**The Colonial Soil & Water Conservation District**

**Agriculture Programs Committee Meeting**

**March 23, 2021 – 4:30 PM**

**Meeting held electronically via Zoom platform**

**AGENDA (55 min)**

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

**Call to Order**

**Motion to Authorize an Electronic Meeting**

**Suggested Motion:** Move to authorize the Colonial Soil and Water Conservation District’s electronic meeting, as allowed during the state of emergency in Virginia, to provide for the safety of participants and to curtail the spread of the virus causing COVID-19.

**Attendance**

**Unfinished Business:**

1. **December 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes** – Review for approval (1 min)

**New Business:**

1. **Virginia Agricultural Cost Share Application Instances** (15 min) – The District held a spring sign-up period for cost share applications from January 27– March 12,2021. Application instances were ranked in accordance with the DCR’s Primary Considerations and the District’s Secondary Considerations. Applications were received in a total of $43,759.46 and are seeking committee recommendation for Board approval. Updates will be provided concerning the SE-2 Shoreline Stabilization practice currently ongoing in collaboration with District partners. Two additional SE-2 applications were received during the spring sign-up period. Due to a lack of input from partners on design process and timeline, staff will recommend delaying approval of these practices until the necessary input is received.
	* **Recommend the Board of Directors approve the PY2021 VACS application instances as presented in the ranked list, totaling $43,759.46.**
2. **Review of Conservation Plan for James City County Tax Parcel PINs 1140100009 and 1140100010** (12 min) – Landowner seeking a revision to a conservation plan approved May 26, 2020 to increase the footprint of an existing farm by clearing approximately 6.6 acres of understory and invasive tree species that have encroached into the agricultural field over time.
	* **Conservation Plan for James City County Tax Parcel PINs 1140100009 and 1140100010** **seeking recommendation for approval to the Board of Directors**
3. **Review of Conservation Plan for James City County Tax Parcel PIN # 3030100021D** (12 min) – Landowner seeking approval to establish a small working farmette, including approximately 2 acres intended for fruit and vegetable production and accompanying infrastructure. This development will require removing many of the trees on the parcel to make room for crops.
	* **Conservation Plan for James City County Tax Parcel PIN # 3030100021D** **seeking recommendation for approval to the Board of Directors**
4. **Review of Conservation Plan for New Kent County Tax Parcel 25-5-15** (12 min) – Landowner seeks approval for conversion of approximately 1 acre of forested land to horse pasture. This parcel contains lands identified by the New Kent County Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act ordinance as Resource Management Areas (RMA) and Resource Protection Area (RPA) and this Conservation Plan has been required by New Kent County for the purpose of compliance with said ordinance.
	* **Conservation Plan for New Kent County Tax Parcel 25-5-15** **seeking recommendation for approval to the Board of Directors**

**Open comments** – (3 min)

**Adjourn**