**The Colonial Soil & Water Conservation District**

**Agriculture Programs Committee Meeting**

**October 27, 2020 – 4:30 PM**

**Meeting held electronically via Zoom platform**

**AGENDA (35 min)**

**Roster:** Wayne Davis, Chair, Charles Carter, Fred Browning, George Clark

**Call to Order**

**Attendance:**

**Unfinished Business:**

**None**

**New Business:**

1. **Program Year 2021 Virginia Agricultural Cost Share Application Instances** – The CSWCD received over $800,000 in requests from area farmers and landowners for the VACS program. These requests exceed the District’s $498,369.00 funding allocation available for the program year. Staff have already requested additional cost-share and technical assistance funds, if they become available, from DCR, to assist with funding those Best Management Practices (BMP) instances for which there is currently not enough funding.

The bulk of funding requests are for cover crop BMP’s and one large shoreline stabilization practice. The nature of working with farming operations and the unpredictability in weather make it typical for BMP instances to be revised and/or cancelled throughout the program year. In all likelihood, instances for which there is not enough funding now may end up receiving funding by the end of the program year. Therefore, all application instances, as presented in the ranked list, are seeking a recommendation to the Board of Directors for approval (30 min)

* + **Recommend the Board of Directors approve the PY2020 VACS application instances as presented in the ranked list.**

**Open comments** – (5 min)

**Adjourn**