

Virginia Cotton Board Minutes
February 18, 2022
Tidewater Agricultural Research Extension Center
Approved

Board Members Present:

Joseph H. Barlow, III
M. Lewis Everett, III
James S. Ferguson, Sr.
Clifford S. Fox, Sr.
Michael W. Griffin
Clayton B. Lowe
Christopher T. Parker

Board Members Absent:

James L. Babb, III

Guests/Staff:

Gail Milteer, VCB Program Director, VDACS
Melissa Ball, Special Projects Manager, VDACS
Ms. Tammy Maxey, Program Director, ATIC
Dr. Abhilash Chandel, Virginia Tech TAREC
Dr. Matthew Chappell, Virginia Tech TAREC
Dr. W. Hunter Frame, Virginia Tech TAREC
Dr. David Langston, Virginia Tech TAREC
Dr. Vijay Singh, Virginia Tech ESAREC
Dr. Sally V. Taylor, Virginia Tech TAREC

I. Call to Order

Chairman, Clay Lowe, called the meeting to order at 9 AM. New member Mike Griffin was welcomed. Board members told of expected acreage for 2022 in their area with small increases.

II. Minutes

A **motion** was made by Parker and seconded by Everett to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2021 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Financial Report

July 1, 2021 – February 15, 2022

Cash Balance	\$109,649.86
Receipts YTD, confirmed	\$153,157.10
Interest YTD	\$166.41
Total Balance	\$262,973.37
Reserves	\$10,000.00
Paid on Projects	\$24,113.41
Outstanding Obligations	\$36,687.59
Unobligated Balance	\$192,172.37

IV. Project Proposal Presentations for 22-23

The Board heard, reviewed and discussed the following proposals.

1. National Cotton Council (bales ginned in Virginia at .55 cents/bale)
Current bale totals are 161,218 totaling \$88,669.90
2. Southern Cotton Growers (bales ginned in Virginia at .10 cents/bale)
Current bale totals are 161,218 totaling \$16,121.80
3. AITC Connecting Children to Agriculture, Maxey, \$5,500
4. Nutrition Management in Virginia's Cotton Production, Frame, \$15,005
5. Diagnosis & Characterization of Problematic Nematode Population, Langston, \$10,000
6. Surveying and Determining Herbicide Resistant Weeds in Cotton, Singh, \$5,000
7. Impact of Early Plant Bug Injury to Cotton, Taylor, \$18,500
8. VCGA Delegate Travel, Stoneman, \$2,800
9. Women's Cotton Meeting, Milteer, additional \$450*
10. Program Director Travel, Milteer, \$4,945
11. Purchase of Virginia Cotton Board cards, \$55
12. Board Travel, \$1,000
13. Administrative Costs, \$1,000
14. VDACS Administrative Costs, \$850

*\$4,550 from previous year rolled over due to covid with additional \$450 for meeting.

A **motion** was made by Barlow and seconded by Everett to fund National Cotton Council at .55 cents/bale AND to fund Southern Cotton Growers at .10 cents/ bale of cotton ginned in Virginia. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed projects 3-14 totaling \$65,105 with a **motion** made by Barlow and seconded by Ferguson to fund items 3-14. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Other Items of Business

Chairman Lowe reminded Board members if they wanted a copy of the Annual Cotton Board Report for 20-21 to request one from Milteer.

During the public comment period, there were no comments.

The Chairman opened up the floor to nominations for Board Chairman and Vice Chairman. Lowe was nominated to continue as Chairman and Barlow as Vice Chairman. **Motion** made by Parker and seconded by Everett. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Lowe adjourned the meeting at 2:50 PM.