



# 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.”*

## Council Members:

**City of Hopewell**  
Christina Luman-Bailey

**City of Petersburg**  
Vandy Jones  
Dama Rice

**Dinwiddie County**  
Daniel Lee  
Susan A. Watkins

**Greensville County**  
Linda Clements  
Lin Pope

**Prince George County**  
Jerry Skalsky  
John Nicol

**Southampton County**  
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**Sussex County**  
Mary E. Jones  
Crockett Morris

**Appomattox River  
Soil and Water  
Conservation District**  
Granville Maitland  
Bonnie Thompson

**Chowan Basin Soil and  
Water Conservation  
District**  
Gary Cross  
Stacey Bradshaw

**James River Soil and  
Water Conservation  
District**  
Donald A. Bagshaw  
W. D. Kreider

**Crater Planning District  
Commission**  
Victor Liu

**At-Large Members**  
Linda McAllister

## Council Meeting

March 30, 2009

Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant  
Petersburg, VA

## Members Present:

Don Bagshaw	W. D. Kreider	John Nicol
Stacey Bradshaw	Granville Maitland	Brenda Pelham
Linda Clements	Crockett Morris	Jerry Skalsky

**Staff:** Patrick Vincent and Meredith Wilson

**Others present:** Neil Clark

**I. Welcome:** Chairman Don Bagshaw welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for introductions for the benefit of new members.

**II. Secretary's Report:** It was moved by J. Skalsky, seconded by C. Morris to accept the Minutes of January 29, 2009 as presented. Motion passed.

**III. Treasurer's Report:** Chairman Bagshaw explained the Treasurer's Report. It was moved by W. Kreider, seconded by G. Maitland to accept the Treasurer's Report as of March 20, 2009. Motion passed. The Treasurer's report shows expenses and receivables until the month of March.

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

**V. Coordinator's Report:** Printed report included as part of the minutes. It was moved by J. Skalsky, seconded by W. Kreider to close the drinking water clinic project. Motion passed. It was moved by S. Bradshaw, seconded by C. Morris to adopt COOP training as a project. Motion passed. NRCS plans to provide training on Homeland Security's guidelines for counties and cities to develop emergency/disaster plans. It was moved by S. Bradshaw, seconded by J. Skalsky to close the Investing in Sustainable Forestry Workshop. Motion passed. 51 participants who managed or own 10,000 acres attended the workshop. Indoor and outdoor sessions were held. All the RC&D Councils were asked to submit a list of projects that could create jobs if funded to NRCS and National Association of RC&D Councils. P. Vincent sent 3 potential projects. The office has not yet been notified if they will be funded. Grant applications have been submitted on behalf of Mission Ministries to Altria and Dominion for the Waverly Food Bank. Currently, Mission Ministries is seeking the services of a CPA to audit their books to increase their opportunities for grant funding. It was moved by C. Morris, seconded by G. Maitland to accept Edward W. Wyatt Middle School Nature Classroom & Exploratory Trail as a project. Motion passed. The teacher, Teresa Lindberg received funding for previous projects from our mini-grant program. She has already, with the help of P. Vincent, S. Bradshaw, Holly Boyd (JEJ Moore Trail) been approved for a \$12,000 grant from Albemarle Pamlico National Estuary Program. \$16,000 has been leveraged in in-kind services and donations also.

## VI. Old Business

- 5-Year Area Plan – P. Vincent is 20 pages into the new plan. It should be finished in another week. He will ask the Executive Committee to review it once it is complete. The Plan must be in the state office by April, followed by a 2-month review in Washington. The current plan expires in June. About 124 people completed the survey; more than we anticipated. Also P. Vincent discussed the midyear progress review of the current area plan.
- Council Appointments – D. Bagshaw received a letter from Sussex reappointing M. Jones and C. Morris. Hopewell has a vacancy. They plan to appoint someone at the 4/14/09 City Council meeting. Crater PDC is still looking for

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someone to fill its vacancy. Greensville County is looking for a replacement for Lin Pope. One of the Southampton appointments ends in 12/09.

- C. VARCDC Spring Meeting – The meeting will be held April 29-May 1 at Berry Hill in Halifax County. Partial registration is available. S. Bradshaw plans to attend Wednesday. C. Bailey may be interested also. The Council is receiving 2 awards for Outstanding Supporting Organization, City of Franklin; Best Project with Youth Involvement, Educator & Youth Mini Grant Program. Also, M. Jones will be our first council member to be inducted into the VARCDC Hall of Fame. Our council is responsible for paying for award recipients to attend the Awards banquet. It was moved by B. Pelham, seconded by C. Morris to approve travel for Award Recipients. P. Vincent will discuss with recipients most conservative way to pay. Motion passed. \$30,000 profit was made at the Southeastern Association Conference, the VARCDC is seeking ideas for ways to use and disburse the money among the 7 councils in Virginia. Some suggestions were save for administration purposes if RC&D is not funded in USDA budget, divide equally among councils and earmark for scholarships, divide among councils to spend as they see fit. Please notify P. Vincent of any additional suggestions. VARCDC election results have been received – Past Chair, Jay Hubble; Treasurer – Judy Lyttle; Secretary – Joan Comanor; Vice Chair – Steve Pope; Chair – Bill Smith.
- D. NARCDC Meeting –The national conference will be held in June in Albuquerque, NM. The Council suggests that no council members attend any out of state conferences this fiscal year. P. Vincent will attend. USDA covers his travel expenses. P. Vincent and D. Bagshaw will attend Greensville County's budget hearing next week. They plan to attend Hopewell's Budget Hearing also. Southampton will probably fund the Council with a 5% reduction in dues. As of right now, Greensville has cut us out of its budget.
- E. NARCDC Leadership Forum – J. Skalsky attended the Forum. He will give his report at the next meeting.

## VII. New Business

- A. Southeastern RC&D Conference Call – Jeannette Jamieson, president of the National Association arranged a teleconference to discuss the upcoming fiscal year's budget. The former administration cut the RC&D program completely out of the Agriculture budget. Jamieson advised to write senators and legislators asking to be included in the budget.
- B. Circle of Diamonds Application – Last week we received notification that our council has been accepted into the Circle of Diamonds, a program of excellence for RC&D councils. We are the last VA Council to join the Circle of Diamonds. A new enhanced level has been developed, so we will have to meet more requirements, such as developing a Conflict of Interest Policy, to remain in the Circle of Diamonds.
- C. Conflict of Interest Policy – P. Vincent received a copy of Shenandoah RC&D's Policy as a guideline for ours. It was moved by G. Maitland, seconded by C. Morris to accept the Conflict of Interest Policy presented at this meeting with suggested grammatical corrections and correct Vice-Chair name. Motion passed.
- D. Nominating Committee Appointments – D. Bagshaw appointed C. Morris, J. Skalsky, and D. Lee to the Nominating Committee. At the next meeting the Council will vote on a new slate of officers.
- E. Day Meetings – Some have wondered if day meetings would have better attendance. P. Vincent may poll all the members to inquire; also, may try meeting during the day to see how attendance is.

## VIII. Additional Items

1. Next meeting will be held May 28th in Southampton. Location to be announced.

There being no further business it was moved by C. Morris to adjourn the meeting. Meeting Adjourned.

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Meredithe J. Wilson, Recorder

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Mary E. Jones, Secretary

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Donald Bagshaw, Chair