

This meeting was held electronically via WebEx on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 during the Governor's declared state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic making it unsafe for the public body to assemble in a single location. A recording of the meeting is available:

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Monday, May 17, 2020

Board Members Present

Kirk Wiles, Chair

Mitzi Batterson, Treasurer

Doug Fabboli

Len Thompson

Megan Seibel

Luca Paschina

Courtney Mailey

Absent

Patrick Duffeler II

Tayloe Dameron

Guests / Staff

Mizuho Nita, Virginia Tech

Tony Wolf, Virginia Tech

Caitlin Miller, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

I. Call to Order & Welcome – 11:15 AM

II. Mizuho Nita, Virginia Tech

- A. Dr. Mizuho Nita provided a presentation on the role of graduate students in his research conducted at Alson H. Smith Jr. Agricultural Research and Extension Center. Dr. Nita also submitted budget amendments for the following FY 22 grant proposals:

- Grape Pathology Projects (\$20,000 approved at the April 2021 meeting)
- Application of a biocontrol agent *Rhizobium vitis* ARK-1 at the time of grafting (Funding not approved at the April 2021 meeting)

*A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve an additional \$27,324 for the Grape Pathology Projects proposal and to approve \$45,515 in funding for the proposal titled, "Application of a biocontrol agent *Rhizobium vitis* ARK-1 at the time of grafting."*

III. Public Comment

IV. Next Meeting & Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.