

**FINAL MINUTES**  
VIRGINIA SEED POTATO BOARD  
Trawler Restaurant, Exmore VA  
December 11, 2006

The Virginia Seed Potato Board meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Chairman Fred Holland at the Trawler Restaurant, Exmore VA on December 11, 2006. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved, following a motion made by Wayne Heath and seconded by Bill Floyd.

Attendance:

**Members Present:**

J.W. Nottingham, Program Director, VDACS  
Doug Gillespie  
David Scott  
Fred Holland

Bill Floyd  
Wayne Heath  
I.T Wilson  
Jerry Miles

**Members Absent:**

John H. Duer, III  
Joe Black

The chairman asked Butch Nottingham to assume the chair for the purpose of conducting the election of a chairman for 2006. Fred Holland nominated Bill Floyd to serve as Chairman and Wayne Heath as Vice-Chairman. The nominations were seconded by Mr. Scott. Mr. Hickman moved that the nominations be closed and the nominees be elected by acclamation. The motion carried and Mr. Heath assumed the Chair.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Doug Gillespie, Jerry Miles, and I.T Wilson. Federal-State Inspection Service, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, gave a brief recap of the 2005-2006 seed season.

The question of the Board's policy in handling of problem loads was discussed.

Members of the Board present felt that the procedure as defined in the minutes of the Board meeting held on Oct. 29, 1991 was working well and should continue for the 2007/ seed season. This understanding included the handling of Ared tag@ loads, requests for releases under a stop sale orders, etc. 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 their cooperation.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Board's rules and regulations were reviewed. The members present expressed that there had been no comments received from the industry indicating any problems and there should be no action by the Board to begin the rule changing process for the year 2007.

Doug Gillespie reported that the Seed Program would be conducted in 2006/07 just as it had in 2003/04, ie., on a no fee basis. I.T. Wilson, Jerry Miles, and Walter Buchanan will be handling the seed inspections

There was a general discussion of problems dealing with fusarium tuber rot. It was decided that the Board would continue with this problem as in the past. A REQUEST FOR RELEASE FORM for dealing with problem loads was distributed.

The Board discussed the need for a wrap-up meeting. It was decided that a meeting would not be scheduled for May unless needed.

The price and availability of seed for 2006/2007 was discussed.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Heath, Chairman  
J. W. Nottingham, Program Director