

# LOUISA COUNTY CONSERVATION



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## Board Members

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## Louisa County Conservation Board - Regular Meeting Minutes

The Louisa County Conservation Board met in regular session on Monday, February 5, 2024; 3:00 pm at Louisa County Complex.

**Board Present:** Josh Hardin, Elizabeth Kling, Joellen Schantz, and Shawn Maine

**Staff Present:** Lana Artz-McComb, Noah Robb, and Jacob Ewart

**Public Present:** Jim Rudisill (press), Randy Schlutz

**Meeting Called to Order:** at 3:02 pm by Maine.

**Agenda Approval:** Hardin motioned to approve the agenda. Schantz second. Motion passed all ayes

**Audience Consideration:** none

**Consent Agenda:** Hardin motioned to approve. Kling second. Motion passed all ayes

**Interim Director update:** Met with Tom Wahl regarding the future plans for the pawpaw grove at Chinkapin Bluffs. The research project is complete. Artz-McComb will include information in the newsletter for those who are interested. Artz-McComb made contact with Jay Schweitzer regarding the FY25 request for Eden Trust. Mike Heller from Foth Infrastructure will be coming to the March meeting to discuss possible easements on the Honey Creek Mitigation project. Friday is the kickoff event for the Drake Capstone projects – Artz-McComb will attend to meet with the students who will be working on the management plan for Toolesboro. EE reports that all summer staff have been hired – Brelynn Randall and Griffin Schoonover. EE received \$1500 grant from the Schlutz Foundation to increase accessibility at Langwood for the camp for Visually Impaired youth.

**Maintenance Update:** Robb reports that Luke Perkins is returning as the 6 mo seasonal and Bryar Runnells will be one of the 3 mo seasonals. Still waiting to hear on the other candidate. The new pickup truck has been picked up from Mincer and will be getting the logos this week. Added to the report on the meeting with Tom Wahl – the fruit of the original trees are at the end of their palatable life and need to be refreshed with grafted genetics. Tom has offered to donate his expertise and genetic stock to help LCC invigorate the pawpaw grove so that hopefully they can be harvestable fruit trees for public enjoyment. Discussion of the plans for the accessibility improvements at the Virginia Grove pond – inquired if the Board would like LCC to hire out concrete work. Board said yes and then LCC will take care of the construction and fish habitat. Robb will reach out for bids (it is a very small area) and get that process started.

**Director Hiring Process – establish hiring committee:** Elizabeth Kling and Josh Hardin will be on the committee with Robb and/or Artz-McComb sitting in to assist with answering candidate questions. Elizabeth Kling will handle the communication aspect of the hiring committee. Position closes Feb 16.

**Chinkapin Bluffs Shelter Progress:** Geo is underway. Ewart checked on the progress today. Hardin says they expect to be done this week. The contractors set aside the wind vane and the original sign from the side of the shelter. Both are at the maintenance shop.

**FY25 Budget:** Maine indicates meetings this week to go over final numbers. LCCB will hold a special meeting before the March meeting if the budget needs to be changed.

General discussion held on trash issues at River Forks Access which led to general discussion of a plan for that boat landing (sand work, dirt work, trashcans, planting etc.)

**Next Regular Meeting:** Monday, March 4, 2024, at 3:00 pm at the Louisa County Complex and via Zoom.

**Adjournment:** Josh Hardin motioned to set the meeting and adjourn. Second by Kling. Motion passed unanimously.

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Chair

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Secretary/Treasurer

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Date Approved

*Chair – Maine      Vice-chair – Schantz  
Secretary/Treasurer – Kling*

\*Louisa County Bylaws regarding voting by the Chair/Acting Chair:  
*According to Article II, number 2.4 of the Louisa County Conservation Board Bylaws, “At all meetings that a full quorum is present, the board chair does not vote except to break a tie. In a three-member quorum, all persons present cast a vote.”*