

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF FAIRFAX**

**MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTAL DISTRICT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (AFDAC)**

DATE: Wednesday, January 24, 2024

TIME: 4:05 PM – 4:43 PM

LOCATION: Herrity Building Room 704

AFDAC Member Attendance

Name	Present (P)/ Absent (A)	Name	Present (P)/ Absent (A)
Stanley Franklin	A	Eric David Cox	P
Jay Doshi	P	Kenneth Strafer, Ph. D.	A
Mariette Hiu Newcomb	P	Charles Nichols	P
Andrew Painter, Chairman	P	Jeff Parnes	P
Gifford Hampshire	P	Kathy Smith	A

Staff Support in Attendance

Sophia Fisher DPD
Nathalie Degraff DPD
Daniel Mould DTA
Heather Hunter-Nickels SWCD
Jacob Zielinski VA DOF

Applicants in Attendance

George Schulz
Susan Schulz

Community Members in Attendance

None

Announcements

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Painter at approximately 4:05 p.m.

Mr. Painter acknowledged the presence of new staff and asked for a round of introductions.

Old Business

Mr. Doshi moved to accept the Meeting Minutes from December 6, 2023. Mr. Parnes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Schulz Local A&F District

Mr. Painter called the item for approval of a renewal of an existing district, the Schulz Local A&F District (AF-2023-SP-00005; AFR 2006-SP-003). Ms. Fisher gave a brief presentation. Ms. Hunter-Nickels and Mr. Zielinski noted that they had nothing to add. A question was asked about what invasive species are present on the property; Ms. Fisher said that they include autumn olive and stilt grass. Mr. and Mrs. Schulz said that they are happy to own the property and keep it in the program. Mr. Parnes made a motion to approve the renewal of the district, which was seconded by Mr. Nichols. The motion passed unanimously.

Update on Upcoming A&F Renewals

Ms. Fisher noted that three renewals have been accepted for review: Ma (AFDAC 4/10); Dyer (AFDAC 5/15); and Bierly (AFDAC 5/15). The Stokes district has been submitted; it expired so it has been resubmitted as a new district. Staff also met with the applicant for the Richardson district to help her submit her renewal. Six additional renewal letters were sent for 2024 and staff has not heard a response as of this meeting.

Annual Report

Ms. Fisher said that staff will prepare the 2023 Annual Report by June 2024. Three districts: Ma, Stokes, and Jewett expired and did not renew; Ma and Stokes are coming back into the program. In addition, one 5 acre parcel was removed from an A&F district due to nonpayment of taxes; the rest of the property still meets the acreage requirements and remains in the A&F program.

Closed Session

Mr. Painter moved that the AFDAC go into closed session per Virginia Code Sections 2.2-3711(A)(1) to discuss AFDAC membership and potential new members. This motion was seconded by Mr. Hampshire. The motion passed unanimously.

Only those items noted above were discussed in closed session.

Mr. Painter moved to end the closed session, which was seconded by Mr. Hampshire. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.