

**Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board  
Tuesday, September 16, 2025  
Southwest Higher Education Center  
Abingdon, Virginia**

**TIME AND PLACE**

The meeting of the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board took place at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at Southwest Higher Education Center in Abingdon, Virginia.

**VIRGINIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Charles Newton, Chair	Adam Wilson, Vice Chair
Jason De La Cruz	John Schick
Stephanie Cornell	Leigh Pemberton
Nick Thomas	Robert Mills
Dr. Edwin Martinez, NRCS, Ex Officio	
Dr. Dan Goerlich, VCE, Invitee	

**VIRGINIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Charles A. Arnason

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION STAFF PRESENT**

Matthew S. Wells, DCR Director  
Christine Watlington Jones, Policy and District Services Manager  
Darryl Glover, Deputy Director, Soil and Water Conservation, Dam Safety and Floodplain Management  
James Martin, Director, Division of Soil and Water Conservation  
Breanne Lindsey, Board and Constituent Liaison  
Paul G. Saunders, III, Senior Policy Analyst  
Blair Gordon, District Operations Coordinator

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Angela Ball, Western Area Manager  
Matt Wood, Scott County SWCD  
Isaac Stanley, Scott County SWCD  
Kendall Tyree, VASWCD  
David Massie, Culpeper SWCD  
Hunter Wyatt, Holston River SWCD  
Morgan Short, Hoston River SWCD  
Amanda Pennington, DCR Engineering  
Benjamin Chester, DCR Engineering  
Sara Bottenfield, DCR Ag Incentives Program Manager  
Lorie Stevens, Abingdon CDC

Darrell Kuntz, Assistant Attorney General with the Office of the Attorney General, was present virtually.

### **ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

With eight (8) members of the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board present a quorum was established.

### **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. and asked for introductions.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM MAY 28, 2025**

Ms. Watlington Jones informed the Board of minor typographical amendments to the minutes that were presented to the Board during the meeting.

### **BOARD ACTION**

Mr. Mills moved to approve the May 28, 2025, Board meeting minutes as amended. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by: Cornell, De La Cruz, Mills, Newton, Pemberton, Schick, Thomas, and Wilson.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Wells began by encouraging the Board and DCR staff to continue to travel to different areas of the state to view the impact of their work and to better understand the agricultural operations around the state. He continued by thanking Mr. Wilson for allowing the Board and staff to observe his farm and gain an understanding of the farm's operations. Director Wells also thanked DCR staff for their efforts to coordinate this visit and for the discussion regarding the Engineering Job Approval Authority (EJAA). He encouraged continuous feedback from Districts and staff as this information is helpful in improving processes.

Director Wells provided the following updates:

- The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) continues to improve internal processes and has engaged a facilitator to ensure productive and inclusive meeting discussions. The TAC reduced the "cooling-off" period for non-recommended practices from three years to two years to allow for quicker reconsideration. A new "look-back" process was added to identify and address defunct or unused practices. The TAC voting threshold was revised from 80% to a two-thirds majority to create a more achievable decision-making process.
- In FY2025, \$76.4 million was obligated for the Bay Watershed, representing 71% of the total allocation. The Southern Rivers region obligated \$49.1 million, utilizing 94% of its total allocation.
- The Annual Needs Assessment workgroup met in July. The assessment the state funding need for FY2027 at \$307.9 million and FY2028 at \$76 million. State agency operational budget requests are currently in development, while capital budget requests were submitted earlier. The Governor's proposed budget will be released in December.

- Round five of the Community Flood Preparedness Fund awarded \$67 million, exceeding the \$65 million in applications received. Round six of the Community Flood Preparedness Fund will open soon and will follow a similar structure to previous rounds.
- A new round of the Resilient Virginia Revolving Fund is being developed to support recovery in Southwest Virginia following Hurricane Helene and February 2025 storms. DCR is coordinating with the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), which received \$50 million through the Virginia Disaster Assistance Fund to support recovery. DCR has designated \$60 million from the Fund for resilient rebuilding, with \$20 million for community recovery (e.g., bridges, home elevations), \$20 million for infrastructure, and \$20 million for a line of credit through the Virginia Resources Authority for local FEMA projects.
- The stakeholder advisory group established under Chapters 735 and 736 of the 2023 Acts of Assembly submitted its final report on July 1, 2025. The report includes forward-looking recommendations and future group meetings will focus on encouraging nutrient management plan implementation and evaluating current program initiatives.
- A secretary-level workgroup is evaluating how WQIF) and Virginia Natural Resources Commitment Fund (VNRFCF) function across policy, statute, and budget. The next meeting of the workgroup is scheduled for October 15, 2025, and a preliminary report is expected in December.
- The Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources is actively involved in revising the Chesapeake Bay Agreement, which will be addressed at the Chesapeake Executive Council meeting on December 2, 2025. Virginia is focused on setting realistic targets and maintaining a voluntary, resource-efficient approach to Bay restoration efforts.

#### **REPORT FROM AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE** – *Adam Wilson, Audit Subcommittee Chairman*

As Audit Subcommittee Chair, Mr. Wilson provided an update to the Board indicating that overall, the assessments from 2025 were favorable and Districts met the grant deliverables. There were some Districts who will need to take additional actions to address deficiencies.

#### **OFFICER ELECTIONS**

##### **BOARD ACTION**

Mr. Wilson opened nominations for the position of Chair of the Soil and Water Conservation Board. Ms. Cornnell nominated Mr. Newton. Mr. Mills seconded the nomination, and the motion was unanimously approved by: Cornnell, De La Cruz, Mills, Newton, Pemberton, Schick, Thomas, and Wilson.

Mr. Newton opened nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board. Mr. Wilson nominated Mr. Schick and Ms. Cornnell seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by: Cornnell, De La Cruz, Mills, Newton, Pemberton, Schick, Thomas, and Wilson.

#### **UPDATE ON THE AGRICULTURAL STEWARDSHIP ACT APPEAL BY THE LISKEYS** – *Darrell Kuntz, Assistant Attorney General of the Office of the Attorney General*

Mr. Kuntz informed the Board of the results of the Liskeys' case, which was appealed to the Rockingham County Circuit Court. The judge determined that the scope of the Agricultural Stewardship Act did not

possess the power and scope to impose the sanctions that were set against the Liskeys. Additionally, the judge remanded the case back to the Board for further proceedings as there was basis to find a violation against the Liskeys, however, the Board's prior order imposed sanctions outside of the Board's statutory authority. Mr. Kuntz further explained that the appropriate path forward would be for the Board to refer the case back to VDACS to correct the order.

After discussion, Ms. Cornell made the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court of Rockingham County overturned this Board's Final Case Decision entered in July of 2024.

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court held that neither the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board nor the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services had the authority to impose additional restrictions against the Liskeys in the Corrective Order.

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court further ORDERED that, "[t]o the extent that the terms, conditions, and provisions of the Corrective Order exceed those in the 2017 Plan, they are struck and without force or effect."

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court further ORDERED that the case was to be remanded back to this Board for any further action consistent with the Court's Order.

WHEREAS, representatives from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services submitted a letter to this Board requesting that the matter be remanded back to the Agency for further proceedings.

WHEREAS, neither the Liskeys nor their counsel have raised an objection to the request to remand back to the Agency.

This Board, having voted on this matter by a majority finds that remand back to the Agency is appropriate, as the original Corrective Order originated with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

It is therefore ORDERED that the matter of Bonnie Liskey and Barry Liskey v. Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services be remanded to VDACS for further proceedings consistent with the Letter Opinion and Order of the Rockingham Circuit Court.

Mr. Mills seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by: Cornell, De La Cruz, Mills, Newton, Pemberton, Schick, Thomas, and Wilson.

**DAM SAFETY DIVISION REPORT** - *Darryl Glover, Deputy Director, Soil and Water Conservation, Dam Safety and Floodplain Management*

Mr. Glover presented the division report. He began by informing the Board about Department employment updates with the engineering team, including the fact that Mark Kilgore, Lead Engineer, will be retiring in January 2026.

Mr. Glover continued by informing the Board that they will be presented with the final amendments to the Impounding Structure Regulations later in the meeting where they will be asked to make a motion to move the regulatory action forward.

*Dam Related Incidents*

- The Department responded to seven partial dam failures thus far in 2025.
  - Mattawan Dam, Hanover, VA
  - Afton Drive/Chappell Creek Dam, Prince George, VA
  - Greene Mountain Lake Dam, Greene, VA
  - Bishops Dam, Greene, VA
  - Killarney Dam, Goochland, VA
  - Gardy Millpond Dam, Northumberland/Westmoreland, VA
  - Burke Dam, Gloucester, VA

*Additional Activities*

- Federal funds have been released for two of the three 2022 High Hazard Potential Dams (HHPD) grant awardees, including the City of Portsmouth (Lake Cohoon Dam, 80001, High Hazard Potential) and the City of Suffolk (Godwins Millpond Dam, 80014, High Hazard Potential). Funds for the third awardee, Town of Warrenton (Warrenton Lakes Dam, 061032), will be released upon approval of the region's hazard mitigation plan. Nine dams proposed for subawards under the 2024 HHPD grants are currently in the FEMA engineering review phase.
- The Department is expected to receive \$246,681 from the 2025 FEMA National Dam Safety Program (NDSP) annual base grant. The second round of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) grants totaling \$871,622 was de-obligated by FEMA.
- A kick-off meeting with Schnabel Engineering was held in August for the Incremental Damage Assessment (IDA) methodology project. Schnabel Engineering will provide a draft IDA methodology report to DCR by the end of October, with a presentation and DCR recommendation scheduled for the December Board meeting.
- Schnabel is preparing a scope of work for developing an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) template, review checklist, and four example EAPs for high and significant hazard dams. This EAP project will be funded by remaining IIJA grant funds and is expected to be completed by July 2026.
- A new Emergency Preparedness Plan has been developed to comply with updated requirements for low hazard dams under the Dam Safety Act; the plan is attached to the report. Revisions to the general permit and conditional general permit application forms are underway. Training sessions for low hazard dam owners will be developed and scheduled for October and November to communicate new compliance requirements.

**APPROVAL OF FINAL REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPOUNDING STRUCTURE REGULATIONS (4VAC50-20)**

Ms. Watlington Jones informed the Board that the proposed stage of the regulatory action was submitted to the Virginia Register on April 8, 2025, and was then published in the Virginia Register on May 5, 2025. A public comment period was held May 5, 2025, until July 4, 2025, with a public hearing taking place on June 12, 2025. The proposed action received one public comment, which is included in the Agency Background Document (ABD). Ms. Watlington Jones continued by presenting the additional changes made to the regulations since the proposed stage for the Board's consideration and potential adoption as part of the final stage of the regulatory action. She also informed the Board that the

Department recommends incorporating the regulatory changes required by statutory amendments from the 2025 legislative session into the final regulatory action, rather than pursuing a separate regulatory action.

#### BOARD ACTION

After consideration of the information provided, Mr. Pemberton made the following motion:

The Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board (Board) authorizes the Department to submit final revisions to the Impounding Structure Regulations (4VAC50-20 et seq.), including the revisions necessary to fully implement Chapters 228 and 241 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly. The Board directs the Department to conduct these activities in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and all other applicable laws, policies, and procedures. Additionally, the Board authorizes the Department to coordinate, as necessary, with the Office of the Attorney General, Department of Planning and Budget, the Office of Regulatory Management, and the Virginia Registrar to file these final regulations and to develop any additional documents needed to submit these final regulations including the Economic Review Form.

Further, the Board authorizes the Department, if necessary, to file a separate regulatory action, utilizing the language approved by this Board, to implement the revisions necessary due to the enactment of Chapters 228 and 241 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly. If a separate action is required, the Board authorizes the Department to coordinate, as necessary, with the Office of the Attorney General, the Department of Planning and Budget, the Office of Regulatory Management, and the Virginia Registrar to file the revised regulations and to develop any additional documents needed to submit the revised regulations including the Economic Review Form.

Ms. Cornell seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by: Cornell, De La Cruz, Mills, Newton, Pemberton, Schick, Thomas, and Wilson.

#### **SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DIVISION REPORT** – *James Martin, Director, Division of Soil and Water Conservation*

Mr. Martin provided the division report.

Mr. Martin indicated Director Wells mentioned the TAC rule changes and he expanded on this by noting that there are four subcommittees: Animal Waste, Cover Crop and Nutrient Management, Stream Protection and Forestry, and Programmatic. The subcommittees began meeting in late August and are expected to complete their work by the end of October. The TAC process proposes updates and changes to the VACS Program that are presented to the Board in the spring. The chairs of the subcommittees, along with the TAC, are preparing suggestions to ensure readiness for this year's process. TAC members are encouraged to provide feedback on the revisions to the rules and the use of a facilitator for this year's TAC cycle. .

#### Conservation Application Suite Database Update

- DCR is currently rebuilding the Conservation Application Suite, which serves as the database for the VACS program, conservation planning, nutrient management, and related components.

- Phase Two of the project has been completed and deployed to the current system, resulting in improved usability of the mapping system and a complete overhaul of the user roles and authentication process.
- A new “forgot password” feature has been implemented, allowing users to reset their passwords independently, which has saved time for users and reduced the department’s IT workload.
- The project experienced some delays due to the departure of DCR’s previous Data Services Manager. However, the recent recruitment of Jennifer Ciminelli as the new Data Services Manager has allowed Phase Three to commence.
- Phase Three focuses on further enhancements to the mapping functionality and the addition of allocation tracking, budget tracking, and certification tracking. This phase includes configuration planning, EJAA integration, and general assistance components.
- Originally, the project was planned as a seven-phase initiative. Due to staffing changes and lengthy approval times from VITA—approximately six months per phase—the timeline has been adjusted.
- To accelerate progress, Phases Four, Five, and Six will be combined into a single phase, followed by a final phase to offset VITA approval delays.
- While this consolidation increases oversight from VITA due to the larger project scope and investment, it is expected to expedite the project timeline and reduce departmental workload, representing a reasonable trade-off.

Mr. Martin informed the Board that Jennifer Edwards, who has been the primary contact for Districts needing assistance with CAS, is resigning from her position, effective September 23, 2025, to accept a new opportunity at James Madison University. The recruitment process to fill her position has begun and there will be an interim procedure for help desk questions until the role is filled.

Mr. Martin gave an update regarding perennial streaming data, which has been finalized and is now available for the entire state. The information can be accessed using the Conservation Application Suite mapping tools, as well as in a publicly accessible viewer that can be found on the watersheds page of the soil and water website.

**RETENTION OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES (4VAC50-11) IN RESPONSE TO PERIODIC REVIEW** – *Christine Watlington Jones, Policy and District Services Manager*

Ms. Watlington Jones informed the Board that the public participation guidelines underwent periodic review. The public participation guidelines were published in the Virginia Register on July 14, 2025, which began the public comment period. The public comment period closed on August 4, 2025. There was one comment submitted during public comment with the recommendation being to retain the guidelines as is.

**BOARD ACTION**

After considering the information provided, Mr. Pemberton made the following motion:

The Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board approves the retention of the Public Participation Guidelines (4VAC50-11) as currently promulgated. The Board directs the Department to submit the decision to retain this regulation without change in accordance with the Administrative Process Act,

Executive Order 14 (2018) (Amended), and all other applicable policies and procedures. The Board authorizes the Department to coordinate with the Office of Regulatory Management to develop any additional documents needed to submit these findings including the Economic Review Form.

Mr. Wilson seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by: Cornell, De La Cruz, Mills, Newton, Pemberton, Schick, Thomas, and Wilson.

**APPROVAL OF FINDINGS FOR PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION REGULATIONS (4VAC50-85)** – *Christine Watlington Jones, Policy and District Services Manager*

Ms. Watlington Jones informed the Board that the Nutrient Management Training and Certification regulations underwent periodic review. The Nutrient Management Training and Certification regulations were published in the Virginia Register on July 14, 2025, which began the public comment period. The public comment period closed on August 4, 2025. There were three public comments received during the public comment period, which are recommended to be addressed in a regulatory action. The comments were related to outdated citations and guides contained in the regulations.

**BOARD ACTION**

After considering the information provided, Mr. Schick made the following motion:

The Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board approves the responses to the comments received during the periodic review of the Nutrient Management Training and Certification Regulations (4VAC50-85) and authorizes the Department to post the report of findings to the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall and to publish the findings in the Virginia Register. The Board authorizes the Department to coordinate with the Office of Regulatory Management to develop any additional documents needed to submit these findings including the Economic Review Form.

Mr. Pemberton seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by: Cornell, De La Cruz, Mills, Newton, Pemberton, Schick, Thomas, and Wilson.

**APPROVAL TO INITIATE A NOTICE OF INTENDED REGULATORY ACTION (NOIRA) FOR THE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION REGULATIONS (4VAC50-85)** – *Christine Watlington Jones, Policy and District Services Manager*

Ms. Watlington Jones provided information to the Board regarding the recommendation to file a NOIRA for the Nutrient Management Training and Certification Regulations in response to comments received during the periodic review of the regulations and Department initiatives.

The regulations will be reviewed to consider concerns related to:

- the need to more quickly and proactively update the Standards and Criteria and other reference material included in the Documents Incorporated by Reference section of the regulations;
- the use of outdated or unnecessary definitions;
- incorporating the use of precision agriculture practices and plans;
- updating the fees required for training and certification;

- increasing the flexibility in reporting mechanisms for certified nutrient management planners; and
- clarifying recommendations versus requirements throughout the regulations.

#### BOARD ACTION

After considering the information provided, Mr. Mills made the following motion:

The Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board authorizes the Department to convene a regulatory advisory panel to make recommendations on potential regulatory changes, to hold other stakeholder group meetings as it deems necessary, and to prepare a draft proposed regulation and any associated documents for the Board's review and consideration. The Board directs the Department to conduct these activities in accordance with the Administrative Process Act, Executive Order 19 (2022), and all other applicable laws, policies, and procedures. Additionally, the Board authorizes the Department to coordinate, as necessary, with the Office of Regulatory Management to develop any additional documents needed to file this Notice of Intended Regulatory Action.

Ms. Cornell seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by: Cornell, De La Cruz, Mills, Newton, Pemberton, Schick, Thomas, and Wilson.

#### **APPROVAL OF DISTRICT DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS** - *Christine Watlington Jones, Policy and District Services Manager*

The Board reviewed the following Soil and Water Conservation District Director appointments and resignations:

##### *Blue Ridge*

Resignation of Ms. Cynthia Martel, of Franklin County, effective 6/5/2025, extension agent appointed director (term of office expires 12/31/2028).

##### *Evergreen*

Resignation of Mr. David Spence, of Smyth County, effective 9/9/2025, elected director (term of office expires 12/31/2027).

##### *Headwaters*

Resignation of Mr. Joseph (Buzz) Easterling, of Staunton, effective 6/2/2025, elected director (term of office expires 12/31/2027).

##### *Mountain*

Appointment of Mr. John Clagett, of Highland County, effective 9/16/2025, to fill the vacant elected director (term of office expires 12/31/2027).

Mr. Clagett is an organic farmer in Highland County.

*Patrick*

Appointment of Mr. John Wood, of Patrick County, effective 9/16/2025, to fill the vacant at-large appointed director (term of office expires 12/31/2026).

Mr. Wood has served Patrick SWCD as an Associate Director and has participated on many of their committees.

*Tri-County/City*

Resignation of Mr. Anthony Staats, of King George County, effective 8/15/2025, elected director (term of office expires 12/31/2027).

**BOARD ACTION**

After reviewing the list, Mr. Wilson made the following motion:

The Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board approves the appointments of the individuals being recommended.

Mr. Mills seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by: Cornell, De La Cruz, Mills, Newton, Pemberton, Schick, Thomas, and Wilson.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CHARLES A. ARNASON**- *Christine Watlington Jones, Policy and District Services Manager*

The Board considered the resolution for Charles A. Arnason.

Resolution to

Charles A. "Chuck" Arnason

WHEREAS, Charles A. "Chuck" Arnason, has faithfully and diligently served as a member of the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board since 2017; and

WHEREAS, Charles A. "Chuck" Arnason, has devoted generously of his time, talent, and leadership to the Board; and

WHEREAS, Charles A. "Chuck" Arnason, has endeavored at all times to render decisions with fairness, good judgement, and in the best interest of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Arnason served as Chairman of the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board from 2019 through 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board wishes to acknowledge its gratitude and deepest appreciation for his services to this Board, recognizing with gratitude his contributions and dedication to protecting the quality of the land and water resources of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board this sixteenth day of September 2025 that Charles A. “Chuck” Arnason, be given all honors and respect due him for his outstanding service to the Commonwealth and its citizens and the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be presented to him and be made a part of the official minutes of the Board so that all may know of the high regard in which he is held.

**BOARD ACTION**

Mr. Pemberton made the following motion:

The Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board approves the resolution for Charles A. “Chuck” Arnason with deep appreciation for his significant contributions to this Board.

Mr. Wilson seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by: Cornell, De La Cruz, Mills, Newton, Pemberton, Schick, Thomas, and Wilson.

**REVISION TO THE DEFINITION OF APPLICANT IN THE 2026 VACS BMP MANUAL- Christine Watlington Jones, Policy and District Services Manager**

Ms. Watlington Jones provided background information to the Board regarding the need to change the definition of “applicant” within the Program Year 2026 Virginia Agricultural Cost-Share (VACS) BMP Manual.

**BOARD ACTION**

After discussion, Mr. Wilson made the following motion:

The Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board approves the amendments to the definition of “applicant” in the Program Year 2026 Virginia Agricultural Cost-Share (VACS) BMP Manual.

Mr. Mills seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by: Cornell, De La Cruz, Mills, Newton, Pemberton, Schick, Thomas, and Wilson.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Cornell thanked the Board and DCR staff for the initiative they have taken on to communicate with the Districts and for the information provided within the agenda. She indicated that having the time to review the materials prior to the meeting is helpful and assists the Board in further connecting with the Districts.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**PARTNER REPORTS**

*Natural Resources Conservation Service – Dr. Edwin Martinez*

Dr. Martinez gave the report for the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

*Virginia Cooperative Extension – Danny Peek, Virginia Cooperative Extension Southwest District Director*

Mr. Peek gave the report for the Virginia Cooperative Extension.

*Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts – Dr. Kendall Tryree, VASWCD Executive Director*

Dr. Tyree gave the report for the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

The Association has the following events scheduled:

October 1 – Association Board Meeting

December 7-9 – Annual Conference

*Virginia Farm Bureau Federation – Robert Mills*

Mr. Mills gave the report for the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation.

*Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – Christine Watlington Jones*

Ms. Watlington Jones gave the report for the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**ADJOURN**

**BOARD ACTION**

As there was no further business, Mr. Mills moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Wilson seconded, and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.