

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 8, 2024

ATTENDEES:

- DIRECTORS:** Vince Garland, Frank Johnson, Trent Jones, Robert Pickett, Bobby Vanlandingham, Lewis Walker, Richard Wilkins
- STAFF:** Kathy Clarke, Brandon Dillistin, Joanna Balderson, Lowery Becker
- PARTNERS:** Marissa Roland (DCR), Jennifer Sagan (FOR)
- GUESTS:** Taylor Mitchell, Walker Andrews

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Robert Pickett opened the meeting at 6:30PM.

SPECIAL GUEST:

Lowery Becker introduced Taylor Mitchell, the 2024 recipient of the NNSWCD's James Edward Minor Scholarship, who thanked the Board for their support.

MINUTES:

The Minutes from the April 10, 2024, Board Meeting were presented for review. *Richard Wilkins moved to accept the Minutes as presented. Trent Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Reports for April 2024 were accepted as presented and filed for audit.

BUSINESS:

1. May 2024 VCAP Round 5 Application Approvals (see attached):

- a. Sarah Kish (Northumberland County) VCAP Contract #08-24-010, Living Shoreline,**

Total estimated cost: \$43,589.32

Total estimated cost-share: \$30,000.00

The Board was surveyed to identify any known conflict of interest, none were voiced.

Richard Wilkins moved to approve the submission of VCAP Contract #08-24-010 to the VASWCD VCAP Review Committee for further consideration. Bobby Vanlandingham seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. 2024 Northern Neck Farm Tour (see attached)

Kathy Clarke shared a copy of the itinerary and registration form for the 2024 Northern Neck Farm. She noted that the NNSWCD is an annual sponsor of the event organized by Sam Johnson. This year, the group will travel to Winston-Salem, NC over July 22nd – 25th. Anyone interested in participating was instructed to contact Sam Johnson directly.

3. Appointed Extension Agent Director Appointment: January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2028

Kathy Clarke shared an email from DCR regarding the Extension Agent Director position. All Extension Agent appointments will expire as of December 31, 2024. Districts are asked to make a nomination (re-

appointment or new) and submit the official forms by October 15th. The Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board will make the new appointments at their December 2024 meeting.

Trent Jones shared that he had been in conversation with Stephanie Romelczyk, Westmoreland Ag Agent, regarding them rotating terms on the NNSWCD Board as that had been the tradition among previous Northern Neck Extension Agents. Stephanie has agreed to assume the role effective January 1, 2025. ***Vince Garland moved to nominate Stephanie Romelczyk for the NNSWCD Extension Agent Director position effective January 1, 2025. Bobby Vanlandingham seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AG COMMITTEE - Brandon Dillistin noted that the Committee is scheduled to meet on June 24th at 8:00AM.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Kathy Clarke noted that the Committee is scheduled to meet on June 24th at 9:00AM.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Kathy Clarke noted that the Committee is scheduled to meet on June 12th at 10:00AM.

PARTNER AGENCY & STAFF REPORTS:

DCR – Marissa Roland – see attached report.

NRCS – Lucee Kossler – see attached report.

FOR – Jennifer Sagan – see attached report.

VCE – Trent Jones – see attached report.

STAFF – Kathy Clarke – see attached report.

STAFF – Brandon Dillistin – see attached report.

STAFF – Joanna Balderson – see attached report.

STAFF – Lowery Becker – see attached report.

STAFF – Kelly Brann – see attached report.

STAFF – Aaron Saunders – see attached report.

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Community Notes

Frank Johnson mentioned that Northumberland High School has a new Ag teacher Frank Gasperini. Frank also reminded everyone that RCC will be having the annual Preakness Party May 18th at Shandy Hall.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 6PM in the NNSWCD Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT: ***Bobby Vanlandingham moved to adjourn the meeting. Richard Wilkins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*** The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.



Robert E. Pickett, Chairman



Date