

MINUTES
VIRGINIA SMALL GRAINS BOARD MEETING
Richmond, Virginia
July 18, 2023

I. **Attendance**

Board Members Present

Ellen M. Davis, **Chair**
Floyd S. Childress, **Vice Chair**
Michael Downing
David K. Hula
James H. Hundley, III
George David Black
Lynn P. Gayle
Raymond G. Keating
James N. Oliver
Jay Jennings
Phil Hickman, Program Director

Board Members Absent

Candice Wilson

Guests

Ms. Lee Hubbard, Virginia Grain Producers Association, Richmond, VA
Mr. Taylor Hubbard, Virginia Grain Producer Association, Richmond, VA
Mr. Dale Neel, Virginia Rye Whiskey, Richmond, VA
Dr. Nicholas Santantonio, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
Dr. Joseph Oakes, Virginia Tech, Warsaw, VA
Dr. Felipe Sabadin, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
Dr. Bastiaan Bargmann, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
Mr. Robbie Longest, Virginia Tech, Tappahannock, VA
Dr. David Schmale, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
Ms. Nicole McMaster, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
Dr. Vijay Singh, Virginia Tech, Painter, VA
Dr. Doug Higgins, Virginia Tech, Painter, VA
Dr. Michael Flessner, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
Ms. Tammy Maxey, Agriculture in the Classroom, Richmond, VA
Ms. Christy Murphy, Agriculture in the Classroom, Richmond, VA

- II. **Call to Order** – Ellen Davis called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked the group for their service to the Virginia Small Grains Industry and for taking time out of their busy schedule to attend the meeting. She welcomed Jay Jennings to the Board and asked each person in attendance to introduce themselves and provide an update on the crop conditions in their area.
- III. **Reading and Approval of Minutes** – Floyd Childress moved and Jay Jennings seconded a motion for the Board to dispense with the reading of the July 19, 2022 meeting minutes and to approve them as distributed. Motion passed.
- IV. **Financial Report** – Phil Hickman presented the financial statement that reflected revenues and expenditures from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023. The Financial Report showed that there were total expenditures of \$180,011.84 from a total budget of \$562,275.30 and \$3,255.15 in unspent funds for FY 2022-2023 projects which left \$382,263.46 available for allocation for FY 2023-24 projects. Jimmy Oliver moved and Jay Hundley seconded a motion for the Board to accept the Financial Report as presented. Motion passed.
- V. **Project Proposals** – The following project proposals for the period July 1, 2023– June 30, 2024 were each reviewed and considered by the Board.
1. Ms. Leigh Hubbard - Virginia Grain Producers Association, Inc. - Empowering Small Grains: A VGPA and VSGB Partnership for Growth and Innovation project - \$41,000 requested.
 2. Dr. Joseph Oakes – Small Grain Research Program Support project - \$10,000 requested.
 3. Dr. Joseph Oakes – Impact of Planting Date on Wheat Development, Freeze Susceptibility and Yield project - \$5,014 requested.
 4. Dr. Bastiaan Bargmann – Virginia Wheat Tissue Culture Development – project - \$20,000 requested.
 5. Mr. Robbie Longest – On-Farm Small Grain Test Plots in Eastern Virginia 2023-24 project - \$4,000 requested.
 6. Dr. David Schmale – FY 2023 Mycotoxin Testing Services for Virginia Wheat & Barley project - \$29,353 requested.
 7. Dr. Vijay Singh – Control of Volunteer Cover Crop Plants in Wheat – project - \$13,521 requested.
 8. Dr. Doug Higgins – Increasing Accessibility to Diagnostic Support and Evaluating FHB Fungicide Performance in On-Farm Trials and a Two-Spray Program Through Flowering- project - \$13,002 requested.
 9. Dr. Michael Flessner – Weed Management in Virginia Small Grains 2023

project - \$10,577 requested.

10. Ms. Tammy Maxey – Agriculture In the Classroom – Connecting Children to Agriculture – project \$3,000 requested.
11. Dr. Nicholas Santantonio, Dr. Felipe Sabadin – Small Grains Extension Program, Variety Testing, and Market Development project - \$29,253 requested.
12. Dr. Nicholas Santantonio, Dr. Felipe Sabadin – Digitization and Automation for Data Driven Improvement of Small Grains for Virginia - project - \$9,991 requested.
13. Dr. Nicholas Santantonio, Dr. Felipe Sabadin - Breeding, Mapping and Genome-Enabled Selection for Scab Resistance in Barley and Wheat project - \$25,000 requested.
14. Dr. Nicholas Santantonio, Dr. Felipe Sabadin - Improvement and Development of Barley for Use in Feed, Malt & Food project - \$10,000 requested.
15. Dr. Nicholas Santantonio, Dr. Felipe Sabadin - Development of Specialty Wheat Varieties with High Value End - Use Properties project - \$20,000 requested.
16. Dr. Nicholas Santantonio, Dr. Felipe Sabadin - Soft Red Winter Wheat Cultivar Development project - \$55,000 requested.

VI. **Virginia Small Grains Board Funding FY 2023-24** - The following actions were taken on the project proposals that were received by the Board. Jay Hundley moved and Jay Jennings seconded a motion for the Board to approve funding for the following projects at the stated dollar amounts for a one-year period from July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024. Motion passed.

PROJECTS FY 2023-24	FUNDED
1. Small Grain Research Program Support - Dr. Joseph Oakes	\$10,000.00
2. Impact of Planting Date on Wheat Development, Freeze Susceptibility and Yield – Dr. Joseph Oakes	4,000.00
3. Virginia Wheat Tissue Culture Development - Dr. Bastiaan Bargmann	15,000.00
4. On-Farm Small Grain Test Plots in Eastern Virginia 2023-24 - Mr. Robbie Longest	4,000.00
5. FY 2023 Mycotoxin Testing Services for Virginia Wheat & Barley - Dr. David Schmale	25,000.00
6. Control of Volunteer Cover Crop Plants in Wheat – Dr. Vijay Singh	0.00
7. Increasing Accessibility to Diagnostic Support & Evaluating FHB Fungicide Performance in On-Farm Trials & a Two-Spray Program Through Flowering – Dr. Doug Higgins	13,002.00

8. Weed Management in Virginia Small Grains 2023 - Dr. Michael Flessner	7,900.00
9. Agriculture in the Classroom – Connecting Children to Agriculture – Ms. Tammy Maxey	3,000.00
10. Small Grains Extension Program, Variety Testing, and Market Development - Dr. Nicholas Santantonio	29,253.00
11. Digitization and Automation for Data Driven Improvement of Small Grains for Virginia - Dr. Nicholas Santantonio	9,991.00
12. Breeding, Mapping and Genome-Enabled Selection for Scab Resistance in Barley & Wheat - Dr. Nicholas Santantonio	25,000.00
13. Improvement and Development of Barley for Use in Feed, Malt & Food - Dr. Nicholas Santantonio	10,000.00
14. Development of Specialty Wheat Varieties with High Value End - Use Properties - Dr. Nicholas Santantonio	20,000.00
15. Soft Red Winter Wheat Cultivar Development - Dr. Nicholas Santantonio	55,000.00
TOTAL	\$231,146.00

VII. **Virginia Grain Producers Association** – Michael Downing moved and Jay Jennings seconded a motion for the Board to fund the Virginia Grain Producers Association, Inc. project entitled “Empowering Small Grains: A VGPA and VSGB Partnership for Growth and Innovation” in the total amount of \$15,000.00 with \$5,000.00 of that allocated amount specified for the Virginia Small Grains Board leader meetings. Jay Hundley abstained from voting on the motion, as he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Grain Producers Association. Motion passed.

VIII. **Annual Report** – The FY 2021–22 Virginia Small Grains Board Annual Report was presented and distributed to the Board. Phil Hickman indicated that the report had been submitted to the Commissioner of Agriculture’s office and posted on the VDACS website. Jay Hundley moved and Jay Jennings seconded a motion for the Board to accept the report as presented. Motion passed.

IX. **Officers FY 2023-24**

Chair & Vice Chair

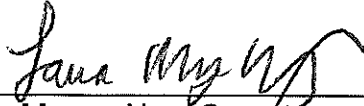
The floor was opened for nominations for Chair & Vice Chair. Jay Hundley moved and Dave Black seconded a motion for Ellen Davis to serve as the Virginia Small Grains Board’s Chair and for Floyd Childress to serve as the Virginia Small Grains Board Vice Chair during FY 2023-24. Ellen Davis abstained from voting on the motion. Motion passed.

X. **Next Funding Meeting** - The Board will hold its next funding meeting to hear FY 2024-25 project proposals on Thursday July 18, 2024.

XI. **Public Comment** – The Chair opened the floor up for public comment. There was none.

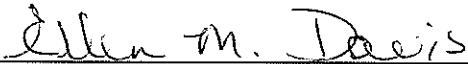
XII. **Adjournment** – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Maxey-Nay, Secretary

These minutes have been approved as written.



Ellen M. Davis, Chair

