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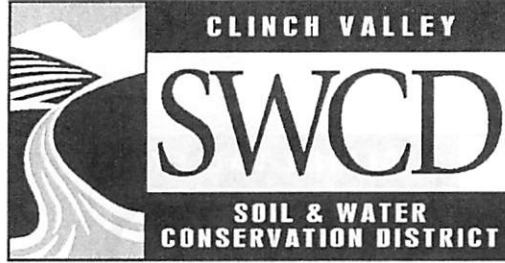
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**Clinch Valley Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes**

March 10, 2022; VT Russell County Extension Office Conference Room 12:30pm

BOARD MEMBERS

Zac Ketron, Chair
Kelly Gilmer, Vice Chair
Jason Bush, Treasurer
Scott Jessee, VT Coop Ext
Andy Smith, Director
Bill Worrell, Associate Director
Gary Breeding, Associate Director
Mike Altizer, Emeritus Director

STAFF

Brandon Blevins, Conservation Specialist
Hunter Wyatt, Conservation Specialist
Siobhan Nishida, District Manager

AGENCY PERSONNEL

Angela Ball, DCR
Wess Stanly, NRCS (not present)

ATTENDANCE FROM THE PUBLIC

None

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Zac Ketron called the March 10 2022 Clinch Valley Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board of Directors meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 10, 2022 BOARD MEETING MINUTES: The *February 10, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes* were presented for review and approval. Zac Ketron asked to clarify that under the Donations request for the Ag Research Farm No till Drill that he needed to vote because of the meet the quorum. This edit was made. A motion was made by Jason Bush to approve the *February 10, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes* with this edit. The motion was seconded by Kelly Gilmer. The motion passed.

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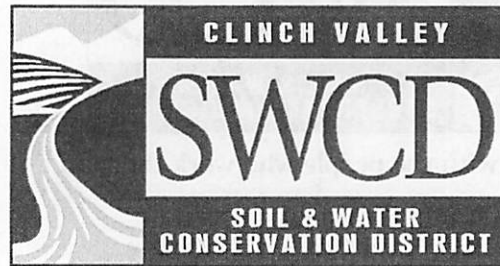
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UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF FEBRUARY 24, 2022 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: The *February 24, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes* were presented for review and approval. The Executive Committee Minutes are approved through unanimous consent.

REVIEW, RECEIVE AND FILE THE TREASURER'S REPORTS: The *Treasurer's Report as of January 2022* was presented to the board for review. A motion was made by Jason Bush to receive and file the *as of January 2022 Treasurer's report*. The motion was seconded by Kelly Gilmer and the motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Report from the Executive Committee Budget Review Meeting:

Zac Ketron reports that the Executive Committee recommends for the BOD to approve the renewal of the current Health Benefits Package for FY23 and advertise for a FT Education Specialist Position. Kelly Gilmer made a motion for the BOD to approve the renewal of the current Health Benefits Package for FY23. Jason Bush seconded the motion and the motion passed. Kelly Gilmer made a motion to advertise for a FT Education Specialist Position. Jason Bush seconded the motion and the motion passed. The EC asked staff to prepare a letter requesting support of \$15,000/ year from Russell County to help fund the Education Specialist position. Staff was also instructed to look into optional rental space. Staff had collected some information on some available properties and planned to visit the Government Center location as it was best fit for the needs of the District. Siobhan Nishida will update the FLSA documents and have them for the end of FY Employee review.

Lime Program Participation Approvals:

Hunter Wyatt reported that there were 6 completed applications submitted. Mike Altizer asked if there were many more interested. Hunter replied that yes there were and most were waiting on their soil sample results. Scott Jessee made a motion to approve Kevin Harmon, Alan Purcell, Travis Nunley, Tim Stamper, Sherry Stamper, and Nada Blevins for the lime program. Kelly Gilmer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

2022 VACS Project Cancellation: Brandon Blevins conveyed the request of the participant Chuck Huffman to cancel the contract 25-22-0016 for the amount of \$39,731. Jason Bush makes the motion to cancel the Huffman contract 25-22-0016. Kelly Gilmer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Update on SARP Project: Melanie Carter and Ben Bradley gave the BOD an update on the SARP Grant project on Copper Creek. They secured a cash match for the grant in the amount of \$150,000 from NRCS's national Working Lands for Wildlife Eastern hellbender initiative through a cooperative agreement already in place with Pheasants Forever for regional habitat restoration work. They planned to have bids for the BOD to review for the design of the bridge abutments. Melanie Carter stated that Ben Bradley will now be the lead contact for this portion of the project.

REPORTS FROM COOPERATING AGENCIES:

DCR Conservation District Coordinator, Dr. Angela Ball: Angie Ball reviewed the March 2022 DCR- DSWC CDC report. See attachments A.

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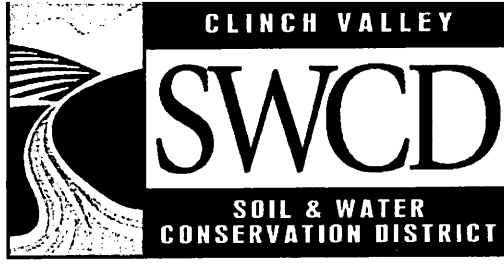
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VA Extension, Scott Jessee: Scott updated the Board about the upcoming April Bull Sale and a Cattlemen's Association meeting about tic season and fertilizer strategies.

VA Extension, Bill Worrell: Bill updated the Board on the Land Legacy Succession Planning program he was leading and reminded everyone about the 4PM – midnight burning law.

District Manager, Siobhan Nishida:

Siobhan reviewed her March 2022 District Manager Report with the Board. See attachment C

Conservation Specialist, Brandon Blevins:

Brandon reviewed his March 2022 Conservation Specialist Report with the Board. See attachment C.

Conservation Specialist, Hunter Wyatt:

Hunter reviewed his March 2022 Conservation Specialist Report with the Board. See attachment C.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Next Board Meeting 04/14/2022-12:30 PM

Envirothon Training Day 03/11/22

Envirothon Competition Day 4/8/22

ADJOURN:

Kelly Gilmer made a motion to adjourn at 2:20PM. The motion was seconded by Jason Bush and the motion carried. Board of Directors meeting was scheduled to take place on April 14, 2022 and be held at the VT Russell County Cooperative Extension Conference Room.



Director