

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF FAIRFAX**

MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

(AFDAC)

DATE: Tuesday, May 18, 2021

TIME: 4:00 PM – 4:35 PM

LOCATION: Electronic Meeting via WebEx

AFDAC Member Attendance

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

Staff Support in Attendance

Ellen Alster	DPD
Ellen Huber	DPD
Joseph Gorney	DPD
Kelly Atkinson	DPD
Dan Mould	DTA
Jim McGlone	VDOF
William Mayland	ZAD
Sara Morgan	ZAD
Alex Rivera	DPD
Peter Wenley	DPD

Community Members in Attendance

Betsy Crump

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:00 PM.

Announcements

1. Covid-19 Pandemic Special Motions

Mr. Franklin established the nature of the emergency that compelled these emergency procedures, the fact that the committee was meeting electronically, the type of electronic communication that was being used, and how public access to this meeting was arranged. Stanley Franklin moved that the Emergency Declaration caused by the COVID-19 pandemic makes it unsafe for the committee to physically assemble and unsafe for the public to physically attend any such meeting, and that as such, the Freedom of Information Act's (FOIAs) usual procedures, which require the physical assembly of the committee and the physical presence of

the public, cannot be implemented safely or practically. He further determined that the committee may conduct this meeting electronically through a dedicated audio-conferencing line, and that the public could access the meeting by calling 1-844-621-3956 and entering the code: 173 932 0654.

Given that each member of the Agricultural and Forestal District Committee was participating in the meeting from a separate location and in order to verify that a quorum of members was participating, and that each member's voice was clear, audible, and at an appropriate volume for all of the other members, Stanley Franklin performed a roll call of members and asked each committee member participating in the meeting to state their name and the location from which they were participating.

2. Tribute to Erin Haley

The committee members paid tribute to Erin Haley, who passed away in February and was a dedicated staff coordinator to the AFDAC committee.

3. Introduction of Kelly Atkinson, new EDRB Branch Chief

Ellen Alster introduced the new Environment and Development Review Branch Chief, Kelly Atkinson to the meeting.

Old Business

1. Minutes from January 21, 2021 Meeting

Mr. Strafer moved to accept the Meeting Minutes from January 21st, 2021, Jeff Parnes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Informational Items

1. Agritourism Zoning Ordinance Amendment Update (Sara Morgan)

Sara Morgan from the Zoning Administration Division gave an update to the committee regarding the Agritourism Zoning Ordinance Amendment. The amendment was previously authorized by the Board of Supervisors and a public hearing was held before the Planning Commission on May 12th; the Planning Commission deferred decision only until May 19th. There were 13 speakers in total at the Planning Commission public hearing, all were in opposition of the amendment due to concerns regarding the environment, the Occoquan watershed, the Residential-Conservation district, additional pavement, as well as the addition of weddings to be included as agritourism activity. Staff may address these concerns with revised language for review and action by the Planning Commission on May 19th.

2. One Fairfax Policy Acknowledgement

Mrs. Alster reminded the committee to review and sign the One Fairfax Policy Acknowledgement. As one board member was required to attend a presentation regarding the policy; Mr. Cox had attended and expressed how impressed he was overall with the presentation.

3. Updates to AF 2019-DR-004 (Normandy Farm and Mane Manor) since January 21, 2020 AFDAC meeting

Since the AFDAC meeting, the Ordinance provisions have been revised. The original Ordinance provisions stated that there would not be any disturbance in the RPA. However, Ms. Youngkin indicated during the January AFDAC meeting that she obtained an Army Corps of Engineers permit to dredge the pond and stream bed on her property, and subsequently obtained a grading permit through Fairfax County. Mrs. Alster modified the Ordinance provisions to account for the extensive grading to be performed in the RPA. These Ordinance provisions were adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 9th, 2020.

4. Renewal Applications accepted: Kosters, Castro, and Cox

DPD Staff have received the Kosters renewal application. The Cox and Castro applications are in process and should be accepted soon.

5. Renewal Applications not received (expire at the end of 2021): Knipling, Potomac Vegetable Farm, and Sanders

Mrs. Alster stated that there are three more applications that have not been received, Knipling, Sanders, and Potomac Vegetable Farm.

New Business

1. AF 2021-SP-001 (Crump) Local A&F District Application to establish a local district

Mrs. Alster gave a presentation about the Crump Local A&F district report to the AFDAC committee. Mr. Hampshire visited the property and was met by Mr. Crump on the property last evening. Mr. Hampshire noted that the property intends to have horses and the property is encumbered with floodplain. They also discussed issues such as the flooding occurring within Wolf Run and issues with bamboo as an invasive species. Mr. Hampshire was impressed by the long stewardship of the property by the Crumps and respects their desire to keep the property in their family.

Ms. Crump provided a background history of the property to the committee, including how much her family loved the property and is grateful to have the opportunity to keep it within the family. Mr. Hampshire moved for the committee to endorse the staff recommendation and recommend approval of the AF 2021-SP-001 Crump Local A&F district to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Parnes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Drafting by-laws for AFDAC

Mr. Hampshire has received a template from the Clerk of the Board and hopes to have it finished soon.

3. Annual Reports

Mrs. Alster will distribute and post the 2018 Annual Report. Ms. Huber has completed a draft of the combined 2019/2020 draft Annual Report and hopes to have it updated by the next meeting.

4. Set date for next AFDAC meeting

The next meeting was not set; however, Mrs. Alster or Ms. Atkinson will follow up with Stanley Franklin.

5. Public comment period

Stanley Franklin expressed his thanks to Mrs. Alster for getting the committee together to run the online meeting smoothly.

6. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.