

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

Potato Board  
Painter, Virginia  
January 20, 2015

### **Call To Order**

Chairman Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **Board Members Present**

David Long	Ron Bailey
Bruce Richardson, <b>Chairman</b>	Bill Floyd
Bruce Holland	Butch Nottingham, Program Director
David Hickman	

#### **Board Members Absent**

Jimmy Holland, **V-Chairman**

#### **Guests**

Ursula Deitch	Dr. Steve Rideout
Teresa Long	Dr. Mark Reiter
Dennis Clary	Dr. Ramon Anrancibia.

### **Election of Officers**

Bill Floyd nominated the present slate of officers for re-election, his nomination was seconded by Ron Bailey, and Bruce Richardson was elected Chairman and Jimmy Holland Vice chairman by acclamation.

### **Reading and Approval of Minutes**

Bruce Holland moved to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. David Hickman seconded and the minutes were approved.

### **Financial Statement**

Butch Nottingham presented the financial statement that reflected revenues and expenditures as of January 15, 2015. Receipts of 13610.07 were reported from July 1, 2013 to January 15, 2015. A cash account balance \$ 44378.86 was reported, with grant obligations of \$16,557 outstanding. Ron Bailey moved and Bill Floyd seconded a motion to approve. Motion passed. Bruce Holland moved that Butch Nottingham get information about a private firm that would do an audit of the growers and an estimate of the cost of an audit.

### **Review of Seed Potato Law**

Dennis Clary with VDACS reported that there have been no Changes to the Seed Potato Law and that the seed inspection would operate the same as last year. Dennis

also reported that 172 loads of potatoes were inspected in 2014 at the request of the Board he would get the number of loads from 2013 for comparison.

### **Grant Proposals**

The next order of business was proposals by the scientists at the Painter Research Facility. Three proposals were presented by the faculty at the Eastern Shore AREC.

Project title: "Use of mustard as a biofumigant to suppress wireworm populations in problem soils" Dr. Tom Kuhar, requested funding - \$4,310.

Project Title: Preharvest conditioning to set the skin in potato tubers and reduce post harvest losses to diseases and disorders, requested funding - \$9,560.

Project Title: "Evaluation of Water used in Potato Production Operations on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Dr. Laura Strawn - \$10,000.

Chairman Bruce Richardson discussed the need for promotion and requested that 2500.00 be allocated for promotion in 2015-16.

On behalf of the Association of Virginia Potato and Vegetable Growers, Butch Nottingham requested \$1,500 to help defray the cost of curtains and tables for the Eastern Shore Ag Conference and Trade Show.

Dr. Steve Rideout reported that he and Dr. Mark Reiter were not going to submit proposals for 2015, but would carry on potato research, including the disease monitoring in the coming year.

After much discussion, David Hickman moved and David Long seconded a motion that the projects be funded at the following levels.

"Evaluation of Water Used in Potato Production on the Eastern Shore of Virginia", Dr. Laura Strawn approved for \$10,000.

"Preharvest conditioning to set the skin in potato tubers and reduce post harvest losses to diseases and disorders", be amended to reduce the scope of the project by eliminating the undercutting of the vines and the storage components of the project and that \$5,000 be allocated for the revised project.

Eastern Shore Ag Conference and Trade Show. \$1,500, to help defray the cost of curtains and tables.

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Promotion \$2,500 allocated for Virginia Potato Promotion as presented by Bruce Richardson. Total of \$19,000 Motion passed.

### **Promotion Projects**

Bruce Richardson reported on the promotional projects during the year, including the Potato Expo, and work with the national Potato Board and council. The board also discussed ways to promote potatoes in state.

### **Education Projects**

Ursula Dietch and Teresa Long reported on the Ag Conference and thanked the members of the Board for their attendance last year and encouraged them to attend this year. They also invited the Board to attend 2 upcoming seminars on Estate Planning and the new Farm Bill.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment

### **Next Meeting**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:40. The Board instructed Butch Nottingham to schedule a meeting for early fall 2015.

### **Signed**

### **Chairman**