HALIFAX SWCD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
April 9, 2025
Ag Marketing Center | Scottsburg, VA

Directors Present:	Others Present:	
Blair Hall, Director	Justin Smith	Wanda Gill
Spencer Irby, Ext. Appointed Director	Luke Hudson	Laura Hudson
Bruce Pearce, Director	Melissa Waller	Denney Collins
Steven Bowen, Associate Director		

CALL TO ORDER

The April meeting of the Halifax SWCD Board of Directors was called to order by Blair Hall, Vice Chair at 8:36 a.m. The meeting was held at the Ag Marketing Center in Scottsburg, VA.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made (B. Pearce-S. Irby) to approve the minutes with one correction, that Jason Fisher's name be added to the list of attendees from the March 19 meeting; motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report for March 2025 was presented by Justin Smith. A motion was made (S. Irby – B. Pearce) to approve the report; motion carried.

REVIEWED: Purchasing Policy, Credit Card Policy, and Expense Reimbursement Policy. No changes were made.

OLD BUSINESS

- A motion was made (S. Irby-B. Pearce) to change the meeting time of the Board meetings to 9:30 a.m.; motion carried.
- Scholarship Recipient – we have received three applications with only one applicant going into the ag/natural resources field. A motion was made (B. Pearce-S. Irby) to award all three applicants (Kayden Worley, Avarie Bowen, Ashlyn Barksdale) a scholarship; motion carried.
- Camp Woods and Wildlife Sponsorship-so far, no applications have been received for YCC. If no applications are received, then we would like to give awards to two children for Camp Woods and Wildlife. A motion was made (B. Pearce-S. Irby) to give awards to two children for Camp Woods and Wildlife; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- Drill Policies
    - No-till drill out-of-county rental – a motion was made (B. Pearce-S. Irby) to keep renting to only Halifax County residents; motion carried.
    - No-till drill rates – a motion was made (S. Irby-B. Pearce) to keep drill rates the same; motion carried.

- Office file cabinets – request made to purchase new lateral filing cabinets. Three price quotes will be obtained and reviewed at the next meeting.
- Failing watering system well repair approval for 33-23-0015. This incident falls under "an extreme act of nature." A motion was made (S. Irby-B. Pearce) to proceed with the repairs; motion carried.
    - Contract increase due to dry well and increased pipeline footage for 33-25-0001 for $9,440. A motion was made (B. Pearce-S. Irby) to increase the amount of the contract; motion carried.
    - Conservation Plan Approval: 33-25-0015. A motion was made (S. Irby-B. Pearce) to approve the plan; motion carried.
    - Cost Share Approval: 33-25-0024 | $43,362.75. A motion was made (B. Pearce-S. Irby) to approve; motion carried.

EDUCATION

- Area V Envirothon - April 30 at Gentry Farms
- VT Youth Conservation Camp – information has been sent out; no applications
- Camp Woods and Wildlife
- Halifax YCC – April 17 at Edmunds Park starting at 9 a.m.
- Outreach Meeting – April 17 at the Ag Marketing Center at 6 p.m.
- Wildlife Food Plot Contest – seed is available at the office

AGENCY REPORTS

- DCR – Denney Collins
- VCE – Spencer Irby
- DOF – Laura Hudson
- SWCD – Justin Smith/Luke Hudson/Melissa Waller

Schedule meeting for Justin Smith before July 1 for employee review. Meeting date to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made (S. Irby-B. Pearce) to adjourn the meeting at 10 a.m.; motion carried.

The next meeting of the Halifax SWCD Board will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at the Ag Marketing Center in Scottsburg, VA.

Approved Chair: Recording Secretary:

Blair Hall, Vice Chair **Wanda Gill**