

DRAFT MINUTES
Seed Potato Board
Belle Haven, Virginia
January 10, 2012

Call To Order – Chairman Fred Holland called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Board Members Present

Fred Holland, Jr.
Bill Floyd
David Scott
Phil Hickman
Butch Nottingham, Program Director

Board Members Absent

Wayne Heath
Jack Duer

Guests

Tom Smith
Doug Gillespie
Chip Taylor
Teresa Long
Nick Thomas

Election of Officers - Phil Hickman nominated Fred Holland Chairman and Wayne Heath Vice chairman. His nomination was seconded by David Scott, and they were elected by acclamation.

Reading and Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the last meeting had been mailed to the members. Phil Hickman moved and Bill Floyd seconded a motion for the Board to dispense with the reading of the February 2011 minutes and approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Old Business - Doug Gillespie and Tom Smith reported that seed shipments would be handled like last year. Since I.T. Wilson has moved to NC, Doug Gillespie will be the point of contact for the seed inspections in 2012.

Review of Procedure - The board agreed that the procedure defined in the minutes of the Board meeting held Oct 29, 1991 was working well and should continue for the 2010 season. It was decided that the Chairman would again send a letter to growers explaining the benefits of the seed law to them and asking for cooperation.

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Operation of 2011 Program - Tom Smith reported that the program would operate in 2012 as it did in 2011.

Price and availability of Seed - There is some concern about the quality of seed in 2012 based on weather conditions in the Northeast during seed harvest.

Spring Wrap Up Meeting - It was decided that a meeting would not be scheduled for May unless needed.

Discussion of cut seed - Although there was no cut seed reported for the past several seasons, it was decided that the procedure would remain as it has been in the past.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:45

Respectfully submitted

Wayne Heath, Chairman