

**County of Prince Edward  
Board of Supervisors  
Agenda Summary**

**Meeting Date:** January 13, 2015  
**Item No.:** 20  
**Department:** County Administrator  
**Staff Contact:** W. W. Bartlett  
**Issue:** Dissolution of Old Dominion RC&D Council

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**Summary:** The Board of the Old Dominion Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. met on October 20, 2014 and voted unanimously to recommend dissolution of the Council. The sponsoring organizations met on December 15, 2014 and voted unanimously to concur with the recommendation to begin the process of dissolving the Council. The sponsoring entities consists of Amelia, Brunswick, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Halifax, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nottoway and Prince Edward Counties and the Halifax, Lake Country, Peter Francisco, Piedmont and Southside Soil & Water Conservations Districts and two planning districts - Commonwealth Regional Council and Southside Planning District. There are eight RC&D Councils covering about two-thirds of the Commonwealth.

The Council was authorized in February 1991 and has participated in 185 projects. Its mission - *“To initiate and coordinate resource development and conservation programs that enhance the social, economic and environmental quality of the region.”* The Primary areas of interest for the Council are the environment, Recreation, Education, Tourism, Energy & Land Conservation and Community Development. The first project the Council oversaw was a dry hydrant project, more recently it developed the Civil Rights in Education Heritage Trail. Currently its only active project is the Buy Fresh Buy Local program.

Federal funds were the primary funding source. Since 2010 the Federal Government has not provided funding for this program. The members have attempted to continue the Council but with funding constraints this has proved difficult. Several sponsors have already ceased providing funds to the Council. Per Article X of the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws each sponsoring organization is required to vote to affirm or deny the dissolution. Attached is the proposed Resolution of Dissolution.

**Attachments:** Proposed Dissolution Resolution

**Recommendations:** Approve the Dissolution Resolution and authorize the Chairman to execute all documents related to the dissolution of the Old Dominion RC&D on behalf of the County.

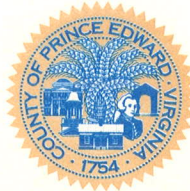
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COUNTY OF PRINCE EDWARD, VIRGINIA

**A RESOLUTION OF  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PRINCE EDWARD, VIRGINIA  
FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE OLD DOMINION RC&D COUNCIL, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the Resource, Conservation and Development (RC&D) Program was established in 1964 by the Food and Agricultural Act of 1962; and

**WHEREAS**, the RC&D program was re-authorized by the Food and Agricultural Act of 1981 empowering the United States Department of Agriculture to provide technical and financial assistance to state and local units of government and nonprofit organizations in rural areas, which need help in conserving natural resources and solving local problems; and

**WHEREAS**, the focus on local direction and control has made the RC&D Program one of the Federal government's most successful rural development programs, with RC&D Councils able to leverage approximately \$7 for every Federal dollar invested in the program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Old Dominion RC&D became an authorized council area in February 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, the sponsoring entities for the Old Dominion RC&D Council are the Counties of Amelia, Brunswick, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Halifax, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nottoway, and Prince Edward, and the Halifax, Lake Country, Peter Francisco, Piedmont, and Southside Soil & Water Conservation Districts; and

**WHEREAS**, Old Dominion RC&D's Council became incorporated in June 1991 and received its 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation status in 1992; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Old Dominion RC&D Council has been to initiate and coordinate resource development and conservation programs that enhance to social, economic, and environmental quality of the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has participated in over 185 projects working cooperatively within the region to improve the quality of life of its citizenry; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Government has not funded nor provided technical and financial assistance to state, local government units or nonprofit organizations in rural areas since 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the Old Dominion RC&D's current local funding without federal funding cannot financially support a Coordinator position and other paid staff to provide grant writing, marketing and project management services without imposing a burden on the localities; and

**WHEREAS**, at its October 20, 2014 meeting, the Old Dominion RC&D Council voted unanimously to recommend dissolution of the organization and proceed in accordance with Article X of Old Dominion RC&D's Articles of Incorporation and By-laws at the December 2014 regular meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, a majority ballot vote cast by the sponsoring organizations at the December 2014 Old Dominion RC&D Council meeting concurs with the recommendation to proceed with the dissolution of the Old Dominion Resource, Conservation and Development Council, Inc.;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Article X-Dissolution of the Organization of Old Dominion RC&D's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws states "following the receipt of two-thirds vote of the Old Dominion RC&D voting members, a resolution shall be prepared and mailed to the governing board of each sponsor organization" for an official vote of affirmation from each of the sponsoring government bodies; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince Edward, Virginia supports the decision of the Old Dominion Resource, Conservation and Development Council, Inc. to proceed with the dissolution of the organization.

Certification

*I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince Edward, Virginia, at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of \_\_\_ in favor and \_\_\_ opposed, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.*

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Howard F. Simpson, Chairman

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W.W. Bartlett, County Administrator