

**HALIFAX SWCD
MINUTES OF MEETING
December 14, 2023
Ag Marketing Center, Scottsburg, VA**

Directors Present:

Blair Hall, Vice Chair
Bruce Pearce
Scott Hudson
Rebekah Slabach
Adam Davis

Others Present:

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

The December meeting of the Halifax SWCD Board of Directors was called to order at 12:17 pm on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at the Ag Marketing Center, Scottsburg, VA.

Approval of Minutes: Motion (SH-RS) to approve minutes for board of directors' meeting on November 9, 2023; motion carried.

Old Business:

- The Banquet held in November was discussed. Everyone felt it went well. It was suggested to possibly have it a little later (Maybe begin at 6:30).
- Annual Meeting, Rebekah went on Monday. D. Collins informed that there may possibly be double funding next year, and some EJAA issues.
- The Outreach Meeting has been scheduled for January 9th at Scottsburg Fire Department.

New Business:

- Motion (SH-AD) to approve E&S plans; McPeck Poultry \$138,766.50 and Dominion Energy Office Expansion \$27,438.75; motion carried.
- It was decided to sponsor one day of the VFGC conference at \$150 and to sponsor 3 people to attend.
- Motion (AD-SH) to delegate authority to Blair Hall to approve any additional tax credits that may come up before the end of the year, motion carried.
- Motion (RS-SH) to approve conservation plans 33-24-0008, 33-23-0026; motion carried
- Motion (SH-RS) to approve cost share contracts; motion carried.
Cost Share – 33-24-0037 Instance 58159, 581862, 581862, 581866, 57950-579764, 581879, 581882 \$69,431.94; 33-24-0039 Instance 579771-579773, 579783, 579784 \$8,776.96; 33-24-0042 Instance 582036, 582037 \$1,954.20; 33-24-0043 Instance 580900-580904, 582091-582094 \$45,584.16; 33-24-0047 Instance 582287 \$1,260.00; 33-24-0049 Instance 582428 \$3,193.60; 33-24-0050 Instance 582674, 582675, 582668, 582673 \$4,918.60; 33-24-0051 Instance 582737 \$132.00
- The board discussed 2024 scholarships. Since there has been a lack of qualified candidates in the last few years it was suggested that we open it and advertise that it is available for current college students.

A motion to go into Closed Meeting as provided for in the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711.(A)(1) to discuss matters related to personnel (AD-SH); motion carried.

A motion was made to reconvene into an open meeting (AD-SH); motion carried.

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3712.(D) a motion was made to certify that to the best of the Halifax Soil & Water Conservation District's Board of Directors knowledge only matters lawfully exempted and as identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened were heard or discussed by this Board during the Closed Meeting (Roll Call); motion carried.

The board wishes to give each employee a \$1,000 Christmas Bonus.

Education Programs:

- Lessons for SBES 1st Graders
- Home School Group Lessons next semester
- Ag Breakfast Series
- Outreach meeting January 9, 2024.

Agency Reports:

CDC – Collins: Report Attached
NRCS-Arrington: Report Attached
DOF – Hudson

VCE-Slabach/Fisher: Report Attached
SWCD-Smith/Hudson/Waller: Report Attached

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm

The next meeting of the Halifax SWCD Board will be held January 11, 2024, at the Ag Marketing Center in Scottsburg, VA.

Approved:

Vice Chair: _____

Blair Hall

Recording

Secretary: _____

Melissa Waller