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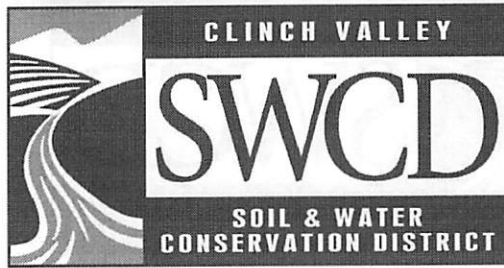
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**Clinch Valley Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 29, 2024, RC Govt Center, Lebanon 5:30pm**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

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

**STAFF**

Brandon Blevins, Conservation Specialist  
Jeff Mutter, Conservation Specialist  
Siobhan Nishida, District Manager  
Ali Reilly, Education Specialist

**AGENCY PERSONNEL**

Lorie Stevens, DCR  
Angie Ball, DCR

**ATTENDANCE FROM THE PUBLIC:**

None

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Zac Ketron called the October 29, 2024, Clinch Valley Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board of Directors meeting to order at 5:30pm.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** Approval of extension of Cover Crop Dates, Update of District truck body damage

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PY25 VACS Project Approvals:** Brandon Blevins reviewed the PY25- October 29, 2024, CEF Ranking Sheet with the BOD. Two new cover crop projects were presented. Kelly Gilmer made a motion to approve the following contracts with instance #: contract 25-25-0020, instance #643399, in the amount of \$2,767.80 and contract 25-25-0019, instance #643194, in the amount of \$2,550.00. Jason Bush seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**Extension of the Regular Planting Date:** Brandon Blevins reviewed the information shared by DCR allowing District BOD to extend cover crop planting dates up to 14 days due to extreme acts of nature and associated weather delays. Lorie Stevens referenced language detailing the allowance sent by email and letter on 11/20/24. Kelly Gilmer made a motion to extend the standard planting dates by 14 days. Andy Smith seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

\*Andy Smith excused himself due to a conflict of interest.

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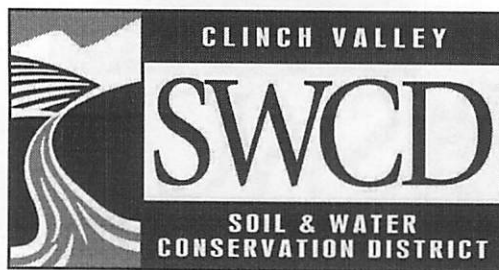
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**Lime Program Carryovers:** Jeff Mutter presented information on Lime Program participants that were signed up in the PY24 program year that have not had the opportunity to purchase/ spread lime yet but are still interested in the program. Kelly Gilmer made the motion to rollover participants to the PY25 lime program as presented in the lime approval sheet. Jason Bush seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

\*Andy Smith returned.

**District Truck Sustained Damage:** Brandon Blevins shared that while pulling the drill down a loose gravel drive it pulled sideways and the tongue of the drill hit the back of the truck, bending the bumper and tearing the body. The truck will be assessed for the cost of repair after the drill season is completed.

**Annual Banquet Awards:** Staff and Directors celebrated the awards presentation to the Nikki Robers for Conservation Teacher of the Year Award, Reedy Family for the Farm Family award and Greg Mullins for Clean Water Farm Award.


**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Executive Committee Meeting 11:30 AM, December 12, 2024.

Next Board of Director Meeting 12:30 PM, December 12, 2024.

**ADJOURN:**

Zac Ketron declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM due to no further business. Jason Bush made a motion to adjourn, and Scott Jessee seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The Next Board of Directors meeting was scheduled to take place on December 12, 2024, starting with an Executive Committee Meeting at 11:30 AM, and Board of Directors Meeting at 12:30, to be held at the Jefferson Board Room at the Southwest Virginia Community College location in the Russell County Government Center.

  
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