

South Centré Corridors Resource Conservation and Development Council

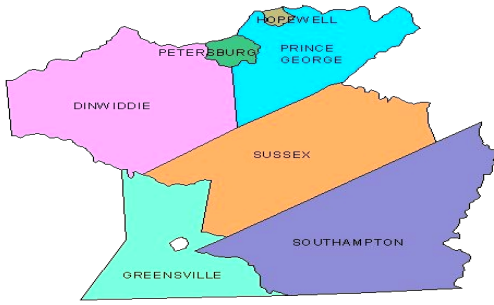
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“The mission of South Centré Corridors RC&D is to develop partnerships to advocate and promote the conservation, preservation and development of our resources to enhance the quality of life in the region.”



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City of Hopewell
Brenda S. Pelham
Robyn Thompson

City of Petersburg
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Water Conservation
District**
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Commission**
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Victor Liu

At-Large
Linda McAllister

Council Meeting
November 29, 2007
Hopewell Public Library
Hopewell, VA

Members Present:

Victor Liu	Susan Watkins	Linda Clements	Stacey Bradshaw
Dan Lee	Linda McAllister	Doug Holc	Crockett Morris
Jerry Skalsky	Donald Bagshaw	Brenda Pelham	Robyn Thompson
Mary E. Jones			

Others Present: Patrick Vincent, Neil Clark, and Meredith Wilson

I. Welcome: Chairman Don Bagshaw welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Vice Chairwoman Bradshaw for handling the September 27th council meeting in his absence.

II. Secretary's Report: It was moved by C. Morris, seconded by M. Jones to accept the Minutes of July 31, 2007 as presented. Motion passed. It was moved by S. Bradshaw, seconded by L. Clements to accept the Minutes of September 27, 2007 as presented. Motion passed.

III. Treasurer's Report: L. McAllister explained the Treasurer's Report. She failed to include the balance; it is estimated to be \$38,410.00. Southampton County was not included on Sponsor Dues list. It was moved by S. Bradshaw, seconded by D. Lee to accept the Treasurer's Report of July 2007 to 11/29/2007 with noted changes. Motion passed.

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

V. Coordinator's Report: Printed report to be accepted as part of the minutes. The Mini-Grant Applications were discussed. Also another grant has been applied for to match the grant funds we are offering, a \$3,000.00 grant from Department of Conservation and Recreation dealing specifically with water quality. It was moved by C. Morris, seconded by R. Thompson to approve and fund the 3 mini-grant applications received from Southampton, Greenville, and Prince George Counties. S. Bradshaw abstained because two of the schools are in her area. Motion passed. It was moved by C. Morris, seconded by J. Skalsky to conduct a Biodiesel Fuel Quality Seminar. Motion passed. The date of the seminar will be determined at a later date. Discussion was held about working along with FOLAR to enhance their trail project in Petersburg and Hopewell. It was moved by C. Morris, seconded by M. Jones to allocate \$500 each to Hopewell and Petersburg in conjunction with the Hopewell trail project. Motion amended by R. Thompson to allocate \$500 each to localities of Hopewell and Petersburg in conjunction with Hopewell and Petersburg Trail Project. Motion passed.

VI. NRCS Office Space: D. Bagshaw reported that Anthony Howell, District Conservationist for NRCS is still sharing SWCD office space. RC&D will have a Rural Development employee sharing their office space starting Monday, December 3, 2007. A new building may be built in Dinwiddie to house RC&D and NRCS from Prince George and Dinwiddie Counties.

VII. Old Business

A. Well Capping RFP – P. Vincent spoke with Lin Pope regarding the wells to be capped. One of the 5 families whose well was to be capped backed out, so 4 wells have been decommissioned. Hopewell and Petersburg still have not had any well-capping demonstrations.

B. 2008 SEARCDC Conference– Neither D. Bagshaw nor M. Jones attended the VARCDC Fall Meeting. S. Bradshaw commented that each council is expected to contribute to the planning of the conference.

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A large discussion was held at the VARCDC Fall Meeting about Entertainment. A bank account to accept registration fees has been set up. Each council is challenged to recruit at least 2 sponsors for the conference. B. Pelham suggested Osage.

VIII. New Business

- A. Forestry Report – N. Clark presented Forestry Report. Brian Lacey is the new Department of Forestry Forester. It was moved by C. Morris, seconded by D. Lee to adopt Small-Scale Woodlands Management Workshop as a project. Motion passed. About 14 people attended the Bus Tour. It was moved by D. Lee, seconded by M. Jones to adopt as a project the Fall Forestry and Wildlife Field Bus Tour after the fact. Motion passed. The Department of Forestry is offering Jeff Kirwan youth tree planting mini grants for up to \$500 each county. See Neil Clark for more information.
- B. VARC&D Fall Business Meeting – S. Bradshaw reported the Awards Committee met last night. Information will be coming to the office soon about the categories. Nominations are due January 18, 2008. The Spring Meeting will be held April 30 – May 2, 2008 at The Breaks State Park on the Virginia/Kentucky State Line.
- C. Additional Signature for Checks – L. McAllister explained the checking account requires 2 signatures. It would be good to have 3 signatures in case it happens that someone is unavailable and a signature is needed. P. Vincent spoke with Bonnie Thompson about being the 3rd/emergency signature. It was moved by B. Pelham, seconded by C. Morris to add Bonnie Thompson to signature line on RC&D Checking Account. Motion passed.
- D. Uriah Branch Trail – S. Bradshaw explained that Reggie Owens from Greenville has been assigned to help with the project. Many grants are 50/50 so it was suggested to allocate \$5,000.00 seed money to leverage with grants. Greenville County is donating the land. The Jail Colonel is donating labor. These two together will also count toward the 50/50 of the grants. We hope to receive some in-kind donations as well. It was moved by L. McAllister, seconded by C. Morris to earmark up to \$5,000.00 for the Uriah Branch Trail Project. Motion passed.
- E. Council Appointments – All council member term end dates were reviewed. The terms of Jerry Skalsky and Dama Rice all expire at the end of December of this year. They both are still interested in serving on the council so letters will be sent to sponsors the Petersburg City Council and Prince George County Board of Supervisors asking to reappoint D. Rice and J. Skalsky.
- F. NARC& D Circle of Diamonds – All Virginia Councils except Black Diamond RC&D and our council are in the Circle of Diamonds. Black Diamond recently submitted an application to the National Association to join. It is a league of excellence in the RC&D programs. P. Vincent will start working on the Circle of Diamonds application and will have council members review it. If we are denied entrance the National Association will explain how to improve so as to be accepted.

Additional Items

- A) Chairman Bagshaw appointed J. Skalsky, D. Lee, and B. Pelham to the Awards Committee to help with nominations for the VARCDC Award Categories.
- B) Council members are needed to give reports to sponsor areas at Budget or regular meetings about the RC&D Council. S. Bradshaw will report in Sussex, Greenville, and Southampton Counties. M. Jones will also report for Sussex County. D. Bagshaw will report for Prince George.
- C) It was moved by B. Pelham, seconded by C. Morris to allow allocation requests of \$3,000.00 from each sponsor to remain the same. Motion passed.

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

Meredithe J. Wilson, Recorder

Mary E. Jones, Secretary

Donald Bagshaw, Chair