

### **Poultry Project Updates:**

- See status and updates on all poultry projects in the Cost Share Report under New Business.

**Attachment E Report:** Completed and submitted electronic copy of Attachment E Report for quarter ending 3/31/22 to DCR on 4/12 with corresponding QB reports as required.

**Endowment Committee:** Prepared meeting packet and participated in meeting on 4/13. Drafted meeting minutes for Board approval under New Business.

**Operations Committee:** Prepared meeting packet, plan to participate in meeting on 4/20 and will draft the meeting minutes. Have been worked on many agenda items that will be discussed and reviewed during meeting.

**TRC Committee:** Carmie attended the TRC Committee meeting on 4/18 and after Board approvals on 4/20 will enter in the certifications in Tracking, then once notified by DCR, she will pay out the RMP-2 payments.

**Agri Tourism Workshop:** District sponsored the lunch for this workshop on 4/13. Liv's Café & Deli provided the lunch bags. Total cost: \$481.95- Board approved \$500 during 5/16 District Board meeting.

**Local Working Group:** Have been working with Jenny Templeton on the local working group. On 4/11 Carmie emailed out a questionnaire to gather input on how well USDA NRCS programs address natural resource concerns to all of the stakeholders. Once responses are received, Jenny will compile the info and submit.

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**Farm Field Days:** Carmie conducted the soils program using the District's Soils Trailer on 3/29, 4/5, 4/6, 4/7, and 4/8.

**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.
- Reviewing NM-4 sheets as they are reported in.
- Assisting Carmie in Tracking as needed.

**Ground Water Committee Meeting 3/15/22:**

- Two bi-laws changes for the Committee included:
  1. Transportation costs = Mileage rate + \$40.00 / meeting.
  2. Remote participation requires 4-5 members present at the meeting, the rest can be zoom.
- A request was made and approved to rename the GWC Award to The Eugene R. Hamilton Groundwater Committee Award.
- Sue Mastyl will replace Jackie Phillips on the Committee, which leaves one vacant member position from Northampton County to fill.
- The main topic of this meeting was potential water contamination in Captains Cove.  
There are 4,800 deeded lots, 1,800 developed lots, 300 on sewer and 1,500 on septic.  
Resident Barry Mc Grogan brought in discolored water samples from Meridian Dr. and Bill Leslie spoke about potential failing septic systems in Capt. Cove and groundwater concerns.
- Britt McMillian – (ARCADIS) gave a presentation on Capt. Cove H2O. The Cove has a current water usage rate of 51million gallons / year. In 2012 Arsenic was present in above acceptable levels, but this was addressed by 2019. Iron was also an issue as well as organic matter. The 2014 water testing evaluation revealed chlorides greater than 250mg / liter which show a potential for higher saline or saltwater intrusion.
- Joe Grist – (DEQ) gave updates on Captains Cove new Groundwater Permit. He is also checking on who is responsible: DEQ – source testing or VDH - system testing.
- Next meeting scheduled for 4/19.

**VESLT Reports:**

- 3 monitoring reports filed this month.

**Events and Meetings:**

- Bill delivered and set up the Soils Trailer to all of the recent Farm and Field Days events held between 3/29 & 4/8. He assisted with the Soils Trailer, as well as the Commodities Table.
- On 4/1 Bill attended the Chesapeake Bay Alliance Lunch at the AREC and gave updates on the District's programs and AG BMP Cost – Share financial status.

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- Bill attended the Training – Inter seeding cover crops in corn on 4/12.
- He attended the 2022 Ag Tourism Event on 4/13.
- A TRC Meeting was held on 4/18 to review 21 RMP Certification inspections. Bill prepared the meeting packet and took the meeting minutes.

**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:**

- Still In communication with the poultry farmer owners and their engineers to clarify the additional compliance requirements requested by the state's engineer to be granted final approval for their poultry sheds.

### **Farm Field Days:**

- Assisted Julie and the rest of the ESSWCD staff with Farm Field Days at several of the schools located in Accomack and Northampton County.

### **VCAP:**

- The interest in VCAP has slowed somewhat due to the cost of materials and engineering. Also with the VCAP requirement that all living shoreline proposed projects be engineered and approved by the Corp of Engineers, VMRC, and the local Wetland Board where a project can take a year or longer due to backlog caused by Covid19.

### **RMP Inspections:**

- Norman has conducted 21 Resource management Plan Program (RMP) Certification Inspections, which he presented to the TRC and were presented for board approval.

**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.

### **Ongoing –**

- a. Water Wise Home Program
- b. Kiptopeke Elementary School – *A Long Walk to Water*
- c. Occohannock Elementary School – presenting the programs Rocks and Minerals and Inside the Earth to 5<sup>th</sup> grade at a date to be determined because of weather.
- d. VDOE Environmental Education Advisory Committee

**Farm Field Days** – 7 days in 2 weeks, all 8 public schools, approximately 750 students, 6 organizations, volunteers. BUT, we made it. Takeaways – strawberries and soil are pollinators, cheese comes from trees, sheep make cotton, roosters lay eggs, you can milk a chicken, and you have to have a saddle to ride a tractor. This would be why farm field days are so important.

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**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** – We currently have 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. This will start the week of 5/9.

**Gardening Camp** – April 20<sup>th</sup> at BIC. We wanted to introduce kids to the idea of growing some of their own food. Topics included soil cores, nutrient testing, making a dichotomous key using seeds, the value of beneficials, vermicomposting/composting, and of course, planting some seeds that they took home and can eventually harvest.

## 2. Upcoming Dates

- a. 4/18 – VDOE EE Advisory Committee
- b. 4/20 – Gardening Camp –BIC
- c. 4/26 – Watershed Roundtable
- d. 4/27 – CCCS programing, 4/5 and middle school
- e. 4/28 – CES – VA Geography and Regions
- f. 5/5 – program at KSP for Holler Creek Elementary
- g. 5/10 – TCS programming

## 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.

### ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS

- FY22 3rd Quarter Reports are due April 15, 2022- Attachment E, QBs cash balance and P&L reports
- FY23 Budget- Preparations should be underway for FY23 SWCD budget discussion & SWCD board approval by 6/30/22.
- State Budget for FY23 & FY24: Special Session of the General Assembly begins April 4, 2022.
- Results of recent SWCD Audits: Individual Audit Reports will be forthcoming to the Treasurer, Chairman and SWCD Office. A letter from the Audit Subcommittee of the VA Soil and Water Conservation Board was sent to Districts on March 24 from Blair Gordon. The letter contains very important Comments and Recommendations to be reviewed.
- Terms of At-Large Appointed Directors expire 12/31/2022. Those Directors, currently holding At-Large appointments, should let your Board Chair know in plenty of time if you wish to seek re-appointment so that the District board is able to make recommendations in late summer to submit to the VSWCB.



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- 2022 VA's SWCD Directory has now been posted to the VASWCD website. Hard copies should be mailed to the office

**AG COST SHARE**

- Before SL-8B and SL-8H practices receive payment or tax credit producers must be fully implementing a current nutrient management plan (NMP) prepared and signed by a certified nutrient management planner. The plan must address all agricultural production acres contained within the field that contain the cover crop acreage. Cost-Share payments cannot be made until a current NMP is on file with the SWCD.
- Data Clean Up: in the final quarter of PY22, on top of the twice monthly emails from me, please frequently run the QA/QC reports in Logi – go to “Shared Reports>District Year End Reports>QA/QC Reports”.
- Carryover process: Please encourage BMP participants to complete their projects in time for payment prior to 6/30 to reduce carry over into FY23. Please review Pages II 41 - 44 in the VACS manual. 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 6/30/22. Notify Blair Gordon by May 13 (cc me please) of any projects needing DCR approval prior to district consideration to carry over a third time into a 4th program year. See your district's status in Logi go to “Shared Reports>District Year End Reports>Fiscal Year Closeout Reports> Cost Share Program Report for BMPs to be Completed or Carried Over to FY2023”
- Secondary Considerations for PY 23: Must be submitted to DCR for approval before June 30.
- Average Cost Lists (ACL), shall be reviewed annually and shall be formally approved by the District Board and submitted to DCR prior to any VACS cost-share contracts being approved in the new Program Year. SWCDs should put effort into the development of their ACL based upon market costs of components in their local area. Once the first project is ranked and approved using the Board-approved Average Cost List and Secondary Considerations, every single program participant must be held to the same standard in an equitable manner.
- RMP Inspections: DCR RMP staff has compiled a list of RMP continued implementation inspections to be completed by District staff in CY22. Staff will need TRC user access in the Conservation Application Suite to enter the inspection results. RMP staff will be notifying Districts with inspections the first week of April. Please contact Barbara McGarry or Scott Ambler if you have any questions or need assistance with any step of the process
- Tillage Surveys: As Applicable - If you have not done so yet, please provide Stu Blankenship at DCR with the name of the person(s) who will be assigned the mobile application to conduct the survey. Let Stu know if you would like DCR to

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provide survey routes to your district. Payments will be made through normal disbursement letter process. Thank you for returning the MOUs to DCR timely. Tillage Surveys must be completed by May 31.

**New DCR Director:** Matthew Wells, newly appointed DCR Director began March 21st and brings a wealth of experiences to DCR; held positions related to politics, policy, and advocacy for over twenty years; held leadership positions at DMV and ABC; served in State Government Relations for WestRock, America's 2nd largest packaging company; Former Chair Virginiaforever, a coalition that brings business & environmental organizations together to advocate for natural resources funding priorities.

**Acting Secretary of Natural & Historic Resources:** Travis Voyles, Deputy SN&HR has been appointed by Governor Youngkin to serve as Acting Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources.

**OAG Rep. Change:** New temporary contact: Michael A Jagels, 804-225-4878, MJagels@oag.state.va.us Please try to use him only if necessary as he is also the temporary contact for DCR, DEQ, DWR and others. Grant Kronenberg departs 4/8/22.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Apr 12: JED Erosion Process/RUSLE2, Chris Lawrence, 9:30-11:30 Madison area or 1:30-3:30 Central Shen Valley
- Apr 21: VA Soil and Water Conservation Board Meeting, 10 am, VDF Training Room, Charlottesville Apr 26: JED Pasture Condition Score & Grazing Demo JB Daniel & Alan Hawkins, Valley View Farm, Rockingham
- Apr 27: Veto Session for the Virginia General Assembly
- MAY May 10: JED Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Tool (WHET)- Natural Resource Spec. Elizabeth Elliot Location TBD
- May 12/May 13: Perennial Stream Identification, in person training, James City Co. Library, Croaker, VA Attend only 1 day. AM classroom, PM fieldwork. Register w/Carl Thiel-Goin (required CPC course)
- 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, Cumberland
- May 25: Educational Foundation Golf Tournament
- May 31: Tillage Surveys must be completed and all data submitted to DCR
- Jun 8: Conservation Selling Skills Webinar, 10:00am Registration open
- Jun 22: Virtual Quarterly VASWCD & Educational Foundation Meeting
- Jun 30: Secondary Considerations must have been submitted to Nicole Keller for DCR approval

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**Accomack Field Office NRCS Report:** Jenny Templeton, NRCS Acting Area Resource Conservationist, included a written report in the meeting packet and it is on file in the District office. Ben Young, NRCS Acting District Conservationist, presented the report to the Board.

**Program Updates/ Deadlines:**

- **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)**

Obligated:

Poultry: 2 (Heavy Use Area Protection- concrete pads)

Organic: 1 (High Tunnel)

Preapproved:

Poultry: 1 (Heavy Use Area Protection- concrete pads, Waste Storage Facility)

Black Duck: 4 (Shallow Water Impoundments)

No additional preapproved applications since March.

- **Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)**

Eligible renewals for FY23 (Intent to renew and applications due 4/15):

Cropland: 2

Forestry: 1

Classic CSP applications (ranking deadline 5/27)

Cropland: 10

Forestry: 4

- **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

Accomack FO will be testing Mobile Monitoring Application digital tool for annual monitoring- training 4/18

- **Food Security Act:** currently working on compliance reviews

- **Local Working Group**

- LWF questions sent out Monday 4/11 to stakeholders. A copy of the questions was included in the meeting packet.

- Questions also accessible via ESSWCD website

- Article in Delmarva Farmer in April requesting LWG input

- Input deadline 4/25

- **Upcoming Training Opportunities in the Area (JEDs, Webinars, Field Day)**

- 4/14 Erosion & RUSLE2 Field Training, Surry, VA

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- 4/28: JED, Pasture Condition Score Assessment Tool Training, Petersburg, VA
- 5/10: A World Without Soil Webinar (eligible for NM CEUs)
- **VA NRCS Operational/ Personnel Changes**
  - COVID Operation Status
    - No masks are required, but employees, customers and visitors are welcome to continue wearing a mask if they choose
    - Service Centers may eliminate the requirement for customers to have an appointment to visit and unlock main doors.
  - Jenny will be acting Area Resource Conservationist for Area VI beginning 4/11 until position is filled. Ben will be acting Accomac DC during this time.

**VA Cooperative Extension:** Ursula Deitch, Northampton County Extension Agent, gave a verbal update to the Board.

- **Well Water Testing:** scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> ; \$10 subsidized fee
- **Bug Traps:** For the next 12 weeks Extension will be monitoring bug traps to reduce spray applications unnecessarily needed.
- **Agri Tourism Workshop:** 31 people attended and was very successful. Thanks to District for providing funds for lunch.

**ES RC&D:** Edwin Long- Chair, gave a verbal update to the Board.

- **New Projects Director:** Stacy Johnson has been hired as the new Projects Director and is doing a great job.
- **ES Watersheds Roundtable Regroup Kick-off:** to be held on 4/26 at the Chamber of Commerce at 3:00 p.m.
- **Council Update:** Jay Ford is now serving on the RC&D Council. Thanks to the District for reappointing Keith Privett to the Council for another 4 years.

**The April 20, 2022 Board meeting was adjourned.**

*Meeting minutes were recorded by Carmie M. Savage*