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Zac Ketron, Chairman
Kelly Gilmer, Vice-Chairman
Jason Bush, Treasurer
Scott Jessee, VT Coop Extension
Andy Smith

DIRECTOR EMERITUS:

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ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS:

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**Clinch Valley Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2022; CVSWCD Lebanon Office 12:30pm**

BOARD MEMBERS

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

STAFF

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

AGENCY PERSONNEL

Mandy Fletcher, DCR
Emerson Kirby, NRCS
Carol Doss, Upper TN River Roundtable

ATTENDANCE FROM THE PUBLIC

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Siobhan Nishida and Kelly Gilmer set the date of the December Executive Committee meeting for 12/8/22 at 10:30 am.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 8 MEETING MINUTES

The *October 13, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes* were presented for review and approval. A motion was made by Kelly Gilmer to approve *October 13, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes* as presented. The motion was seconded by Andy Smith and the motion carried.

REVIEW, RECEIVE AND FILE THE TREASURER'S REPORTS: *The Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2022*, was presented to the board for review. A motion was made by Andy Smith to receive and file the *as of September 30, 2022, Treasurer's report*. The motion was seconded by Kelly Gilmer and the motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

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NEW BUSINESS:



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Award Presentation from Upper Tennessee River Roundtable

Carol Doss of the Upper Tennessee River Roundtable presented the Clinch Valley SWCD with an award for continuing to be an active and engaged partner organization.

Lime Program Approvals

Brandon Blevins presented four new complete Lime Program applications that had been submitted for PY23. Kelly Gilmer made a motion to approve all four for cost share on 33% of their lime cost up to \$500. Andy Smith seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Conservation Plans/Contracts Approvals

Brandon Blevins reviewed the VACS CEF Ranking for PY 2023- November 2022 with the BOD, including the canceled SL-8B. Andy Smith made a motion to approve CP-25-23-0016 including an SL-8B. Kelly Gilmer seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Andy Smith made a motion approve and to partially fund Contract number 25-23-0021 from VACS Funds in the amount of \$4,777.10 and Kelly Gilmer seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Note: Jason Bush arrived at this time

Conservation Plans/Contracts Approvals (continued)

Brandon Blevins reviewed the PY23 – November 2022 Copper Creek TMDL CEF Ranking Sheet with the BOD. Kelly Gilmer made a motion to approve the following Middle Clinch TMDL Conservation Plans: CP-25-23-0017 including an SL-6W and CP-25-23-0018 including a SL-6W. Andy Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried. Kelly Gilmer then made a motion to approve contracts 25-23-0022 and 25-23-0023. Andy Smith seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Tax Credit Approval Delegation

Siobhan Nishida discussed the need to delegate the power to approve tax credits to a board member due to the coming holidays. The Board discussed it and decided all Directors would have the authority to approve tax credits. Kelly Gilmer moved to approve this delegation. Jason Bush seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Awards Banquet Donation for VCE – Russell County

Siobhan Nishida discussed the balance of Annual Banquet Approved Budget with the BOD. The Staff and BOD expressed their gratitude to Scott Jessee and his staff for the work they put towards preparing the meal for that event. Jason Bush made a motion to approve a donation of \$700.00 to the Virginia Cooperative Extension – Russell County to go towards the youth and education programs. Kelly Gilmer seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Annual Meeting Bronze Sponsorship

Siobhan Nishida asked the board to consider that Clinch Valley SWCD be a Bronze-level sponsor (\$250) for the VASWCD Annual Meeting Banquet as they have done in years past. Andy Smith moved to approve the sponsorship for \$250.00. Kelly Gilmer seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

2023 Forage Conference Wytheville

Siobhan Nishida announced January 24, 2023 as the date of the 2023 Forage Conference in Wytheville, VA, and asked if any Directors would like to go. Mike Altizer responded that he would attend.

REPORTS FROM COOPERATING AGENCIES:

DCR Conservation District Coordinator, Mandy Fletcher: Mandy Fletcher reviewed the November 2022 DCR- DSWC CDC report. See att. A.

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NRCS District Conservationist, Emerson Kirby: Emerson Kirby reviewed the November 2022 USDA Lebanon Service Center Report. See att. B.

Clinch Valley Staff, Siobhan Nishida, Brandon Blevins, and Hannah Rexrode:

CVSWCD Staff reviewed the November 2022 CVSWCD Staff Report with the Board. See att. C.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

VASWCD Annual Meeting 12/4-12/6, Hotel Roanoke

Executive Committee Meeting 12/8 @ 10:30 am

Next Board Meeting 12/8 @ 12:30 pm

ADJOURN:

Zac Ketron declared the meeting adjourned at 1:53 pm due to no further business. Andy Smith seconded the motion. Next Board of Directors meeting was scheduled to take place on December 8, 2022 and be held at the CVSWCD Office.



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