

# **FINAL MINUTES**

## **VIRGINIA PEANUT BOARD**

**Thursday, June 22, 2023**

**TAREC – Suffolk, VA**

### **Present**

Wayne C. Barnes

Ernest L. Blount

John Crumpler

Andrew Darden

Donna Jones

Michael Marks

Robert C. Rogers

### **Absent**

Joey Doyle

Chairman Barnes called the meeting to order.

The Board members were briefed on the current process taking place which hopefully will result in the hiring of a new Executive Secretary/Program Director to replace Dell in January when he steps down.

On motion by John Crumpler, second by Bob Rogers and passed, the minutes of the April 7, 2023 meeting were approved as written. Voting **yes** were John Crumpler, Bob Rogers, Wayne C. Barnes, Ernest L. Blount, Andrew Darden, Donna Jones and Michael Marks.

### **2022-2023 – Full Year Financial Report:**

Dell gave a detailed report comparing the 22-23 budget with the expenses estimated through June 30, 2023. Expenses are estimated at \$306,681 compared to the budget of \$341,940. The largest reason for that difference was the change with VC Peanut Promotions which saved \$14,000. The largest expense item of Other Promotion is estimated at \$116,428 compared to the budgeted figure of \$121,340. Dell also reviewed the bank balances and estimations of planting for the 2023 crop.

### **2023-2024 Budget:**

Dell presented the new budget proposal. There are some adjustments to the budget, mostly related to the new hire to replace Dell. ~~In addition the Board agreed to work with Virginia Tech to fund a new PVQE leader which will be \$40,000 a year for three years.~~ In addition, the Board agreed to work with Virginia Tech to fund a new PVQE leader for \$40,000 for one year, with the potential to revisit an additional \$40,000 per year for two additional years. The first prorated installment of this is on this budget. The total budget of \$365,487 includes \$120,640 dedicated to Other Promotions. The budget was approved on a motion by Ernest Blount, second by John Crumpler and passed. The motion was to approve the 2023-2024 budget including an allocation for setting up a pension plan for the Virginia Peanut Growers Association covering

the new hire. Voting **yes** were Ernest Blount, John Crumpler, Wayne C. Barnes, Andrew Darden, Donna Jones, Michael Marks and Robert C. Rogers.

\*this section was amended March 2024 as noted in the March 2024 meeting minutes

**Farm Bill:**

Dell briefly gave a Farm Bill report.

**Chairman's Report:** The Chairman's Report for 2022-23 was approved pending the audited financial figures on motion by Bob Rogers second by John Crumpler and passed.

**Election of officers:**

The election of officers was held and Wayne Barnes was re-elected Chairman with Dell Cotton reappointed Program Director. All members approved the nominations.

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Cotton, Jr.  
Program Director