

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 10, 2021**

**ATTENDEES:**

- DIRECTORS:** Faye Andrashko, Vince Garland, Frank Johnson, Trent Jones (virtual), Billy McCarty (virtual), Robert Pickett, Shirley Powell, Bobby Vanlandingham, Richard Wilkins (virtual)
- STAFF:** Kathy Clarke, Brandon Dillistin, Joanna Balderson, Lowery Becker (virtual), Aaron Saunders (virtual), Kathleen Watson (virtual)
- PARTNERS:** Lucee Kossler - NRCS (virtual), Hope Mothershead – Richmond County, Marissa Roland - DCR (virtual)

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Robert Pickett opened the meeting at 12:36PM.

**CERTIFICATION OF ELECTRONIC MEETING DUE TO COVID-19 EMERGENCY**

Chapter 56 of the 2020 Special Session 1 Acts of Assembly, also known as the “Budget Bill”, allows public bodies to hold Electronic Meetings when the Governor has declared a state of emergency pursuant to Virginia Code Section §44-146.17.

*Vince Garland moved that the Northern Neck Soil & Water Conservation District Board certify that the nature of the declared COVID-19 emergency makes it impracticable or unsafe for the Board to assemble in a single location and further that the agenda items to be taken up at this meeting are necessary to continue operations and discharge lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities of the Board. Faye Andrashko seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously through roll call vote.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes:** Faye Andrashko, Vince Garland, Frank Johnson, Trent Jones, Billy McCarty, Robert Pickett, Shirley Powell, Bobby Vanlandingham, Richard Wilkins

**Nays:**

**Absent During Vote:** Greg Basye

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**MINUTES:**

The Minutes from the January 13, 2021 Board Meeting were presented for review. *Faye Andrashko moved to accept the Minutes as presented. Shirley Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

The Treasurer’s Report for January 2021 was accepted as presented and filed for audit.

## BUSINESS:

### 1. Approval of Nutrient Management Plans for Tax Credits (see attached)

*Vince Garland moved to approve the list of Nutrient Management Plans on file as presented. Shirley Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

### 2. FY21 CBPA Ag Assessment Approvals

- a) Northumberland County (2): #21-133-01 & #21-133-02
- b) Richmond County (2): #21-159-01 & #21-159-02
- c) Westmoreland County (2): #21-193-01 & #21-193-01

*Bobby Vanlandingham moved to approve the (6) FY21 CBPA Ag Assessments as outlined. Shirley Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

### 3. Additional FY21 VACS Allocation from VSWCB

Brandon Dillistin referenced that the availability of an additional \$985,327 for the FY21 VACS Program was tabled at the February Board Meeting. Based on his latest calculations, the NNSWCD may need \$125,000 of those funds. Amy has suggested that the NNSWCD accept the allocation and reach out to other SWCDs that may need additional VACS funds. If all funds are distributed by May, there would be no negative impacts on future allocations. *Bobby Vanlandingham moved to accept the additional \$985,327 for the FY21 VACS Program. Shirley Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**AG COMMITTEE** - Brandon Dillistin reported that in lieu of a Committee meeting, the technical staff had put together a list of recommendations. The Recommendations were presented for review (see attached). The individual items brought to the Board for approval were:

#### I. FY21 Round 2 VACS Approvals: Non-COIA Applications Totaling \$311,043.80

*Vince Garland moved to approve. Bobby Vanlandingham seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

#### II. FY21 Round 2 VACS Approvals: COIA Applications Totaling \$25,552.50

##### A. NM-5N: Louis Gregory Basye application totaling \$2,404.80

*Vince Garland moved to approve. Bobby Vanlandingham seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (Greg Basye was not present at the meeting).*

##### B. NM-4, SL-8B, SL-8H: J. Vince Garland application totaling \$1,988.60

*Bobby Vanlandingham moved to approve. Shirley Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (Vince Garland excused himself from the room during the discussion and returned after voting was complete).*

##### C. NM- 4: Donald Hall application totaling \$85.50

##### SL-8B: Edward T. Saunders application totaling \$624.00

*Vince Garland moved to approve. Bobby Vanlandingham seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (Aaron Saunders excused himself from the virtual meeting during the discussion and returned after voting was complete).*

##### D. NM-5P, NM-5N, SL-8B: Midway Farms application totaling \$4,763.20

##### NM-5N, NM-5P, SL-8B: WST Farms totaling \$2,953.00

*Vince Garland moved to approve. Shirley Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (Kathy Clarke excused herself from the room during the discussion and returned after voting was complete).*

- E. NM-5N, NM-5P: Monrovia Farms, LLC application totaling \$1,446.40**  
*Vince Garland moved to approve. Frank Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (Shirley Powell excused himself from the room during the discussion and returned after voting was complete).*
- F. SL-8B: Robert Vanlandingham application totaling \$11,067.00**  
*Shirley Powell moved to approve. Frank Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (Bobby Vanlandingham excused himself from the room during the discussion and returned after voting was complete).*
- G. SL-8H: Richard Wilkins application totaling \$220.00**  
*Vince Garland moved to approve. Bobby Vanlandingham seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (Richard Wilkins excused himself from the virtual meeting during the discussion and returned after voting was complete).*

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE** – Kathleen Watson noted that the scholarship applications are on the website, Facebook, and that she has corresponded with the local high school guidance departments; applications are due on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Kathy noted that the Education Committee needs to convene to discuss how to use the funds that were donated by Derwin Booker’s daughter.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE** – Robert Pickett advised that a copy of the most current VASWCD 2021 Legislative Tracking Report was in the packets (see attached).

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** – Kathy Clarke advised that she will be scheduling a meeting of the Committee to discuss the Strategic Plan.

## **PARTNER AGENCY & STAFF REPORTS:**

**DCR** – Marissa Roland – see attached report.

**NRCS** – Lucee Kossler – see attached report.

**PC/PWR** – Robert Pickett reported the quarterly meeting was held virtually on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. The two presentations included Justin Williams on WIP III and Dr. Molly Mitchell of VIMS. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> and will also be held virtually.

**VCE** – Trent Jones reported that there will be two VCE Intern positions available in the Northern Neck this Summer. Several upcoming trainings are being offered:

Scale Certification: March 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

Crops Conference: became available online last week

1A Prep Course (Commercial Agricultural Plant Pest Control): March 1-4 virtually

Category 1A, 6, 4, 60 Pesticide Applicator Recertifications: available online soon

The Virginia Farm Voluntary Agriculture Best Management Practices Survey will be available until March 12<sup>th</sup>.

**AREA III/VASWCD/NACD** – Frank Johnson reported that the 2021 Area III Spring Meeting is scheduled to be held virtually on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>; Hanover-Caroline is the host District. Frank also reminded everyone that the annual NACD meeting and training was being held virtually this week.

**STAFF** – Kathy Clarke – see attached report.

**STAFF** – Brandon Dillistin – see attached report.

STAFF – Joanna Balderson – see attached report.

STAFF – Lowery Becker – see attached report.

STAFF – Aaron Saunders – see attached report.

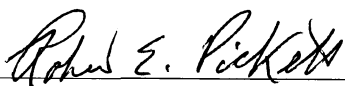
STAFF – Kathleen Watson – see attached report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

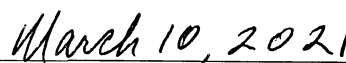
**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 12:30PM in the Richmond County Public Meeting Room.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Bobby Vanlandingham moved to adjourn the meeting. Frank Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.* The meeting adjourned at 1:50PM.



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Robert E. Pickett, Chairman



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