



County of Prince Edward
Board of Supervisors
Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: September 14, 2010
Item No.: 20
Department: County Administration
Staff Contact: Sarah Elam Puckett
Issue: Appointments: Old Dominion Resource Conservation & Development

Summary: Attached for your consideration is a letter from the Chairman of the Old Dominion Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council regarding the appointment of a representative from Prince Edward County. Currently, Mrs. Mildred B. Hampton is the Council Member representing Prince Edward County, and Sarah Elam Puckett is the Alternate. Both terms expire on October 1, 2010.

Mrs. Hampton has served as the County's representative on the RC&D for at least the past eight years and has previously served as the Council's Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman. She is currently Chair-elect.

As you know, the mission of the RC&D is to initiate and coordinate resource development and conservation programs that enhance the social, economic and environmental quality of the region. Projects in which the RC&D has been involved include: Civil Rights in Education Heritage Trail, Lee's Retreat, Environmental Field Schools, Farm Safety Programs, and Rails to Trails.

It has been the policy of the Board to advertise all citizen appointment positions to the various boards, commissions, etc., even when an incumbent is interested in re-appointment. The Board may or may not wish to advertise the alternate position, as he/she only attends the meetings in the absence of the member. Historically, a member of staff has filled the alternate position, but the position may be filled by a citizen-at-large.

I have spoken with Dave Roberts and let him know that the County will likely not meet the requested appointment deadline. He indicated that was not a problem, as the current member can continue to serve until the Board acts on the appointment.

Attachments: Letter from Old Dominion RC&D

Recommendation: Authorize advertising.
(Do you wish to advertise the alternate position?)

Motion _____
Second _____

Campbell _____
Jones _____
Wilck _____

Fore _____
McKay _____
Wiley _____

Gantt _____
Simpson _____



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September 8, 2010

Mr. William G. Fore, Jr., Chairman
Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors
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Farmville, VA 23901

Dear Mr. Fore:

Old Dominion RC&D Council has a system of council member rotations established in our by-laws. The council members are on staggered terms among the 17 sponsors to (re)appoint their representative and alternate every four years. This system insures continuity among our council and gives sponsors an opportunity to review their representation periodically.

This year, your board is asked to review your council member representative and alternate. The appointments you make will be from October 1, 2010, until September 30, 2014. Our records show that your council member representative is Mildred B. Hampton. Mrs. Hampton has attended 20 of 24 meetings held since her appointment. Our records also show that your alternate is Sarah Elam Puckett.

It is not a requirement of our council that the representative or alternate be a member of your board. When considering reappointment, we readily accept whomever you choose to represent the varying groups and interests of your constituents. All of our services are available without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status or physical handicap.

Council member representation is an important duty. Your representative and alternate are responsible for bringing your local issues to the RC&D Council. They are responsible for seeking technical and financial assistance from the Council as well as having a voice in the projects the Council chooses.

We would appreciate being notified of your selection prior to October 1, 2010. Our meetings are held on the third Monday at 10 AM during February, April, June, August, October, and December. We typically meet at the Heartland Business Park in Keysville, Virginia. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eugene Morris".

Eugene Morris
Chairman

Cc: Mildred B. Hampton
Sarah E. Puckett