

FINAL MINUTES
Virginia Cotton Board
Tidewater AREC, Suffolk, VA
August 31, 2016

The Virginia Cotton Board (VCB) met on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at 3 PM at the Tidewater Agriculture Research and Extension Center, TAREC, in Suffolk, Virginia.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Randy Everett, Chairman of the Virginia Cotton Board. Other Virginia Cotton Board members present included Shelley Butler-Barlow, T. Steele Byrum, Joey G. Doyle, Michael E. Grizzard, David L. Long and Paul Rogers III. Jon Black, VCB member, was unable to attend. Gail Milteer, Program Director for the Virginia Cotton Board was in attendance.

The Board reviewed the March 2016 minutes. **MOTION** was made by Shelley Butler-Barlow and seconded by Mike Grizzard to accept the minutes as presented. The Board reviewed the current financial statement.

Crop reports were given by Board members with all agreeing it was extremely dry year and the crops were in need of moisture.

Shelley Butler-Barlow gave an update on the Virginia's Bee Stewardship Program. Gail Milteer provided updates on the August 24 Young Cotton Growers Summer Event, 2016 Producer Information Exchange tour, American Cotton Producers Summer Meeting, and Grower Representatives for Southern Cotton Growers.

Board members were reminded of the self-guided cotton twilight field tour from 4-6 at the Hare Road AREC location following the Board meeting.

The winter annual Cotton Meeting will be held on February 23, 2017 in Franklin. The 2017 funding meeting will be held in early March.

During the public comment period there were no comments.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 3:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Moody Milteer
Program Director

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L. Randy Everett
Chairman

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