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**Clinch Valley Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2023; Russell County Conference Center, 5:00 pm**

BOARD MEMBERS

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

STAFF

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

AGENCY PERSONNEL

Emerson Kirby, NRCS
Collin Sapp, VA Dept. of Forestry
Emily Wotton, VA Dept. of Forestry

ATTENDANCE FROM THE PUBLIC

None

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Zac Ketron called the October 12, 2023, Clinch Valley Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board of Directors meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVAL OF August 10th MEETING MINUTES

The *September 14, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes* were presented for review and approval. A motion was made by Scott Jessee to approve *September 14, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes* as presented. The motion was seconded by Kelly Gilmer and the motion carried.

REVIEW, RECEIVE AND FILE THE TREASURER'S REPORTS: *The Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2023*, was presented to the board for review. A motion was made by Scott Jessee to receive and file the *as of August 31, 2023, Treasurer's Report*. The motion was seconded by Andy Smith and the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Poster Contest Judging: Hannah Rexrode presented the poster contest entries to the Board of Directors, and they decided on the winners for each age category: Jenson Wade for grades K-1, Lacey Smith for grades 2-3, Keaton Cook for grades 4-6, and Taylor Mullins for grades 7-9. A motion was made by Scott Jessee to accept the winners as the board had chosen. The motion was seconded by Andy Smith and the motion carried.

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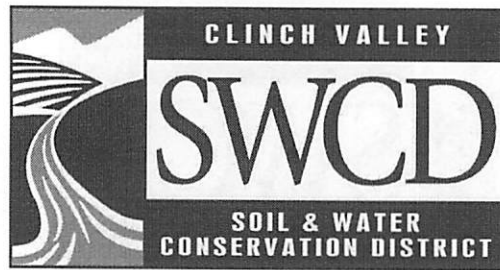
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VACS Eligibility and State Environmental Law Compliance: The Board reviewed the letter from Darryl Glover clarifying that a producer is not eligible for VACS funding if they have received a corrective order from the Commissioner of Agriculture or an Enforcement Order from the Department of Environmental Quality unless cost share assistance was requested to help correct the problem prior to commencement of the enforcement action.

Attachment E Review: The Board reviewed the FY24 First Quarter Attachment E.

Update on Hillside Trail Project: Staff updated the Board on the progress of the Hillside Trail Project. The Town of Lebanon has received a grant to help pay for the study to determine how to correct the stormwater runoff failing channel. The Town of Lebanon has also approved for CVSWCD to apply for grant funding from the VA Dept of Forestry to help remove invasives and improve the ecosystem of the urban forest.

APOW October 2023: Staff reviewed the October APOW Checklist with the Board of Directors.

REPORTS FROM COOPERATING AGENCIES:

DCR

Siobhan Nishida presented acting DCR Conservation District Coordinator Angie Ball's October 2023 DCR-DSWC CDC report to the board and staff. See attachment A.

NRCS, Emerson Kirby

Emerson Kirby reviewed the September/October 2023 USDA Lebanon Service Center Report. See attachment B.

Clinch Valley Staff, Siobhan Nishida, Hannah Rexrode, Jeff Mutter and Brandon Blevins

Staff shared the letter of thanks from the Virginia Association of SWCD for the \$250.00 sponsorship that CVSWCD put towards the Annual Meeting. CVSWCD Staff reviewed the August 2023 CVSWCD Staff Report with the Board. See att. C.

VA Dept. of Forestry, Collin Sapp

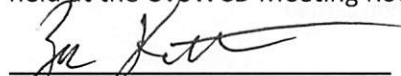
Collin Sapp informed the board and staff of current Forestry projects.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Next Board Meeting November 9, 2023 12:30 pm

ADJOURN

Zac Ketron declared the meeting adjourned at 5:33 pm due to no further business. Andy Smith seconded the motion. Next Board of Directors meeting was scheduled to take place on November 9, 2023 and be held at the CVSWCD Meeting Room.



Director