



# Shenandoah County

## Conservation Easement Authority

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### MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2015; 9:00 AM

Board Conference Room

CEA Members present: Chairperson Kelly Watkinson, Co-Chairperson Dee Hockman, Leon Smith, Doug French, Supervisor Steve Baker, and Cindy Dellinger

Others Present: Jed Rau, Brandon Davis, and Crystal Copenhaver

#### Call to Order

The meeting was brought to order by Chairperson Watkinson at 9:00 a.m.

#### Approve Prior Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the CEA meeting on February 4, 2015 were approved as amended.

#### Update on Upcoming Pleasantdale Easement Stewardship Visit

Chairperson Watkinson attended the stewardship visit on February 24<sup>th</sup> along with Abby Kennedy, Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF), Wade Hawkins, landowner, and with National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) conservationist Brent Barribeau. The site visit determined the terms of the agreement are being met. The homeowner discussed plans of building a new silo in the spring. Mr. Hawkins also stated he had some issues with neighbors trying to encroach on their property. VOF requested we put together a report for the file. Mr. Davis stated the stewardship is the responsibility of VOF, not the County, however the agreement does give us (the County) authority to enforce the easement agreement. Chairperson Watkinson requested a copy of this in writing to forward onto Abby Kennedy, VOF.

#### Review CEA Goal-Setting Conclusions for 2015

Chairperson Watkinson stated that with the assistance of Mr. Felling, they previously put together some objectives and the group (CEA) assigned tasks for the objectives. A lengthy discussion ensued about goals, a strategic plan, and education. Mr. Davis stated he would check into some resources from Economic Development as a model (the proposal to identify strategic process).

#### Update on the County Planner Hiring Process

Mr. Davis stated they were unable to fill the Planner position. The County will re-advertise the position and are hopeful to hire a new Planner mid to late May.

#### Other Business

The next CEA meeting is scheduled for May 6th. *Meeting Adjourned.*

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