

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
COUNTY OF FAIRFAX**

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

**DATE: Wednesday, October 4, 2023**

**TIME: 4:03 PM – 5:07 PM**

**LOCATION: Herrity Building Room 704**

**AFDAC Member Attendance**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present (P)/ Absent (A)</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present (P)/ Absent (A)</b>
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	A
Gifford Hampshire	P	John Foust	A

**Staff Support in Attendance**

Sophia Fisher           DPD  
Kelly Atkinson         DPD  
William Nance         DPD  
Daniel Mould           DTA  
Heather Hunter-Nickels   SWCD  
Louis Nuzzo             OCA

**Applicants in Attendance**

None

**Community Members in Attendance**

None

**Announcements**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Painter at approximately 4:03 p.m.

**Old Business**

Mr. Painter moved to accept the Meeting Minutes from June 28, 2023. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **New Business**

### **Molleda Local A&F District**

Mr. Painter called the item for approval of a renewal of an existing district, the Molleda Local A&F District (AFR 2023-SP-00002; AR 2015-SP-001). Ms. Atkinson briefly introduced Mr. Nance, who was presenting to the AFDAC for the first time. Mr. Nance gave a brief presentation. Ms. Hunter-Nickels noted that she had nothing to add. Mr. Hampshire made a motion to approve the renewal of the district, which was seconded by Mr. Painter and Mr. Nichols. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Delinquent Taxes for A&F Districts**

Mr. Mould reported that one A&F district is delinquent on its taxes based on the 2022 tax year. If the district does not pay their taxes, they will be removed from the A&F program per state code and would be subject to paying rollback taxes. Mr. Mould will provide an update on the status of the delinquent district at a later meeting.

### **Update on A&F Renewals**

Ms. Atkinson noted that there will be three A&F districts on the agenda for the next meeting on December 6.

Mr. Painter noted that there is a program, the Virginia agricultural cost share program, that provides money to help to protect environmental features from animals. The criteria to qualify for the program include a minimum of 5 acres and \$1,000/year in agricultural profits over the past three years.

### **Closed Session**

Mr. Painter moved that the AFDAC go into closed session per Virginia Code Sections 2.2-3711(A)(1) and (8) for the purposes of receiving legal guidance on the recent Virginia State Supreme Court decision *Gloss v. Wheeler* and 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**

Mr. Doshi motioned to close the meeting, and Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.