

Draft Minutes
Virginia Cattle Industry Board
April 23, 2025 - 7:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

Presiding: Bill Tucker, Chairman

Roll Call:

Members Present

Julia Jones
Bill Tucker
Buddy Shelton
Richard Lloyd
Nick McNeil
Cecilia Moyer
Matthew Hill

Members Absent

Perry Huffman
David Coleman
Bob Threewitts
Andy Smith

Staff Present

Matthew Sponaugle, VDACS Liaison
Melissa Ball, VDACS

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Grant Updates:

No grant updates were given.

Financial Report

No financial report was given.

Approval of Minutes

The approval of the February 27, 2025 meeting was tabled until the July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

Action on Grant Proposals

The Board reviewed the following grant submissions that were both tabled at the February 27, 2025 meeting:

NUMBER	TITLE	ORANIZATION	TYPE	AMOUNT REQUESTED
25-9B	Developing Replacement Heifers on Alternative Forages	VT - Shenandoah Valley AREC	Research	\$35,704.00
25-24 B	Genetic Variants that Cause Embryonic Death	Virginia Tech	Research	\$30,000.00

Total = \$65,704.00

The Board discussed and voted on each grant submission individually via role call:

Grant# 25-9B: *“Developing Replacement Heifers on Alternative Forages”*

Project lead for Grant 25-9B withdrew the grant request prior to the meeting. No discussion took place.

Grant# 25-24B: *“Genetic Variants that Cause Embryonic Death”* (motion by Lloyd; Hill 2nd – passed unanimously)

A summary of grant approvals below:

NUMBER	TITLE	ORANIZATION	TYPE	AMOUNT FUNDED
25-9B	Developing Replacement Heifers on Alternative Forages	VT - Shenandoah Valley AREC	Research	Withdrawn
25-24 B	Genetic Variants that Cause Embryonic Death	Virginia Tech	Research	\$30,000.00
			Total:	\$30,000.00

OLD BUSINESS:

Other Business

Grant Amendments

One grant amendment was presented to the Board pertaining a no cost term extension. Hill made a motion to approve all amendment request as presented below. McNeil 2nd and motion passed.

- 1) A no-cost term extension was requested for Grant 24-9B, extending the grant period for 6 months through July 2025. Justification for the term extension included extra time needed for putting up temporary fencing and waterway access.

Future Meeting Date

The next in person meeting date is set for Wednesday July 23 in Blacksburg, VA. Tentative start time will be 11 am.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Sponaule, VDACS Liaison