

## **MINUTES**

Monday, June 17 2024

Tidewater AREC, Suffolk VA

Virginia Peanut Board

Board Members Present:

Wayne Barnes

Andrew Darden

Joey Doyle

Donna Jones

Robert Rogers

Chairman Wayne Barnes called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Mileage and attendance was recorded and collected. Joey Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes from the March board meeting with a second from Andrew Darden.

We discussed the 2023-2024 budget and expenses. We discussed the investment accounts and making sure that we are investing that money wisely. We discussed that we will look into the rates we are getting on the accounts and we will look at it again at the next meeting. Andrew Darden made a motion to approve the financial review with a second from Joey Doyle.

Caitlin moved into discussing the new budget for 2024-2025. New promotions include commercial promotions for the Richmond Squirrels baseball game and National Peanut Month, a partnership with RFD-TV, advertising in the Virginia Agriculture Magazine, and an expanded partnership with VCU sports. Robert Rogers made a motion to approve the 24-25 budget with a second from Donna Jones. The board voted yes unanimously.

Jacob Forehand, the new PVQE and Peanut Extension specialist introduced himself and gave a brief update of the projects he has been working on since beginning in April.

Chairman Wayne Barnes read his Chairman's Report. Bob Rogers moved to approve the Chairman's report pending addition of the final budget numbers at the end of June. Joey Doyle seconded.

The Chairman's position was open for nominations this year. Robert Rogers nominated Wayne Barnes as Chairman. Joey Doyle made a motion to close nominations. The board voted unanimously in favor of Wayne Barnes being reelected as chairman.

Melissa Ball gave a brief update on the next VDACS contract between the Virginia Peanut Board and the Virginia Peanut Growers Association. We have had some issues with not having enough appropriations to receive all of the balance of the Peanut Fund. Melissa said we hopefully have that

corrected with the next contract. Joey Doyle made a motion to approve the VDACS contract with a second from Bob Rogers.

Caitlin provided a brief update on the Farm Bill.

Chairman Barnes opened the floor for public comment. Hearing none we moved on to other business. Caitlin discussed a letter that was sent out in regards to support for a research project regarding planting peanut splits from Dr. Marshall Lamb. Caitlin updated the board that we did not send a letter of support for that project. Caitlin also reminded everyone of the August 6<sup>th</sup> baseball game and provided an update on the hiring of Dr. Tim Bryant who will serve as the new Extension Entomologist at the Tidewater AREC beginning in August.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlin Joyner

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