

FINAL MINUTES
VIRGINIA POTATO BOARD MEETING
Painter, Virginia
February 19, 2019

I. Attendance

Board Members Present

Bruce Richardson, *Chairman*
Jimmy Holland, *V-Chairman*
Mark Hickman
Bill Floyd
John Holland
Ron Bailey
Butch Nottingham, Program Director

Board Members Absent

David Long

Guests

Dr. Steve Rideout, Ursula Deitch, Helene Doughty.

II. Call To Order – Chairman Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

III. Election of Officers- Bill Floyd nominated Bruce Richardson for chairman, and Jimmy Holland as Vice Chairman. Ron Bailey seconded the nomination and they were elected unanimously.

IV. Reading and Approval of Minutes – David Long moved to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Mark, Hickman seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

V. Financial Statement – Butch Nottingham presented the financial statement that reflected revenues and expenditures as of January 31 2019 Receipts of 9871.04 were reported from July 1, 2019to January 31 2019. A cash account balance \$ 44536.13 was reported, with grant obligations of \$8990.00 outstanding. David Long moved and Mark Hickman seconded a motion to approve. Motion passed.

VI. Inspection report- Allen Daughtery reported that 40 loads of seed potatoes have been received for the 2019 season and the seed inspection program is working well. Last year approximately 180 loads of seed potatoes were delivered to farms in Virginia.

VI. Project Proposals

Dr. Tom Kuhar and Helene Doughty-A Closer Look into Wireworm Control in Virginia Potatoes-Shore-Dr. Tom Kuhar, Helene Doughty. 5000.00 with the stipulation that neonicotinoid resistance in Colorado Potato Beetles would be studied as well.

Dr. Steve Rideout-Requested 1500.00 for travel to Maine to visit potato seed farms with Dr. Steve Johnson and observe and evaluate the protocols and practices for growing potato seed for Virginia farmers, especially as it relates to dickeya.

Discussion of allocating funds for a local promotion. Chairman Richardson raised the issue that if the opportunity arises the Board should be prepared to finance on short notice. Jimmy Holland moved to establish a 5000.00 marketing fund that could be used if a promotion opportunity arises. The chairman would contact all of the board members to secure their approval, a majority would be necessary to access the funds.

After discussion the projects were evaluated, Jimmy Holland moved to approve the projects at the above levels. Mark Hickman seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

VII. Other Business

VIII. Public comment-There was not public comment.

IX. Next meeting-Board instructed the program manager to schedule a meeting in early November.