

PROGRAMMATIC SUBCOMMITTEE
Virginia Farm Bureau
13438 James Madison Highway Orange, Virginia 22960
December 17, 2018 12:30pm

TIME AND PLACE

The Programmatic Subcommittee meeting was held on Monday, December 17, 2018 beginning at 12:30 pm at the Virginia Farm Bureau Office in Orange, Virginia.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members Present

Darryl Glover, DCR
Martha Moore, Virginia Farm Bureau
Dana Gochenour, Lord Fairfax SWCD
Joe Wood, Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Willie Woode, Northern Virginia SWCD
Greg Wichelns, Culpeper SWCD
Kyle Shreve, Virginia Agribusiness Council
Carrie Swanson, Virginia Cooperative Extension
Anne Coates, Thomas Jefferson SWCD
Charles Newton, Shenandoah Valley SWCD
Brandon Dillistin, Northern Neck SWCD
Keith Horsley, Tidewater SWCD
Steven Meeks, Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Jay Yankey, Prince William SWCD
Kris Jarvis, John Marshall SWCD
Ricky Rash, Piedmont SWCD
Sharon Conner, Hanover-Caroline SWCD

Voting Members not Present

Kendall Tyree, Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Joseph Stepp, Hanover-Caroline SWCD
Adrienne Kotula, Chesapeake Bay Commission

Non-Voting Members Present

Christine Watlington, DCR
Denney Turner, DCR
Debbie Cross, DCR
Roland Owens, DCR

WELCOME

A quorum was established with 17 voting members present. Mr. Glover welcomed the participants and briefly reviewed the updated matrix that was sent to everyone. There were two additional recommendations that were referred from the Cover Crop Subcommittee, 1C and 30C.

FUTURE MEETING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS

This is the last Programmatic Subcommittee prior to the final Ag BMP TAC Meeting on January 8, 2019 from 9:30 am. – 3:00 p.m. at:

Central High School Cultural and Educational Center

2748 Dogtown Rd.
Goochland, VA 23063.

The TAC will reconvene its 2019 series of meetings in late June or early July of 2019.

SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIONS

The committee finished reviewing the list of recommendations that were provided, as well as the newly referred recommendations.

- **#53P Feeding Mixing Equipment Tax Credit Program**
 - DCR will provide recommendations related to all the tax credit suggestions and will discuss with partners and other stakeholders.
- **#66P Remove Waste Management Practices from Priority List**
 - Jay Yankey motioned to table, seconded by Martha Moore
 - Vote (17Y,0N)
- **#67P Establish Regional Estimates of Nutrient Removal**
 - Ricky Rash motioned to table, seconded by Greg Wichelns
 - Vote (16Y, 1N)
- **#68P Establish a System to Annually Summarize District Performance on Cost-Efficiency**
 - Joe Wood motioned to combine with 69P and amend, seconded by Steven Meeks.
 - Amendment: Explore other factors beyond pollutant loading rates in future funding distributions to the Districts.
 - Vote (15Y, 1N, 1A)
- **#70P Standard Cost Estimates for Materials and Practice Payments**
 - Greg Wichelns motioned to table, seconded by Steven Meeks
 - Vote (16Y, 1N)
- **#71P WQ-12 Should be Eligible as a Carry-Over Practice**
 - DCR recommendation: allow 18 months for the implementation of eligible practices
 - Programmatic subcommittee recommends advancing
 - Vote (17Y, 0N)
- **#72P Self-Certification Eligibility Language into Part I**
 - Steven Meeks motioned to advance, seconded by Jay Yankey
 - Vote (17Y,0N)
- **#1C Increase Cost-Share Rate and Incentives to Encourage Long Term Conversions**
 - Greg Wichelns motioned to advance as amended
 - SL-1: Keep the cost-share rate at 75%
 - Raise the incentive payment (one-time payment) to \$100/ac for 10 year lifespan
 - Raise the incentive payment (one-time payment) to \$150/ac for 15 year lifespan
 - Excludes recommendation of 20 and 30 year life span
 - FR-1: voted on by full TAC at 12/14/18 meeting
- **#30C "Land Retirement to Open Space" Category to Require Higher Incentives**
 - Recommendation withdrawn by District that submitted
- **#13P Consider Removing All Practice and Participant Caps**
 - The Programmatic Subcommittee held an extensive discussion on the removal of practice and participant caps
 - Combined with recommendations 14P and 15P
 - Carrie Swanson motioned that state will set generous practice caps for all BMPs, seconded by Charlie Newton.
 - Voted (7Y, 9N), motion fails

- Martha Moore motioned to remove caps on certain practices as a pilot for a year (WP-4s, S1-6) to approve or disapprove barrier issue, seconded by Keith Horsley
 - Motion withdrawn by Martha Moore
- Joe Wood motioned to require all Districts to set practice caps in secondary considerations; need variance procedure and guidance provided by DCR, seconded by Ricky Rash
 - Vote (3Y, 13N), motion fails
- The Programmatic Subcommittee recommends advancing the removal of all participant caps (include recommendations 13P, 14P, and 15P).
- The full Ag BMP TAC will be informed that the Programmatic Subcommittee could not agree on the removal of practice caps.