

Chesapeake Bay Committee Minutes

April 28, 2025

Meeting Time: 1:35 pm – 2:30 pm

Meeting Location: USDA Service Center Conference Room

Committee Members Present: Keith Sheets, Charles Newton, Kevin Craun, James Burke

Committee Members Absent:

District Staff Present: Elizabeth Dellinger, Josh Walker, Hunter Arehart, Megen Dalton, Jack Carlton; Megan Trice; Shelby Foosness

Visitors: Tad Williams

Committee members reviewed the March 31, 2025 Committee Meeting Minutes. **Kevin Craun moved to approve the minutes. Charles Newton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

Kevin Craun moved to approve the following Conservation Plans. Keith Sheets seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

<i>Conservation Plan #</i>
PB-09-25-0285
PB-09-25-0015
CP-9-24-0055

Keith Sheets moved to approve the following Agricultural BMP Contracts. Charles Newton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

<i>Contract #</i>	<i>Practice</i>	<i>Estimated Cost</i>	<i>Cost Share</i>	<i>Cost Share Buffer</i>	<i>Staff</i>
Contract # 09-25-0342, Instance # 656894, 656895	NM-6	\$6,061.50	\$3,636.90	N/A	SNDF
Contract # 09-25-0285, Instance # 585473	FR-1	\$5,799.77	\$3,203.35	N/A	EFD
Contract # 09-25-0015, Instance # 591027	SL-6W	\$80,045.63	\$30,898.11	\$7,276.88	EFD
Contract # 09-24-0321, Instance # 588709	WP-4	\$106,898.68	\$6,213.00	\$621.30	EFD
Contract # 09-24-0321, Instance # 588710	WP-4	\$50,356.63	\$2,537.00	\$253.70	EFD
Contract # 09-25-0341, Instance # 655624	SL-1	\$5,268.25	\$5,572.19	N/A	JC
Contract # 09-25-0340, Instance # 655992	CCI-FRB-1	\$1,720.00	\$1,720.00	N/A	JC
Contract # 09-25-0340, Instance # 656773	CCI-HRB-1	\$240.50	\$240.50	N/A	JC
Contract # 09-25-0340, Instance # 655990	CCI-SL-6W	\$10,433.75	\$10,433.75	N/A	JC
Contract # 09-25-0322, Instance # 651197	CCI-WP-4	\$8,564.00	\$8,564.00	N/A	JC
Contract # 09-25-0322, Instance # 651757	CCI-WP-4C	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	N/A	JC

Kevin Craun moved to approve the following Ag BMP Tax Credits. Keith Sheets seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

<i>Contract #</i>	<i>Practice</i>	<i>Tax Credit</i>	<i>Staff</i>
Contract # 09-24-0243, Instance # 584672	SL-1	\$76.36	EFD
Contract # 09-24-0207, Instance # 583405	WP-4	\$1,935.75	EFD
Contract # 09-24-0207, Instance # 584692	WP-4C	\$289.25	EFD

Keith Sheets moved to approve the following project cancellations. Kevin Craun seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

<i>Contract #</i>	<i>Practice</i>	<i>Cost Share</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Staff</i>
Contract # 09-24-0062, Instance # 527898	SL-6W	\$8,326.16	VACS	EFD

Elizabeth Dellinger asked the Committee if they would like staff to continue bringing stream exclusion projects that had less than three pastures to the Committee for discussion prior to approval. The Committee agreed this was no longer necessary because rotational grazing was not a required component of the practice.

Josh Walker updated the Committee advising that he had reached out to DCR engineering staff about the well for the piggyback project discussed at the previous meeting and was informed by Ben Chester that we cannot require a participant to use their current well if they are having issues with their current well. He noted that because of this guidance from DCR we could include a new well as an eligible component of the project.

Submitted for Approval:

Approved:


Elizabeth Dellinger, Conservation Specialist


James Burke, Committee Chairman