

14. MISCELLANEOUS**A. GENERAL ENGINEERING PROPOSALS**

The committee reviewing general engineering proposals has met twice and developed a short-list for interviews. We received 12 proposals and the committee has scheduled interviews with 2 of them on September 4 and 3 others on September 6. They hope to have a recommendation for you at your September meeting.

B. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR PEANUT DOCUMENTARY

Attached for your reference, please find a copy of the letter you directed me to write last month in support of the grant application for a peanut documentary.

C. STREAMLINED AGRICULTURAL DISASTER DESIGNATION

Attached for your reference please find a copy of a recent news release from USDA regarding a streamlined disaster designation process. They will no longer require resolutions of request from the local governing bodies or the respective Governor's offices – this is expected to result in a 40% reduction in processing time for agricultural disaster designations.

D. NOTICES

Attached for your reference please find copies of various notices.

E. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Please find various items of incoming correspondence attached.

F. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Please find various items of outgoing correspondence attached.

G. ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Please find copies of various newspaper articles attached for your reference.



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Dear Southampton County Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the Blackwater Nottoway Riverkeeper Program (BNRP) and myself I want to whole-heartedly thank you for your generous funding for the BNRP. The BNRP works very hard to protect the Blackwater and Nottoway watershed. But more than that we strive to educate our citizens and children how to protect our valuable natural resources and why we should do that. This funding will certainly help in that endeavor and all our other programs such as water testing, river patrols and public education etc. Our Eco-Cruise Program is as popular as ever and this year has started very busy also even though the heat this summer has forced some cancellations. Hopefully this terrible heat will not continue! Eco-Cruise has afforded many the opportunities to see first hand what a great natural resource we have in our rivers. Hopefully we can instill a sense of ownership and admiration of our rivers in both our youth and adult citizens and promote a desire to help protect our valuable waterways.

Thank you again for your support in funding our programs again in these tough times.

P.S. I think the Board should do a Fall Eco-Cruise this year. I think it would be a great opportunity for ya'll to get a look at the river the way I do...kinda!

Sincerely,

Jeff Turner
BNRP Riverkeeper



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August 2, 2012

Mr. Michael Johnson, Administrator
Southampton County
P.O. Box 400
Courtland, VA 23837

RE: Grant to Southeast 4-H Educational Center – Thank you

Dear Mike:

I would like to acknowledge the receipt of \$3,700.00 that came to the 4-H Center recently. I truly believe that Airfield is a valuable resource focused on helping the children in Southampton County to grow in responsibility and leadership.

The support of the Center by Southampton County is important because it allows to Center to continue to provide quality services and facilities to the youth and citizens of Southampton County. I would like to invite you and any of the Supervisors to visit the Center so I can give you a tour and update you on the programs we offer. We look forward to hosting your next event.

We appreciate the continued support that the Board and you have provided to the Center.

Sincerely,



Douglas A. Chesson
Director

cc: Mac Cofer, Airfield Pres.



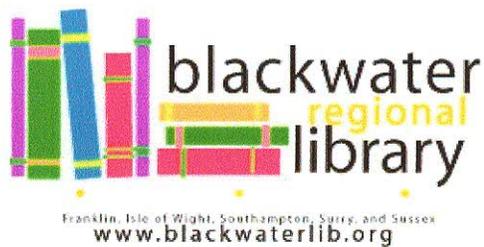
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Mr. Michael W. Johnson
Southampton County Administrator
P.O. Box 400
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July 30, 2012

Dear Mike,

In order to respond to the loss of \$7,027.00 in Southampton County's share of the Blackwater Regional Library's budget, the Courtland branch will be open from 12-5 on Thursday rather than 9-5, as it had been.

Courtland desk staff kept a tally of usage in the branch for an extended period of time and found that Thursday and Saturday mornings were typically the least busy times in the branch. Because Saturdays are unique in that people who work during the week may only be able to use the library on the weekend, we wanted to protect that time, so chose Thursday morning to close.

One of Courtland's desk staff has left us to return to school, and another part time position was vacant, so we were very happy that we did not have to lay off any staff to accomplish this. We did reduce the hours of a current part time employee.

Courtland branch's schedule now is:

Monday – closed; Tuesday 9-5; Wednesday 9-8; Thursday 12-5; Friday 9-5; Saturday 9-12

Please let me know if you would like further information about any of this.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Hilliard-Bradley
Director
Blackwater Regional Library

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