

Catoctin Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2018 (4:30 - 6:00 PM)

Committee Members, Eleanor Adams, Bruce Johnson, Patti Psaris, Carol Matheny, Joan Linhardt, David Ward (Present); David Nelson (Absent).

Guest: Phil Daley (Goose Creek SRAC)

Location: Lovettsville Library, 12 North Light Street, Lovettsville, VA 20180

Call to order: 4:35 PM

Review Minutes: Motion to accept the June draft minutes – Johnson; Second – Psaris; Vote – Unanimous.

Development Projects:

Pinnacle Ridge: Two wells were drilled to 400 and 600 ft.

Bald Hill Winery: Land clearing activity continues.

Envision Loudoun: Loudoun County approved \$150,000 to “pay the up-front cost of putting land under conservation easements, a cost that runs into the tens of thousands of dollars between appraisals, financial and legal services.” The funds could be used to cover up to 50 percent or \$15,000—whichever is less—of the costs for a landowner putting property into a conservation easement.

Catoctin Conservation Fund: There will be a fundraising event in September with the goal of increasing the current \$30,000 to \$60,000.

State Scenic River Program: At the Board of Conservation and Recreation meeting in June, DCR staff presented material: (1) with the goal to re-establish Scenic River Advisory Board, (2) requesting a budget for scenic river road signage.

Announcements:

- Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, will hold a Technical Advisory Committee meeting for the North Fork Catoctin Creek TMDL on August 16.
- Loudoun County Government is working on a watershed management plan for Western Hills which comprises South Fork Catoctin and North Fork Goose Creeks.

Next meeting: September 10, 2018.

Adjourn: 5:35 PM (Motion - Johnson; Second - Psaris)