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**Clinch Valley Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
October 16th, 2018; USDA Service Center
REVISED: 12/11/18**

BOARD MEMBERS

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Mike Altizer, Director
Scott Jessee, Director
Bill Worrell, Associate Director
Kelly Gilmer, Associate Director
Linda Hubbard, Associate Director (Not Present)

STAFF

Andrew Gilmer, District Manager
Brandon Blevins, Conservation Specialist
Siobhan Nishida, Education Specialist

AGENCY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Wess Stanley, NRCS
Dr. Angela Ball, DCR

ATTENDANCE FROM THE PUBLIC

Jason Bush

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Vice Chairman Zac Ketron called the October 16th, 2018 Clinch Valley Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board of Directors meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Forage Harvester

Scott Jessee updated the Board regarding the VT Extension office forage research efforts. Mr. Jessee asked if Clinch Valley SWCD would support their efforts to pursue a grant to purchase a forage harvester to further forage studies in S.W. Virginia via a letter of support and matching funds. Zac Ketron made a motion to allow staff to compose the letter of support. The motion was seconded by Gary Breeding and the motion carried. Mike Altizer made a motion to provide \$5,000 in matching grant funds towards the purchase of the harvester. Zac Ketron seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Review Attachment E

The Board reviewed Clinch Valley SWCD's Attachment E.

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Review of VDACS Ag. Stewardship Act Policy

Discussion. The Board decided to keep the current policy as-is. A motion was made by Mike Altizer to continue with the current policy. The motion was seconded by Gary Breeding and the motion carried.

FSA Conservation Plan Approvals

Wess Stanley placed two conservation plans before the Board for approval. "Conservation Plan #7160" was submitted. Mike Altizer made a motion to approve the plan, seconded by Scott Jessee and the motion carried. "Conservation Plan #3520" was submitted for approval. Mike Altizer made a motion to approve the plan, seconded by Gary Breeding and the motion carried.

Cover Crop Practices EAN

Discussion. Mike Altizer made a motion to continue per the EAN recommendations of the VASWB regarding SL-8B Cover Crop Practices. The motion was properly seconded by Zac Ketron and the motion carried. Discussion. Mike Altizer made a motion to continue per the EAN recommendations of the VASWB regarding SL-8H Cover Crop Practices. The motion was properly seconded by Zac Ketron and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 AND OCTOBER 1, 2018 BOARD MEETING MINUTES: The *September 11, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes* and *October 1, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes* were presented for review and approval. A motion was made by Mike Altizer to approve both sets of *Board Meeting Minutes*. The motion was properly seconded by Gary Breeding and the motion carried.

REVIEW, RECEIVE AND FILE THE TREASURER'S REPORTS: *The Treasurer's Report as of August 31st 2018* was presented to the board for review. A motion was made by Mike Altizer to receive and file the *As of August 31st, 2018 Treasurer's Report*. The motion was properly seconded by Gary Breeding and the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Zac Ketron 2015 Project (CN 25-15-0022) Pressure System Upgrades

Mr. Ketron left the room Andrew reviewed with the Board issues regarding the project. Discussion. The Board approved \$426.81 to be taken from District Operation funds to allow for system upgrades of Mr. Ketron's project. A motion was made by Gary Breeding to fund the additional costs. The motion was properly seconded by Mike Altizer and the motion carried.

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Frieda Combs (CN 25-09-0020) and 3C Livestock (CN 25-14-0002) Updates

Andrew updated the Board regarding these two projects. Ms. Combs has been sent letters regarding her repayment back to the district. No payment has been received yet. 3C Livestock has reportedly made all necessary repairs and staff will return to site for inspection and report on the findings next meeting.

Annual Meeting/District Gift

Directors were asked if they could attend Annual Meeting and to let staff know ASAP so rooms could be reserved. Discussion regarding a "District Gift" for the silent auction. The Board suggested a "Local Gift Basket" to represent Russell County. Mike Altizer made a motion to allow \$150 to be spent towards the gift basket. The motion was properly seconded by Zac Ketron and the motion carried.

Poster Contest

Brandon updated the Board regarding the poster contest submissions. The Board decided to review the submissions during the Annual Banquet.

REPORTS FROM COOPERATING AGENCIES:

Conservation District Coordinator, Dr. Angela Ball:

Angie reviewed the November 2018 CDC Report with the Board, since she would not be able to attend the November meeting: See attachment A.

NRCs District Conservationist, Wess Stanley:

Wess informed the board of NRCS's of the new hire Cameron Clark and they are doing soils investigations for the feed barns. NRCS across the state obligated \$30.2 million in contracts, Area II obligated \$9.3 million, Lebanon obligated \$713,000 last year (all 4 counties). NRCS will take EQIP applications to October 19th, but only in certain fund pools.

CVSWCD District Manager, Andrew Gilmer:

Staff has been busy planning for the Annual Banquet and the large amount of money allocated with the DCR funding, DEQ funding and taking on the cover crop BMP. Discussion regarding Cover Crop practices.

CVSWCD Conservation Specialist, Brandon Blevins:

Brandon had nothing to report.

CVSWCD Education Specialist, Siobhan Nishida:

Siobhan wanted to get an estimate on who could attend Annual Meeting

Ag Extension, Scott Jessee:

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Scott had nothing to report.

VA Forestry, Bill Worrell:

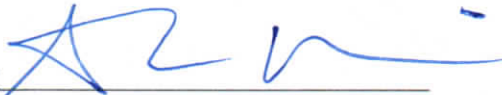
Fall Fire season is currently in effect.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

3rd Thursday of Every Month: NRCS In-Service Dates
Annual Meeting, December 2-4, Roanoke, VA

ADJOURN:

Zac Ketron made a motion to adjourn at 5:20 PM and the motion was properly seconded by Scott Jessee. The next Clinch Valley SWCD Board of Directors meeting was scheduled to take place on **November 13, 2018 at 12:30 PM** and be held at the Lebanon USDA Service Center.

X 
Adam Wilson
Chairman

Prepared By:

Brandon Blevins, CVSWCD Conservation Specialist