

VIRGINIA COTTON BOARD

March 14, 2018

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The Virginia Cotton Board (VCB) met on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 9:30 AM at the Tidewater Agriculture Research and Extension Center, TAREC, in Suffolk, Virginia.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Vice Chairman Paul Rogers III. In addition to Mr. Rogers, Virginia Cotton Board members present included Jon Black, Jim Ferguson, Cliff Fox, Chris Parker and Monte Walden. VCB members not attending were Philip Edwards and Lewis Everett. Presenters included Morgan Slaven, Dr. Hunter Frame, Dr. Hillary Mehl and Dr. Sean Malone. Gail Milteer, Program Director for the VCB, attended the full meeting. Paul Rogers III was elected Chairman and Jon Black was elected Vice Chairman for the 2018 year.

The Board reviewed the September 2017 minutes. **MOTION** was made by Black and seconded by Ferguson to accept the minutes as presented. The Board then reviewed the current financial statement and the 2017 yields. **MOTION** made by Ferguson and seconded by Walden to accept the financial statement as presented.

The Board proceeded to hear and ask questions concerning the individual project proposals. After having heard and discussed all project proposals and requests for funding and considering the financial status of the Board, the following motions were adopted:

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| 1. National Cotton Council (181,998 bales) | \$100,098.90 |
| Board agrees to fund each bale ginned in VA at 55 cents | |
| Current figure is 181,998 bales | |
| 2. Southern Cotton Growers (181,998 bales) | 18,199.80 |
| Board agrees to fund each bale ginned in VA at 10 cents | |
| Current figure is 181,998 bales | |
| 3. Ag in the Classroom, VFB, Cotton Educational Materials (Slaven) | 3,000.00 |
| 4. Nematode Mgt in Virginia Cotton (Mehl) | 9,507.00 |
| 5. Best Mgt Practices for Tarnished Plant Bug In Virginia Cotton (Taylor) | 10,000.00 |
| 6. Nutrient Mgt in Virginia Cotton Production Systems (Frame) | 12,824.00 |
| 7. VCGA NCC Delegate & Southern Cotton Growers Delegate Travel Expenses (Stoneman) | 2,000.00 |
| 8. Program Director Travel Expenses | 5,000.00 |

9. Travel Expenses for Board Members	1,000.00
10. Admin Costs	1,000.00
11. VDACS Admin Costs	750.00

The Board requested that \$10,000 remain designated as a reserve fund. The Board also requested support to National Cotton Council and Southern Cotton Growers at 100% for each bale ginned in the Commonwealth. A **MOTION** to fund all the projects and reserve as listed above for \$163,379.70 was made by Ferguson and seconded by Walden. The Board unanimously approved the proposed funding.

Final reports on projects funded the current year were presented by Slaven, Frame, Mehl and Malone. Cahoon's final report was mailed to each Board member for review. The Board also received updates on the boll weevil fees, National Cotton Council, Southern Cotton Growers and the Cotton Board.

During the public comment period there were no comments.

The VCB summer meeting will take place in August at the Tidewater AREC.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 1:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Gail Moody Milteer
Program Director

Paul W. Rogers III
Chairman

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