

Program Year 2023 Agricultural BMP TAC
Animal Waste Subcommittee
9-9-21 Meeting Agenda
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Virginia Department of Forestry, 1st floor Training Room
900 Natural Resources Drive
Charlottesville

Attendance:

Voting members

Amanda Pennington, Chair, DCR
Jay Yankey, Prince William SWCD
Kevin Dunn, Peter Francisco SWCD
Allen Jackson, Blue Ridge SWCD
Eric Paulson, VA Dairymen's Association
Megen Dalton, Shenandoah Valley SWCD
Phil Davis, DEQ
Rachel Winter, Headwaters SWCD
Darrell Marshall, VDACS
Sam Truban, Lord Fairfax SWCD
Ben Chester, DCR-Steve Escobar, Virginia Horse Council-Proxy

Non Voting Members

Cynthia Martel, Blue Ridge SWCD

- Matrix Item 5A- Eliminate the WP-6 Agricultural Chemical and Fertilizer Handling Facility from the VACS Program as it is one of the few specifications that truly does not address an existing resource concern.
 - Darrell-talked to office of pesticide services about requirements for folks mixing chemicals. Requirements are on the label for an individual farmer.
 - Amanda-practice has no water quality benefit, no bay credit, and it is not being applied properly.
 - Ben-how do you qualify it when we go out and cannot see the recourse concern?
 - Allen-what if we shifted this to be a tax credit only?
 - Megen-Is there a way we could modify the practice to only qualify if there is a resource concern?
 - Phil-spoke with the DEQ finance team. Want to keep it as either a cost share or tax credit practice so it is eligible for DEQ loan.
 - Kevin-There appears to be some practices in the tax credit only section that do not solve a resource concern. Why not include this one as well.
 - Ben-suggest only doing it if they have documented spills that they have reported.

- Cynthia-farmers do not report their spills as they should, after so many they lose their license.
 - Megen-Move it to tax credit now, come back and reword it that they have to consider relocating where they are mixing. Include language that defines the water quality concern, for example that it has to be within 300' of a stream, spring, sensitive feature, etc.
 - **Vote-move practice to tax credit.**
 - **10 votes in favor, one nay (Amanda). Vote passed.**
 - Add language that they have to relocate the mixing area, only qualify if they are within 300' of a stream, spring, sensitive feature, etc (use language from Risk Assessment). Amanda will bring language to Oct 4th meeting.
- Matrix Item 4A-Amend the language in WP-4B, in regards to waste storage, to be consistent with WP-4LL.
 - Revisions made, refer to track changes document.
 - **Vote-unanimous in favor, 10 votes (note Sam was not present for vote)**
- Matrix Item 1A-Create CCI practices for animal waste.
 - Subcommittee spent remainder of meeting drafting CCI specification. Discussion centered around payments and structure of specifications.