

**Voluntary Agricultural District Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
November 6, 2019

Present: Mamie Caison (by phone), Mark Blevins, Chip Carroll, Jody Clemmons (by phone), Travis Potter, Michelle Kasey, Jennifer Dickinson, Howard Robinson

VAD Board Chairman Chip Carroll called the meeting to order. Jody Clemmons made a motion to accept the minutes from March 8 2019. Travis Potter seconded. Minutes were approved.

A revised Voluntary Agricultural District Removal form was presented to the board for discussion and approval. Travis Potter made a motion to accept the revised form. Jody Clemmons seconded. Form was approved.

Removal forms for LE Bennett and Charles L. Carroll were submitted to the board. Jody Clemmons made a motion to accept these removals. Travis Potter seconded. Charles L. Carroll abstained from voting. Both removal forms were accepted.

Mamie Caison made a suggestion that the VAD not charge removal fees to unrecord properties. Chip Carroll suggested that if the owner asks for removal to charge a fee and if the property is sold, to not charge a fee. Howard Robinson stated that in the beginning, membership was voluntary and once you were in there were no fees charged. Mamie Caison stated that it was voluntary to get in and voluntary to get out. Jody Clemmons made a motion to waive the removal fee across the board. Travis Potter seconded. Motion was carried. No removal fees.

Mamie Caison requested that the VAD get the Ag Development Plan that has recently been finalized professionally printed. She suggested that we print a minimum of 200. Mark Blevins mentioned that he would like to send one to all elected officials and municipalities. Chip Carroll asked how many should be printed. Mark Blevins suggested 500. Mark Blevins stated that there is grant money from the State that could possibly pay for the printing. He volunteered to submit for grant monies. Jennifer Dickinson volunteered to do as much work as possible to get the document ready for the printers to reduce the cost. She also volunteered to get quotes and look at examples for the final product.

Chip Carroll requested dates for the next meeting. It was agreed that February 5, 2020 at 8:00am at the Cooperative Extension Building would be the date.

Mark Blevins invited anyone that would like to come to the Plant Science Initiative at NCSU in Goldsboro on November 22, 2019 from 12-2pm. He asked that anyone interested call the office to have Michelle Kasey register them.

Jody Clemmons made a motion to adjourn. Travis Potter seconded. Meeting closed.