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**Clinch Valley Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
January 8th, 2019; USDA Service Center**

BOARD MEMBERS

Adam Wilson, Chair
Zac Ketron, Vice Chair
Gary Breeding, Treasurer
Scott Jessee, Director (not present)
Mike Altizer, Associate Director (not present)
Bill Worrell, Associate Director
Kelly Gilmer, Associate Director

STAFF

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

AGENCY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Wess Stanley, NRCS
Dr. Angela Ball, DCR
Greg Estoll, VADOF

ATTENDANCE FROM THE PUBLIC

Jason Bush

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Adam Wilson called the January 8th, 2019 Clinch Valley Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board of Directors meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 11, 2018 BOARD MEETING MINUTES: The *December 11, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes* were presented for review and approval. A motion was made by Zac Ketron to approve *December 11, 2018 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 November 30th, 2018* was presented to the board for review. A motion was made by Zac Ketron to receive and file the *Treasurer's Report as of November 30th, 2018*. The motion was properly seconded by Gary Breeding and the motion carried.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

VA Tax Credit

Brandon reported to board that all tax credits that were turned in have been processed and no additional tax credits were turned in since the last board meeting.

IRS Mileage Rate

Brandon reported that the IRS has increased the mileage rate to \$0.58 / mile.

Officer Elections

Officer slate presented as Adam Wilson as Chairman, Zac Ketron as Vice Chairman, Gary Breeding as Treasurer, Siobhan Nishida as Secretary and Andrew Gilmer as FOIA Officer and Records Retention Officer. Discussion. Gary Breeding made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. The motion was properly seconded by Zac Ketron and the motion carried.

Associate Director Signatory

Discussion. Zac Ketron made a motion to list Kelly Gilmer as an official bank signature authority and official check signature authority for Clinch Valley SWCD. The motion was properly seconded by Gary Breeding and the motion carried.

Committee Appointments

The board requested to table committee appointments until the February meeting.

TMDL Grant Project Fund Options

Andrew reported to the board on progress of the TMDL Grant projects. Angie suggested that staff get clarification from Stephanie Kreps at DEQ about the source of match funding and requested that staff obtain permission from the Agriculture Program Incentives Manager to use VACS funding as match for the grant.

Copper Creek TMDL Grant Conservation Plan Approval

Discussion. Zac Ketron made a motion to approve conservation plans CP-25-18-0013 and CP-25-19-0031 as presented. The motion was properly seconded by Gary Breeding and the motion carried.

Copper Creek TMDL Grant Project Approval

Discussion. Zac Ketron made a motion to approve the Copper Creek TMDL Grant Projects 25-19-0036 and 25-19-0037 as presented. The motion was properly seconded by Gary Breeding and the motion carried.

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REPORTS FROM COOPERATING AGENCIES:

Conservation District Coordinator, Dr. Angela Ball:

Angie reviewed the January 2019 CDC Report with the Board. See attachment A.

NRCs District Conservationist, Wess Stanley:

Wess updated the board on the discretionary funding from the last PY that allows the NRCS office to maintain hours during the federal government shutdown. It is unknown how long this funding will last.

CVSWCD District Manager, Andrew Gilmer:

Andrew updated the board to expect a few projects for the Copper Creek TMDL IP 319 Grant to be proposed every couple of months for board approval in order to completely obligate all of the money from the grant.

CVSWCD Conservation Specialist, Brandon Blevins:

Brandon reported that he has reviewed an erosion sediment control plan of a waterline extension on River Mountain Road. The plan is in the process of revision.

CVSWCD Education Specialist, Siobhan Nishida:

Siobhan updated the board on Envirothon Team at Honaker High School, 4 strong candidates for the team have come forward and they are looking for a 5th team member. Siobhan proposed sending the 4 students to the Tazewell training using the grant funding that was awarded for Envirothon with hopes that a 5th student will join in time for the competition. CRVI has invited the district to be a keynote speaker at the 2019 Youth Summit. The district will provide a ride to the Winter VA Forage and Grasslands Council meeting in Wytheville if any director is interested. Information for college scholarships and Youth Conservation Camp Scholarships is now available and will be advertised.

Extension Forestry, Bill Worrell:

Bill reported that he is planning a Woods and Wildlife event to be hosted in February and located in Roanoke. Extension had a calf sale on January 15th and was in the process of setting up computer chipped ear tags and readers.

VA Department of Forestry, Greg Estoll:

Greg reported that he is working getting people lined up for their spring planting projects and finishing up cost share deals. Greg will let the district know when and what types of trees will be available this year for the district tree give away. Greg presented the board and staff with 75th anniversary Smokey the Bear commemorative calendars.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

3rd Thursday of Every Month: NRCS In-Service Dates
Winter Forage Conference, January 15, 2018 – Wytheville, VA
Area IV Spring Meeting- March 19th, location TBA
Envirothon Training March 20th – Tazewell, VA
Envirothon Competition April 10, Wilderness Road State Park

ADJOURN:

Zac Ketron made a motion to adjourn at 2:00PM and the motion was properly seconded by Gary Breeding. The next Clinch Valley SWCD Board of Directors meeting was scheduled to take place on **February 12, 2019 at 12:30 PM** and be held at the Lebanon USDA Service Center.


X
Adam Wilson
Chairman

Prepared By:
Siobhan Nishida
CVSWCD Education Specialist, B.O.D. Secretary