

ATTENDANCE **Trustees:** Sissy Crowther, Chair Viola Baskerville Eleanor Brown Elsie Delva Tack Richardson Absent: Ali Afonja, Elizabeth Copeland

MINUTES Board of Trustees Meeting June 12, 2024

Staff:

Brett Glymph, Executive Director Ruth Babylon, Sr. Conservation Specialist Leslie Grayson, Deputy Director Heather Hall, Contracting Manager Martha Little, Deputy Director Tommy Oravetz, Sr Conservation Specialist

Other Attendees:

Dr. Michael Hickman, Calfee Cultural and Community Ctr. Guy Smith, T. G. Howard Community Center Jill Williams, Calfee Cultural and Community Ctr.

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Sissy Crowther, Chair.

The meeting began with a welcome from Guy Smith, Executive Director of the T.G. Howard Community Center in Pulaski, VA. Lunch was served and then Guy gave a talk on the origins of the project, the enormous support from the community and future plans. The Community Center recently had its grand opening and Guy thanked the staff and trustees providing the initial significant funding to get the project off the ground. and

The meeting and participants then proceeded to the Calfee Cultural and Community Center where they were met by Board President Dr. Michael "Mickey" Hickman and Jill Williams. Dr. Hickman (a student at the Calfee School from grades 1 - 3) gave a presentation of the history of Pulaski and the town's connection to the broader story of desegregation in Virginia While the opening of the Calfee CCC is dependent on additional funding, Jill and Mickey thanked the trustees and staff for the original PTF grant in the very early stages of the planning process. This presentation is on file with the permanent record of this meeting.

The meeting adjourned.