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**Clinch Valley Soil and Water Conservation District
Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2022; Russell County Board of Supervisors Conference Room 9:00am**

BOARD MEMBERS

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

STAFF

Brandon Blevins, Conservation Specialist
Hannah Rexrode, Education Specialist
Siobhan Nishida, District Manager

AGENCY PERSONNEL

None

ATTENDANCE FROM THE PUBLIC

None

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Zac Ketron called the July 21, 2022, Clinch Valley Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Special Called Board of Directors meeting to order at 9:15 am.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Lime Application Approval: Brandon Blevins asked for the board to add an additional producer to the application list for PY2023 Lime Program and to add review changes to application deadlines for the PY2023 Lime Program to the "Lime Program Approval" item on the day's meeting agenda.

Tax Credit Revision: Brandon Blevins requested to add a tax credit revision to the day's meeting agenda. It was added as item "f" under "New Business."

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Review FY22 E.O.Y. Carry Over Report Correction: The Board to review the revised report for all projects being carried over into FY2023. The corrected report included FY2021 and FY2022 projects, not just the Board approval required 2021 projects.

Participant Cap \$300,000 or Lower: Board discussed the pros and cons of having a lower local participant's cap below the current limit of \$300,000 per producer. The board decided to keep the cap at the set \$300,000 for the VACS program.

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FY23 Funds Back to FY22 Projects: Brandon Blevins explained to the board that he did not see a need for funds to be moved back. FY22 projects were being completed within budget.

Lime Program Approval: The Board and Staff discussed the idea of bringing the Lime Program into the same timeline dates as the District Fiscal Year. Kelly Gilmer made a motion to approve the FY2023 Lime Program to start on July 1, 2022, and Lime needed to be applied and receipts turned in by June 30, 2023. Andy Smith seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Brandon Blevins presented the two complete Lime Program applications that had been submitted for FY23. Andy Smith made a motion to approve Steve Maxfield for cost share on 33% of his lime cost up to \$500 and John JR Watson for cost share on 33% of his lime cost up to \$500. Kelly Gilmer seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Conservation Plans and Contracts Approval: Brandon Blevins reviewed the PY23 – July 2022 CEF Ranking Sheet with the BOD. Andy Smith made a motion to approve the following Conservation Plans: CP-25-22-0027 including an SL-8B and SL-1, and CP-25-22-0006 including an SL-6W. Kelly Gilmer seconded the motion and the motion carried. Andy Smith made a motion to approve the following contracts: 25-23-0003 (SL-8B portion) for the amount of \$4,060, 25-23-0003 (SL-1 portion) for the amount of \$14,500, and 25-23-0005 for the amount of \$59,998. Kelly Gilmer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

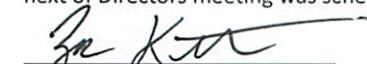
Tax Credit Revision: Brandon Blevins reviewed Mr. Jonny Compton's Contract Number 25-22-0003 completed SL-7 project. Due to extreme conditions, the board considered an increase in tax credit. The tax credit was originally set at \$788.00. Kelly Gilmer made a motion to approve the increase tax credit due to extreme conditions to \$925.56. Andy Smith seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- a. Graves Mountain Annual Training: August 23-25, 2022
- b. August BOD Meeting 9:00 AM August 11 in New Office Space

ADJOURN:

Kelly Gilmer made a motion to adjourn at 10:05 AM. The motion was seconded by Andy Smith and the motion carried. Board next of Directors meeting was scheduled to take place on August 11, 2022 and be held at Clinch Valley SWCD Meeting Room.



Director