

South Centré Corridors Resource Conservation and Development Council

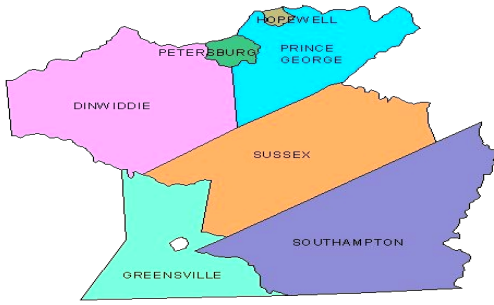
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“The mission of South Centré Corridors RC&D is to develop partnerships to advocate and promote the conservation, preservation and development of our resources to enhance the quality of life in the region.”



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District**
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Water Conservation
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**Crater Planning District
Commission**
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Victor Liu

At-Large
Linda McAllister

Council Meeting

March 31, 2008

Southern Sisters Bakery & Eatery
Courtland, VA

Members Present:

Crockett Morris	Linda Clements	Dan Lee	Linda McAllister
Donald Bagshaw	Gary Cross	W D. Kreider	Stacey Bradshaw
Vandy Jones	Brenda Pelham		

Others Present: Patrick Vincent, Neil Clark, Yamika Stokes, Brian P. Saunders, and Meredith Wilson

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

II. Secretary's Report: It was moved by L. Clements, seconded by D. Lee to accept the Minutes of January 29, 2008 as presented. Motion passed.

III. Treasurer's Report: L. McAllister explained the Treasurer's Report. It was moved by C. Morris, seconded by S. Bradshaw to accept the Treasurer's Report of March 31, 2008. Motion passed. The next audit may fall in the new fiscal year. The accountant will recommend an auditor since he is semi-retired and does not do audits. At the next meeting the budget for the upcoming fiscal year will be presented. The budget committee consists of V. Liu, B. Thompson, and L. McAllister. Prince George County may be making budget cuts.

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

V. Coordinator's Report: Printed report and Mini-Grant Application Report are included as part of the minutes. A total of 10 mini grants have been awarded. P. Vincent thanked the council members for their help in promoting the program to fund grants in each council area. P. Vincent would like to couple all the mini-grants together as on project. Most of the teachers have already ordered supplies and projects are under way. The Albemarle-Chowan Watershed Roundtable is still seeking speakers for the River Day program on April 19th. Iluka Resources in Stony Creek is donating \$250.00 toward the River Day program. The City of Franklin will run a full-page ad in the Tidewater News advertising the event. The Biodiesel Seminar is scheduled for May 8th. We are now confirming speakers. Prince George High School will be included in the presentations. It was moved by C. Morris, seconded by D. Lee to allow \$250.00 in grant funds to be used for the educational demonstration plots at the Prince George Human Services Building. Motion passed.

VII. Old Business

A. 2008 Southeastern Association Conference – P. Vincent reported the Virginia Association of RC&D Councils now has a website at www.varcd.org. There is a link there to the Southeast Association Meeting. Our council will be staying at Comfort Suites which is within a mile of the conference center. The office sent sponsorship packages to 20 companies. One has responded so far, RPM Ecosystems in NY. Susan Watkins, Husqvarna dealer may be interested also. The State Association Chairman asked each RC&D to contribute or get sponsors to represent the Council for \$3000.00. For planning purposes, the coordinators hold a 30-minute teleconference every other week.

B. Uriah Branch Trail – S. Bradshaw reported that a meeting was held March 10th. The county currently will not agree to maintain the property once the trail is completed. A Boy Scout Troop may adopt the trail as a project. DCR offered a grant we wanted to apply for, but the owner of the land (the county) had to agree to maintain the property as requirements of the grant so we were not able to apply for it.

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C. VARCDC Spring Meeting – D. Bagshaw discussed the details. The meeting will be held April 30 to May 2 at the Breaks State Park. M. Jones, currently Vice Chair of VARCDC will be nominated for Chair office if she so desires. Hotel reservations must be made by April 15th. D. Bagshaw, M. Jones, D. Lee, L. McAllister, and C. Morris would like to attend the meeting. There is money in the budget for council members to attend. It was moved by L. McAllister, seconded by B. Pelham to spend a minimum of \$50 for an item to donate to the silent auction in conjunction with the State Association Meeting. Motion passed.

VIII. New Business

- A. Forestry Report – N. Clark presented the Forestry Report. Report is included as part of the Minutes.
- B. Strategic Plan – There is less than a year left until the current 5-Year Area Plan expires. When the Plan was last made 7 focus groups were held to get public and group opinions. The goals we would like to establish in the next Area Plan are related to Forestry, Water Quality, and Community Development in Hopewell and Petersburg). The council may host one focus group meeting and utilize surveys and interviews to establish what the needs and desires of the community are.

Additional Items

- A) A discussion was held on the Council's stand regarding OLF issues. It was moved by G. Cross, seconded by L. McAllister to compose a letter showing opposition to OLF or to support localities who oppose OLF. The motion was amended by D. Lee, seconded by G. Cross to support localities in the council area and in Surry County in opposing OLF. A new motion was made: It was moved by G. Cross, seconded by L. McAllister to support the localities within the council area and including Surry County in the opposition of OLF. Motion passed.
- B) Y. Stokes gave an NRCS update. The localities within the council area have been favored with the EQIP programs. NRCS will be represented more fully at upcoming council meetings.
- C) V. Jones will be following up on the status of potential wells that could be capped in the city of Petersburg.
- D) The Appomattox River Dredging project was funded. Currently a bio-remediation analysis is being done. Next, when money becomes available in the Army Corps of Engineers' budget, a disposal site will be selected.

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

Meredithe J. Wilson, Recorder

Mary E. Jones, Secretary

Donald Bagshaw, Chair