

**HALIFAX SWCD
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 11, 2022
Ag Marketing Center, Scottsburg, VA**

Directors Present:

Bobby Hall, Chairman
Bruce Pearce
Scott Hudson
Adam Davis
Rebekah Slabach

Others Present:

Justin Smith, SWCD
Melissa Waller, SWCD
Reggie Arrington, NRCS
Denney Collins, DCR
Luke Hudson, SWCD

The August meeting of the Halifax SWCD Board of Directors was held on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at the Halifax Ag Marketing Center in Scottsburg, VA. The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Motion (BP-SH) to approve minutes for board of directors' meeting on July 8, 2022; motion carried.

Financial Report: J. Smith went over financial report. Approved

Old Business:

- Luke went over the E&S plans for the solar facility that is causing erosion concern. There wasn't much change in the curve numbers. Tommy English attended the meeting and expressed his concerns of sediment in the Staunton River. The next plan of action is for Luke and Justin to contact someone from DEQ and have them look over the plan and maybe go to the site. Once DEQ goes out it was recommended that a letter be send to the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator, Scott Simpson.
- Justin gave an update on the CD account. The board recommended rolling the money into the Money Market account and doing research at Carter Bank and Trust, Edward Jones, and maybe other places to see who has the best interest rates.

New Business:

- Motion (BP-RS) to approve the FY23 Average Cost List, motion carried.
- Motion (BP-SH) to approve tax credit - instance number 33-23-0007, 461600 at \$239.6; motion carried.
- Motion (SH-RS) to approve conservation plan 33-23-0001; motion carried.
- The 2022 Awards Banquet will be held November 10 at 6:00 pm. Melissa will do some research and pricing at different venues and will also come up with a guest list before the September meeting.
- Denney Collins went over the district's assessment from DCR. Halifax SWCD received all As, meeting or exceeding all requirements.

Education:

- Food Plot Contest – All food plots have been judged. The top 3 from each age division will be invited to the banquet.
- Farm to School – Melissa has contacted Lisa Long, she doesn't want to do the large event at the high school. She suggested contacting the schools individually.
- Ag Breakfast – It was recommended to have these meetings in the evenings. The partner agencies will meet before the next meeting.

Agency Reports:

CDC – Collins: Report Attached

VCE-Slabach/Fisher: Report Attached.

NRCS-Arrington: Report Attached

SWCD-Smith/Hudson/Waller: Report Attached.

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.

The next meeting of the Halifax SWCD Board will be held September 8, 2022, at the Ag Marketing Center in Scottsburg, VA at 12:00 pm.

Approved:

Chairman: _____
Dr. Bobby Hall

Recording

Secretary: _____
Melissa M. Waller