

Peaks of Otter Soil & Water Conservation District

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DIRECTORS PRESENT: Tommy Watson, Richard Chaffin, Gary Reynolds, Corey Crompton, Scott Baker

ABSENT: Roger Bollinger

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS: Glen Witt, Todd Kready, Keith Tuck

OTHERS: Mark Hollberg, Jessie Howard, Jeremy Falkenau, E.B. Watson, Carlton and Cricket Skinnell

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm.

AGENDA: Motion by Corey Crompton to approve the agenda as presented. Scott Baker seconded and the motion carried.

MINUTES: The December minutes were circulated prior to the meeting and a correction of changing the second reference to the "State Water Control Board" to "Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board" was presented. Gary Reynolds made the motion to approve the minutes with this correction and Corey Crompton seconded and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was circulated prior to the meeting. No corrections were presented so the report was filed for audit.

DCR: *Mark Hollberg submitted a written report.*

NRCS: *Jessie Howard reported on agency activities.*

VCE: *Scott Baker reported on agency activities.*

VDOF: *Jeremy Falkenau reported on agency activities.*

FSA: *No report.*

SWCD: *E.B. Watson reported:*

>Motion by Corey Crompton to approve the following increase in funding for the projects presented. Scott Baker seconded and the motion carried.

| Name | Practice | Score | FY-14 Southern Rivers | FY-15 Southern Rivers | FY-15 SL-6 Earmark | FY-15 Chesapeake Bay | Tax Credit | Cons. Plan |
|--------------------|----------|-------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Judith Westenhofer | SL-6 | 80 | | | \$7,896.19 | | - | na |
| Ollie Witt | SL-6 | 95 | | | \$7,000.00 | | - | na |
| Margaret Sutphin | SL-6 | 80 | | | \$26,232.94 | | - | na |

>Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Skinnell asked to address the board about their project. Mr. and Mrs. Skinnell articulated their gratitude and appreciation for the funding they received from the District and their joy of working with local contractors and the District staff. They are proud of the positive environmental impact

their farm will now have on our local waterways. Mrs. Skinnell also requested to the board to consider purchasing E.B. Watson a 4-wheeler.

>Due to the historical production of the District during the past 6 months it was agreed upon for the District staff to work with Scott Baker to identify farmers who would be willing to be interviewed about their participation with different newspapers.

Tally for 6 months:

- \$1,216,242.52 was paid out on a total of 17 projects
- 171,221ft of fence (32.4 miles) was installed
- 70,342ft of pipeline (13.3 miles) was installed
- 136,320ft of stream bank protected (25.8 miles)

COMMITTEES:

>Operations A: Drill agreement was tabled until next month. Chairman Tommy Watson is waiting for an update on his personal auto insurance regarding the drill transportation. Chairman Watson asked for this to be added to the February agenda.

>Personnel: Corey Crompton reported on the attached recommendations from the committee regarding the procedure for the appointment of at-large director and the director/associate director policy. Gary Reynolds made the motion to accept the recommendation from the committee and the motion carried.

>Personnel: Corey Crompton presented the following recommendation from the committee: Qualified District employees shall write RMPs as independent contractors on their own time and protocols shall follow the model of how the District handles NMPs. Gary Reynolds made the motion to accept the recommendation from the committee and the motion carried.

>Gary Reynolds brought up the usage of Roberts Rules of Order and it was discussed that the board uses Roberts Rules of Order as a guide unless a District policy exists.

>Operations B: Scott Baker reported the attached recommendation from the committee regarding the process for cancelling regularly scheduled Board meetings. Gary Reynolds made the motion to accept the recommendation from the committee and the motion carried.

>TRC: Personnel committee covered RMP discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

>The board went through as a group and completed the NACD worksheet regarding responsibility of District actions on a staff and director level.

>Richard Chaffin mentioned the Annual Meeting and that District Manager Gavin Sanderlin was recognized for 10 years of service and completed his term as VA SWCD Employee Association President.

NEW BUSINESS:

> Chairman Tommy Watson asked to not be nominated again for District Chairman. Corey Crompton nominated Roger Bollinger to serve as Chairman. Gary Reynolds nominated Richard Chaffin to serve as Chairman. Richard Chaffin commented that his time restraints do not allow him to serve as Chairman. Gary Reynolds withdrew his nomination. At this time the board unanimously agreed to close nominations and Roger Bollinger was unanimously elected Chairman.

>Corey Crompton nominated Richard Chaffin as Vice Chairman. At this time the board unanimously agreed to close nominations and Richard Chaffin was unanimously elected Vice Chairman.

>Scott Baker nominated Keith Tuck as Treasurer. At this time the board unanimously agreed to close nominations and Keith Tuck was unanimously elected Treasurer.

>Corey Crompton nominated Terri Bollinger as Secretary. At this time the board unanimously agreed to close nominations and Terri Bollinger was unanimously elected as Secretary.

>Corey Crompton nominated Keith Tuck as the at large director and Scott Baker seconded the nomination. Keith Tuck was unanimously elected as the at large director. Scott Baker informed the Board he will inform the Board of Supervisors of this nomination.

>E.B. Watson informed the Board about the opportunity to provide feedback to the TAC committee regarding the future cost-share rate and cap for the SL-6 practice moving forward in fiscal year 2016. After an open minded discussion about our local producers and the needs of the citizens we serve Corey Crompton made a motion to recommend as a board a cost-share rate of 90% for SL-6 projects in fiscal year 2016. Gary Reynolds seconded the motion and the motion carried. Corey Crompton made a motion that if a cap is utilized for the

SL-6 practice in fiscal year 2016 that the cap be for \$250,000 of the cost-share dollars not the overall cost of the practice. Gary Reynolds seconded the motion and the motion carried. These two motions shall be presented to the TAC committee and our representatives on the TAC committee in a letter from our District Chairman.

>Discussion was had on the District's annual banquet. This topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

>E.B. Watson reviewed the minutes with the board and the board was unanimously in agreement with the accuracy of the minutes.

With no further issues to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

NEXT MEETING: will be Thursday, February 12, 2015 at the County Administration Building in the **Main Floor Training Room**. We will eat at 6:00pm and the meeting will begin at 6:30pm.

Chairman

Secretary