HALIFAX SWCD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
March 19, 2025
Ag Marketing Center | Scottsburg, VA

Directors Present:	**Others Present:**	
Blair Hall, Director	Justin Smith	Peter Eales
Spencer Irby, Ext. Appointed Director	Luke Hudson	Elwood Vega-Rivera
Bruce Pearce, Director	Wanda Gill	Jason Fisher

CALL TO ORDER

The March meeting of the Halifax SWCD Board of Directors was called to order by Blair Hall, Vice Chair at 8:45 a.m. The meeting was held at the Ag Marketing Center in Scottsburg, VA.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion (B. Pearce – S. Irby) made to approve the minutes as presented from the Board of Directors' meeting on February 14, 2025; motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion (B. Pearce – S. Irby) made to approve the following E & S Plans:
  - ✓ Fire Training Facility Demolition | $6,250.50
  - ✓ Hitachi Softball Field Renovations | $14,539.50
  - ✓ South Boston Solid Waste Collection Center |$5,987.25
  - ✓ Sentara Hospital (plan revision) | $82,549.70
  - ✓ M.C. Day Borrow Site (plan revision) | $24,421.50
- Motion (S. Irby-B. Pearce) made to approve the following Conservation Plan:
  - ✓ 33-25-0016; motion carried
- Motion (B. Pearce – S. Irby) made to approve the following Cost Share Contract:
  - ✓ 33-25-0042 | $4,053.53; motion carried
- The matter of changing the monthly Board meeting time to 12 noon on the second Wednesday of the month was tabled.

EDUCATION

Justin Smith for Melissa Waller reviewed the education activities:

- Area V Envirothon Training will be held on March 20 at SVHEC, and the contest will be held on April 30 at the Gentry Farm.
- Scholarships: We have one application so far, and it is due to the state by the end of the month.

- The VT Youth Conservation Camp information has been sent out; however, no applications have been received thus far.
- Camp Woods and Wildlife information has been sent out.
- Halifax Youth Conservation Camp will be held on April 17 at Edmunds Park.
- We have ordered the seed and will soon begin advertising the Wildlife Food Plot Contest.

Agency reports were presented by:

- DCR – Justin Smith for Denney Collins
- VCE – Spencer Irby/Jason Fisher
- DOF – Peter Eales
- NRCS – Elwood Vega Rivera
- SWCD – Justin Smith/Luke Hudson/Wanda Gill

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (B. Pearce-S. Irby) was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m.; motion carried

Approved Chair: Recording Secretary:

Blair Hall, Vice Chair **Wanda Gill**