

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF FAIRFAX**

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

DATE: Wednesday, July 20, 2022

TIME: 4:03 PM – 4:19 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	A
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

Leanna O'Donnell DPD
Sophia Fisher DPD
Dan Mould DTA

Applicants in Attendance

Jacqueline Atiyeh
John Whitney
Tom Whitney

Community Members in Attendance

None

Announcements

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

Old Business

Mr. Nichols moved to accept the Meeting Minutes from June 15, 2022. Mr. Parnes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fisher gave a brief update on the policy for remote participation. She noted that staff is working with the Office of the County Attorney to determine how the newly updated state Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) will impact remote participation. Mr. Parnes asked how FOIA is related to the remote participation policy, and Ms. Fisher clarified that the remote

participation and electronic meeting guidelines all fall under FOIA. Ms. Fisher said that a more detailed update will be provided at the next meeting.

New Business

Mr. Nichols nominated Mr. Parnes for Vice Chairman and Ms. Newcomb for Secretary; Mr. Hampshire seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Painter called the first item for renewal, the Whitney A&F District (AF-2022-DR-00001; AR 87-D-002-04P). The AFDAC decided to waive the presentation. Mr. Nichols noted that the Whitney's have not made any changes to the use of their property and that he appreciates that they are continuing to maintain the district. Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve renewal of the district, which was seconded by Mr. Hampshire. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Painter then asked Mr. J. Whitney if he would like to address the committee. Mr. J. Whitney said that he appreciates the program and that he and his family intend to continue maintaining the property.

Mr. Painter then called the second item for renewal, the Atiyeh A&F District (AF 2022-SP-00003; AR 89-S-003-04). The AFDAC decided to waive the presentation. Mr. Hampshire noted that he grew up nearby and that the property is an asset to the community. Mr. Painter invited Ms. Atiyeh to address the committee. Ms. Atiyeh said that she and her family fell in love with the property and plan to maintain it. She also expressed appreciation for everyone who has helped her keep the property maintained. Mr. Hampshire made a motion to approve the renewal of the district, which was seconded by Mr. Parnes. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Parnes noted that the next meeting was listed on the agenda as "TBD" and asked if a date has been set for the meeting. Ms. Fisher responded that meetings are only scheduled when there is business for the committee to conduct, and at the present time there are no pending applications for the committee to review. She also noted that there is one more district that is due to be renewed this year, but no application has been received.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.