

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
COUNTY OF FAIRFAX**

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

**DATE: Wednesday, January 25, 2023**

**TIME: 4:05 PM – 4:48 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	P
Gifford Hampshire	P	John Foust	A

**Staff Support in Attendance**

Sophia Fisher       DPD  
Kelly Atkinson      DPD  
William Nance       DPD  
Willie Woode        SWCD  
Louis Nuzzo         OCA

**Applicants in Attendance**

Jacqueline Atiyeh  
Hope Foster Britt

**Community Members in Attendance**

None

**Announcements**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Painter at approximately 4:05 p.m.  
Mr. Painter conducted the roll call and announced that the order of the agenda items would change and that Mr. Nuzzo would present his update after the two A&F Districts were heard.

**Old Business**

Mr. Parnes moved to accept the Meeting Minutes from July 20, 2022. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

Ms. Atkinson introduced William Nance, a staff member with DPD who will be assisting with A&F Districts this year.

Mr. Painter called the first item for approval of a new district, the HZTM A&F District (AF-2022-SP-00005). Ms. Fisher gave a brief presentation. The new HZTM A&F District is being created by combining two adjacent A&F Districts which were formerly known as the Reed and JLB districts. Mr. Woode noted that the Soil and Water Conservation District Technical Committee is very interested in managing non-native invasive species, such as the *trap bispinosa*, or water chestnut, that is found in the pond on the property. Mr. Painter noted that the views of the property look like rolling hills and it is good to preserve them. Mr. Hampshire noted that he grew up nearby and that he is pleased that the property is being preserved and enlarged. Mr. Hampshire made a motion to approve the creation of the district, which was seconded by Mr. Cox. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Painter then called the second item for approval of a renewal of an existing district, the Foster Britt A&F District (AF 2022-SP-00004; AR 89-S-004-04). Ms. Fisher gave a brief presentation. Mr. Woode noted that the property is passive and has not changed much since the previous renewal. Similar to the previous application, this property also has *trap bispinosa*. The applicant, Ms. Britt, asked if there are programs to help remediate the *trap bispinosa* which impacts approximately 80% of the pond on her property. Mr. Woode stated that there are volunteer based programs for residential properties and that he would connect Ms. Britt with the programs. Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the renewal of the district, which was seconded by Mr. Hampshire. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, Mr. Nuzzo provided an update on the Policy for Remote Participation in Meetings and the new All Virtual Public Meetings Policy. For the remote participation policy, Mr. Nuzzo noted that a code change added a fourth reason for a member to participate remotely, which is that their residence is 60 or more miles away from the meeting location. The same rules still apply, which include that a quorum must be physically present. The All Virtual Public Meetings option is new as of September 1, 2022, and is distinct from the emergency provisions that allowed for virtual meetings. This new policy allows for public bodies to meet virtually twice per calendar year or 25% of their total meetings. The policy does not allow for two consecutive virtual meetings. Mr. Parnes moved the adoption of the new All Virtual Public Meetings Policy, which was seconded by Mr. Doshi. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Painter moved the adoption of the updated Policy for Remote Participation in Meetings, which was seconded by Mr. Cox. The motion passed unanimously. Once the new policies were adopted, the AFDAC decided to hold the upcoming February 15, 2023 meeting virtually.

As the final agenda item, Ms. Atkinson noted that seven renewal notices were sent for A&F districts that are set to expire in 2023. This included six local districts and one statewide district. She also stated that work on the annual report starts in February.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Painter motioned to close the meeting, and Mr. Doshi seconded the motion. The vote was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.