

South Centré Corridors Resource Conservation and Development Council

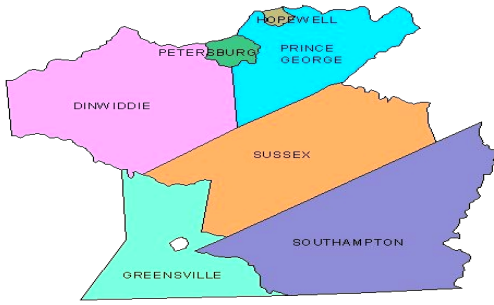
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“The mission of South Centré Corridors RC&D is to develop partnerships to advocate and promote the conservation, preservation and development of our resources to enhance the quality of life in the region.”



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Council Meeting
January 29, 2008
Giuseppe's Restaurant
Petersburg, VA

Members Present:

Susan Watkins Linda Clements Dan Lee Linda McAllister
Donald Bagshaw Granville Maitland W. D. Kreider Bonnie Thompson
Mary E. Jones

Others Present: Patrick Vincent, Neil Clark, Anna Cahoon, Ray Dorsett, John Talmage, Diane Newbern, L. T. Newbern, Harvey Baker, and Meredith Wilson

I. Welcome: Chairman Don Bagshaw welcomed everyone to the meeting. For the benefit of visitors, everyone introduced themselves.

II. Secretary's Report: It was moved by M. Jones, seconded by D. Lee to accept the Minutes of November 29, 2007 as presented. Motion passed.

III. Treasurer's Report: L. McAllister explained the Treasurer's Report. It was moved by L. McAllister, seconded by W. Kreider to accept the Treasurer's Report of January 29, 2008. Motion passed.

IV. Chairman's Report: Report is included as part of the Minutes.

V. Coordinator's Report: Printed report is included as part of the minutes. The Mini-Grant Applications were discussed. It was moved by L. McAllister, seconded by M. Jones, to adopt Prince George High School's grant for a Japanese/Butterfly Garden as a project. Motion passed. It was moved by D. Lee, seconded by L. McAllister, to adopt as a project the grant funding the Southampton County 5th Grade Field Trip to the Wakefield Airfield 4-H Conference Center to learn about conservation. Motion passed. It was moved by M. Jones, seconded by L. Clements to adopt as a project Edward W. Wyatt Middle School's "Snapshot of a River" grant. Motion passed. Only one application has been received during the second round of grant solicitation and this was from Blandford Academy in Petersburg. It was moved by M. Jones, seconded by L. McAllister to open up another cycle of mini-grant applications with a deadline for the beginning of March and allowing Soil and Water Conservation Districts working along with schools to apply also. Motion passed. The Albemarle-Chowan Watershed Roundtable was accepted as a project in March of 2006. It was moved by M. Jones, seconded by D. Lee, to accept the grant from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for overseeing the Albemarle-Chowan Watershed Roundtable until December 31, 2008. Motion passed. This grant will be used to hold 4 quarterly roundtable meetings, a River Day, and 2 educational workshops. Next meeting of the Roundtable will be 2/5/08. The Albemarle-Pamlico Estuary Program is preparing the next comprehensive plan. If anyone has ideas or suggestions, please give them to Patrick Vincent or Noah Hill with DCR.

VII. Old Business

A. Well Capping RFP – It was moved by D. Lee, seconded by W. Kreider to close the Greenville County well-capping projects. Motion passed. We are now concentrating on projects in Hopewell.

B. 2008 SEARDCD Conference– See Committee Lists. D. Bagshaw, M. Jones, and R. Dorsett gave comments. At least 4 members from each council are asked to help with committees for the meeting. We need one more member to join a committee. Also council members need to work on acquiring sponsors and exhibitors for the meeting. The meeting could be a good showcase and advertisement for businesses since approximately 400 people from 9 states are expected to attend. A spreadsheet of sponsors is being created so that businesses are not asked multiple times. If materials and information are needed to aid in approaching sponsors please notify the office. Council members also need to attend the meeting and help host it.

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- C. Additional Signature for Checks – B. Thompson will be signing the signature card tonight. It had not been previously done because her proof of ID was needed also.
- D. Uriah Branch Trail – L. Clements commented the last planning meeting was cancelled. Some grants to aid the project are being applied for. The grants are due February 15th.

VIII. New Business

- A. Forestry Report – A. Cahoon presented the Forestry Report. A. Cahoon, RC&D Forester has resigned to be home with her new daughter. She compiled a report of projects and ideas to help the Dept of Forestry aid RC&D in the absence of an RC&D Forester. She advises council members to try to attend Forestry Committee meetings to be able to understand the Committee better and vice versa. Leonard and Diane Newbern, Forestry Committee members were in attendance. Diane Newbern is the first officer of the Forestry Committee, secretary. The Forestry Committee is interested in having Summer Enrichment, Firewise, Maintain CREP, and Nottoway River Days projects. N. Clark notified council of a Carbon Camp coming up in Shenandoah on February 4, 2008. It was moved by L. McAllister, seconded by D. Lee, to close the Small Scale Woodlands Workshop and the 31st Annual Forestry & Wildlife Field Tour as projects. Motion passed.
- B. VARC&D Spring Meeting – The meeting will be held April 30-May 2 at the Breaks State Park on the Virginia Kentucky line. Registration packets will be available in early March.

Additional Items

- A) The office has not heard back from the localities about council member reappointments. P. Vincent was notified that R. Reekes no longer works for the City of Petersburg. The seat may have to be filled.
- B) At the next council meeting (March 31, 2008) the Strategic Plan will be discussed. The May 29, 2008 council meeting will focus on Annual Plan of Operations for the w008-09 fiscal year.
- C) John Talmage, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors was in attendance. County Administrator, Kevin Massengill was not able to attend because of other engagements. Harvey Baker of USDA NRCS in Greensville County was recognized.
- D) G. Maitland described the Friends of 4H in Dinwiddie County. There was a great deal of enthusiasm with this group. He suggested that the council may wish to have some future involvement with this group.

There being no further business it was moved by W. Kreider to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Meredithe J. Wilson, Recorder

Mary E. Jones, Secretary

Donald Bagshaw, Chair