

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF FAIRFAX**

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

DATE: Wednesday, December 6, 2023

TIME: 4:02 PM – 4:39 PM

LOCATION: Virtual-Microsoft Teams

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	John Foust	A

Staff Support in Attendance

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

Applicants in Attendance

Gary Knipling
Keith Knipling
Gary Simanson

Community Members in Attendance

None

Announcements

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Painter at approximately 4:02 p.m.

Old Business

Mr. Hampshire moved to accept the Meeting Minutes from October 4, 2023. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Holly Spring Local A&F District

Mr. Painter called the item to establish a new district, the Holly Spring Local A&F District (AF 2023-MV-00002). Ms. Fisher gave a brief presentation. Ms. Hunter-Nickels noted that she had nothing to add. Mr. Painter made a motion to approve the creation of the district, which was seconded by Mr. Cox. The motion passed unanimously.

Simanson Local A&F District

Mr. Painter called the item for approval of a renewal and expansion of an existing district, the Simanson Local A&F District (AF-2023-DR-00003; AF 2005-DR-001). Mr. Nance gave a brief presentation. Ms. Hunter-Nickels noted that she had nothing to add. Mr. Simanson said that he appreciates Fairfax County's support of land preservation and agriculture. He also addressed a question Mr. Parnes raised related to the district area. Mr. Painter made a motion to approve the renewal of the district, which was seconded by Mr. Parnes. The motion passed unanimously.

Update on Upcoming A&F Renewals

Ms. Atkinson noted that she sent out 10 renewal letters for districts that are set to expire in 2024. AFDAC meetings will be scheduled as needed throughout the year to review A&F district applications. Ms. Atkinson also noted that an application has been submitted to reestablish the Ma Local A&F District which expired earlier this year.

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. Parnes. 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. Parnes. 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 4:39 p.m.