# FARM CREDIT OF THE VIRGINIAS, ACA ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION STATEMENT

# 2024 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE IN STAUNTON, VA

102 Industry Way, Staunton, VA 24401

All stockholders of Farm Credit of the Virginias, ACA (the "Association") are invited and encouraged to attend the 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Association on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. The 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held not only in-person at the administrative office located at 102 Industry Way, Staunton, VA 24401, but also by video conference. To participate in the meeting by video conference, stockholders of the Association should join using the video conference link information below:

Link to Join: https://agfirstfcb.webex.com/

Meeting Information: 2348 797 2483 Meeting Password: FCV2024

Election of the 2025 nominating committee and Stockholder-Elected Directors will be conducted by ballots mailed to eligible Voting Stockholders following the annual meeting.

# Voting Rights

Each of the Voting Stockholders of the Association is entitled to only one vote regardless of the number of single or joint loans the Voting Stockholder may have with the Association. In the case of joint loans, the vote may be cast by only one of the joint holders designated and duly authorized by the other joint holder(s) in a writing filed with the Association. The vote of a Voting Stockholder that is a legal entity may be cast by an individual equity owner of the entity, designated and duly authorized in a writing filed with the Association. In no event may an individual vote more than once.

Borrowers holding participation certificates or Class A Common Stock are not eligible to vote. Eligible Voting Stockholders were determined as of the close of business on July 31, 2024 (the "Record Date"). As of the Record Date, the number of Voting Stockholders entitled to vote was 10,829.

The bylaws of the Association implement the following thirteen (13) Nominating Regions for the election of Stockholder-Elected Directors and members of the nominating committee to ensure that representation is distributed throughout the Association's territory:

Nominating Region	Counties	Number of Voting Stockholders in the Nominating Region as of the Record Date
1	Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, and Prince William Counties, VA	967
2	Culpeper, Madison, Orange, Rappahannock, Spotsylvania and Stafford Counties, VA	876
3	Greene and Rockingham Counties, VA	788
4	Albemarle, Augusta and Nelson Counties, VA	941
5	Bedford, Botetourt, Roanoke and Rockbridge Counties, VA	837
6	Halifax and Pittsylvania Counties, VA	714
7	Floyd, Franklin, Henry, Montgomery and Patrick Counties, VA	805
8	Bland, Carroll, Giles, Grayson, Pulaski, Smyth, Tazewell and Wythe Counties, VA	1,021
9	Buchanan, Dickenson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Washington and Wise Counties, VA	873
10	Alleghany, Bath, Craig and Highland Counties, VA and Fayette, Greenbrier, McDowell, Mercer, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Randolph, Summers, Upshur, Webster and Wyoming Counties, WV	690
11	Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Gilmer, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Pleasants, Putnam, Ritchie, Roane, Tyler, Wayne, Wirt and Wood Counties, WV	816
12	Allegany and Garrett Counties, MD and Barbour, Harrison, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, Taylor, Tucker, and Wetzel Counties, WV	876
13	Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral and Pendleton Counties, WV	625

A stockholder who neither resides nor has its farm operations headquartered in the Association's chartered territory shall be treated as residing in the Nominating Region where their servicing branch is located but is not eligible to serve as a Stockholder-Elected Director or member of the nominating committee. Each Voting Stockholder as of the Record Date, regardless of the location of the residence of the Voting Stockholder, is entitled to vote for each Stockholder-Elected Director and nominating committee seat.

# **Election Issues Requiring Vote**

By mail ballot following the 2024 Annual Meeting of the stockholders, the Voting Stockholders of the Association as of the Record Date shall elect: (i) individuals to serve as Stockholder-Elected Directors for the four (4) Stockholder-Elected Director seats for Nominating Regions 1, 3, 7, and 8, as described above; and (ii) eight (8) members and four (4) alternates of the 2025 Nominating Committee. The 4 Stockholder-Elected Directors for Nominating Regions 1, 3, 7, and 8 will be elected to a four-year term. The members and alternates of the 2025 Nominating Committee will be elected to a one-year term.

The 2025 Nominating Committee shall be composed of two (2) Stockholders who are holders or joint holders of Class C Common Stock as of the Record Date, or individuals designated in accordance with the bylaws to vote the Class C Common Stock held by a Voting Stockholder, from each of Nominating Regions 6, 10, 12, and 13 as described above, which are the Nominating Regions for which a Stockholder-Elected Director shall be elected by the Voting Stockholders of the Association at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the stockholders. The two (2) nominees for each of such Nominating Regions receiving the greatest number of votes cast shall be elected to serve as members of the 2025 Nominating Committee. The nominee for each Nominating Region receiving the next greatest number of votes cast shall be elected to serve as the alternate to the 2025 Nominating Committee for that Nominating Region. In the event a member of the Nominating Committee is unable or unwilling to serve, the vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the alternate from the Nominating Region to which the vacancy relates; provided however, if an alternate from the Nominating Region to which the vacancy relates is unable or unwilling to serve, the remaining members of the nominating committee (which may be less than a quorum) shall by majority vote select from all the alternates a substitute to replace such member of the nominating committee who is unable or unwilling to serve.

# **Current Board of Directors**

Director	Age	Type(s) of Agriculture	Years Served	Term of Office
Caitlin M. Bailey	36	Beef Cattle	2024	2024-2027
Ronald L. Bennett	72	Dairy	2003-2024	2022-2025
Donna M. Brooke-Alt	59	Greenhouse, Event Building and Agri-tainment	2003-2024	2022-2025
David Wayne Campbell	71	Hereford Beef Cattle, Stockers	2019-2024	2023-2026
Robert M. Chambers, Jr.	60	Crops, Beef Cows, NAPA Dealerships	2019-2024	2023-2026
Kevin C. Craun	64	Dairy, Beef Cattle	2017-2024	2021-2024
Charles E. Horn, Jr.	56	Poultry and Dairy Heifers	2015-2024	2024-2027
Kyle E. House	39	Grain and Sod	2021-2024	2021-2024
Melody S. Jones	62	Outside Director - Designated Financial Expert	2007-2024	2023-2026
Charles R. King, Jr.	65	Beef Cattle and Crops	2021-2024	2022-2024
James F. Kinsey	45	Purebred Angus Cattle	2014-2024	2022-2025
Charles B. Leech IV	68	Dairy and Grain	2004-2024	2024-2027
Milton L. McPike, Jr.	62	Outside Director	2009-2024	2021-2024
Donald W. Reese	59	Vegetables	2006-2024	2022-2025
Alfred W. Stephens, Jr.	56	Dairy, Beef Cattle and Produce	2002-2024	2021-2024

No incumbent directors attended less than 75% of total Board meetings and/or any committee meetings on which he or she served during the fiscal year. No director resigned or declined to stand for re-election since the Association's last annual meeting of stockholders because of policy disagreements with the Board.

#### Stockholder-Elected Director Seats

The Board is composed of thirteen (13) Stockholder-Elected Directors elected by the Voting Stockholders of the Association, at least two (2) outside directors elected by the Board, and up to two (2) appointed stockholder directors appointed by the Board; provided however, at all times the Stockholder-Elected Directors shall constitute at least 60 percent of the members of the Board. In order to stand for election to a Stockholder-Elected Director seat, each candidate as of the Record Date must be a holder or joint holder of Class C Common Stock of the Association or individual designated in accordance with the bylaws to vote the Class C Common Stock held by a Voting Stockholder, and must be a resident of, or have the candidate's farm operations headquartered in, the Nominating Region corresponding to such seat. Stockholder-Elected Director Seats, Current Stockholder-Elected Directors, and Nomination Region Assigned to the Stockholder-Elected Director Seat are shown below:

Stockholder-Elected Director Seat and Current Stockholder-Elected Director	Nominating Region Assigned to Stockholder-Elected Director Seat
1 Kyle E. House	Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, and Prince William Counties, VA
2 Robert M. Chambers, Jr.	Culpeper, Madison, Orange, Rappahannock, Spotsylvania and Stafford Counties, VA
3 Kevin C. Craun	Greene and Rockingham Counties, VA
4 Charles E. Horn, Jr.	Albemarle, Augusta and Nelson Counties, VA
5 Charles B. Leech IV	Bedford, Botetourt, Roanoke and Rockbridge Counties, VA
6 Donald W. Reese	Halifax and Pittsylvania Counties, VA
7 Charles R. King, Jr.	Floyd, Franklin, Henry, Montgomery and Patrick Counties, VA
8 Alfred W. Stephens, Jr.	Bland, Carroll, Giles, Grayson, Pulaski, Smyth, Tazewell and Wythe Counties, VA
9 David W. Campbell	Buchanan, Dickenson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Washington and Wise Counties, VA
10 Ronald L. Bennett	Alleghany, Bath, Craig and Highland Counties, VA and Fayette, Greenbrier, McDowell, Mercer, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Randolph, Summers, Upshur, Webster and Wyoming Counties, WV
11 Caitlin M. Bailey	Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Gilmer, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Pleasants, Putnam, Ritchie, Roane, Tyler, Wayne, Wirt and Wood Counties, WV
12 James F. Kinsey	Allegany and Garrett Counties, MD and Barbour, Harrison, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, Taylor, Tucker, and Wetzel Counties, WV
13 Donna M. Brooke-Alt	Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral and Pendleton Counties, WV

An individual is deemed to reside where the individual maintains his or her primary residence, a stockholder that is an entity is deemed to reside where the individual designated to vote the Class C Common Stock of the stockholder maintains his or her primary residence, and the farm operations of a Voting Stockholder or nominee is deemed headquartered at the mailing address of record on file with the Association. Each Voting Stockholder who neither resides nor has its farm operations headquartered in the Association's chartered territory is not eligible to serve as a Stockholder-Elected Director or as a member of the nominating committee.

#### Nominees for Elections to Occur in 2024

In accordance with the Association's bylaws and the Farm Credit Administration's regulations, nominees to serve if elected have been nominated by the 2024 Nominating Committee to fill the expiring terms of the Stockholder-Elected Directors in Nominating Regions 1, 3, 7, and 8. Additionally, the 2024 Nominating Committee has nominated candidates to serve if elected as the members of the 2025 Nominating Committee for Regions 6, 10, 12, and 13, as described above. See Exhibit A for a list of the 2024 Nominating Committee members.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor during the 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders either in-person or by video conference. Each nomination from the floor must meet the same eligibility and qualification requirements as candidates nominated by the nominating committee. **NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE FROM THE FLOOR ONLY DURING THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 MEETING.** To place a nominee's name on the ballot, the person making the nomination must be a Voting Stockholder or individual designated in accordance with the bylaws to vote the Class C Common Stock held by a Voting Stockholder. Each nominee must be as of the Record Date a holder or joint holder of Class C Common Stock of the Association or individual designated in accordance with the bylaws to vote the Class C Common Stock held by a Voting Stockholder and must be eligible to serve for the seat for which nominated.

No more than one stockholder jointly sharing ownership of the Class C Common Stock of the Association may simultaneously serve as a director of the Association, and that individual is not required to be designated to cast votes on behalf of all the stockholders sharing ownership of the Class C Common Stock. No person shall be nominated, elected or appointed, or allowed to continue to serve as a director of the Association, if that person is the spouse, or other adult living in the same household, of a: (i) director of the Association, (ii) nominee for election to the Board, (iii) member of the nominating committee of the Association, (iv) nominee for election to the nominating committee of the Association, or (v) salaried officer of the Association.

Additionally, only one stockholder jointly sharing ownership of the Class C Common Stock of the Association may seek the opportunity to serve on the nominating committee within an election cycle, and that individual is not required to be designated to cast votes on behalf of all the stockholders sharing ownership of the Class C Common Stock. No person shall be nominated, elected or appointed, or allowed to continue to serve as a member or alternate of the nominating committee of the Association, (ii) nominee for election to the Board, (iii) member of the nominating committee of the Association, (iv) nominee for election to the nominating committee of the Association, or (v) salaried officer of the Association.

The floor nominee must be present either in-person or by video conference during the 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to state whether he or she accepts the nomination. Upon receiving a floor nomination, the annual meeting process will be stopped until initial eligibility is determined. After initial eligibility is determined, the meeting will proceed.

Subsequent due diligence will be performed to determine if the nominee meets all the eligibility requirements imposed by the regulations of the Farm Credit Administration ("FCA") and the Association's bylaws and policies. The nominees for Stockholder-Elected Director seats shall disclose in writing to the Association no later than three (3) business days after the nomination, their name, age, business experience during the last five years including principal occupation and employment, any business entities on whose board of directors the nominee serves, identify any family relationship of the nominee that deals with Farm Credit that would be reportable under FCA regulations if elected to the Board and may be required to disclose certain transactions related to loans, transactions other than loans, and involvement in certain legal proceedings. Floor nominees meeting all eligibility requirements will be placed on the ballot mailed to the Voting Stockholders after the conclusion of the meeting.

# **Voting Process**

After the 2024 Annual Meeting of stockholders, a mail-in ballot with an electronic voting option, and other election information will be mailed to each eligible Voting Stockholder of the Association as of the Record Date. An independent third party shall tally and certify the election results. A tie between two candidates may be broken, if mutually agreed upon by the candidates, by a "flip of a coin" or any other impartial method approved by the Board. The chief executive officer shall cause the election results to be announced to the stockholders of the Association.

#### **Nominees for Directors**

(The nominee receiving the greatest number of votes from each seat will be elected.)

**Seat 1** – Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, and Prince William Counties, VA — 4-year term

**KYLE EWING HOUSE (incumbent),** 39, of Catlett, VA is an owner/operator of Kettle Wind Farm, LLC in Prince William County. His agricultural business address is 11261 Morla Lane, Nokesville, VA. The family operation consists of 2900 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat and hay as well as 1000 acres of sod. Mr. House manages the farm's twelve employees. Until 2019, he managed the farm's 300-cow dairy herd. Mr. House has been a Farm Credit director since 2021. He currently serves as chairman of the Governance Committee and a member of the Compensation Committee. Mr. House is chairman of the Fairfax/Loudoun/Prince William Farm Service Agency. Mr. House previously served as a director of the Prince William/Fauquier Southern States. In addition to Mr. House being a Farm Credit customer, his father is a Farm Credit customer.

**KENNETH RAMEY PAYNE**, 62, of Warrenton, VA is the owner/operator of Ancient Oak Angus Farm in Fauquier County. His agricultural business address is 9244 Lees Ridge Road, Warrenton, VA. His business address is the same as his primary residence. Mr. Payne maintains a 40 plus head purebred Angus cattle operation using primarily artificial insemination and embryo practices. He sells registered females through breed association sponsored sales as well as some commercial seedstock through private treaty sales. He also sells registered Angus bulls, which are primarily sold through the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) at the annual bull sale. He has been in agriculture since he became involved in showing cattle in 4-H at the age of 12. Mr. Payne graduated from Virginia Tech in 1984 with a degree in Animal Science. Mr. Payne is currently serving his second term as a Director of the Virginia Angus Association where he has served as Treasurer and Vice President, and serving a second term as a Director on BCIA where he has served as Treasurer and Vice-Chairman. He currently serves as the

Committee Chairperson of the annual Culpeper BCIA bull test sale. He has also served as a Director and officer of the Northern Virginia Angus Association and is a member of the Virginia Farm Bureau. Mr. Payne was employed by the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service on various positions and retired in 2020 after 30 plus years of service. Most recently, he was employed for the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services until early 2024. The Paynes have two grown children, Bennett (Blake) and Miranda. Mr. Payne and his wife Elaine are Farm Credit customers.

Seat 3 – Greene and Rockingham Counties, VA — 4-year term

**KEVIN C. CRAUN (incumbent)**, 64, of Bridgewater, VA owns and operates, with his brother, Hillview Farm, a 950-acre operation supporting 200 dairy cows and 120 cow/calf pairs in Rockingham County. His agricultural business address is 9749 Warm Springs Pike, Bridgewater, VA. Mr. Craun currently serves as chairman of the Shenandoah Valley Soil and Water Conservation District, a member of the Rockingham County Agriculture Stewardship Committee, and Commissioner of the Virginia State Milk Commission. Mr. Craun has been a Farm Credit director since 2017 and currently serves as Board vice chairman, a member of the Governance Committee, vice chairman of the Compensation Committee, and chairman of the Legislative-Knowledge Center Committee. He serves on the AgFirst Farm Credit Bank District Advisory Committee. Mr. Craun holds a bachelor's degree in Dairy Science from Virginia Tech and is a member of St. Jacobs-Spaders Lutheran Church and serves as vice chairman of the Church Council. He and his wife Tammy have three children. In addition to Mr. Craun being a Farm Credit customer, his sister and brother-in-law are Farm Credit customers.

CHERYL DENISE MCDANIEL, 56, of Ruckersville, VA owns and operates Heavenly Acres Farm along with her husband, Billy, in Greene County. Her agricultural business address is 1570 Fredericksburg Road, Ruckersville, VA. Her business address is the same as her primary residence. The farm consists of a 60-cow robotic dairy and a Virginia Poultry Growers Cooperative turkey operation on 250 acres. 130 acres is used for corn and soybean production. Ms. McDaniel serves as vice president of the Greene County Farm Bureau, a member of the Farm Bureau Women's Committee, and the Virginia Farm Bureau Dairy Committee. She is a member of the Dairy Alliance Committee and previously served as the Greene County representative on the FSA Board. Cheryl served as a Greene County 4-H Leader for many years and is involved with the Greene County Farm and Livestock Show. The McDaniels have three children. Ms. McDaniel and her husband are Farm Credit customers.

**Seat 7** – Floyd, Franklin, Henry, Montgomery, and Patrick Counties, VA — 4-year term

CHARLES (CHUCK) ROBERT KING, JR. (incumbent), 65, of Christiansburg, VA owns and operates a farm in Montgomery County. His agricultural business address is 1795 Cambria Street, NE, Christiansburg, VA. His business address is the same as his primary residence. Mr. King's farm consists of a cow/calf operation, straw and small grains. Mr. King grew pumpkins until 2021 and served as past president of the Virginia Pumpkin Growers Association. Mr. King serves on the Montgomery County Farm Bureau board and is an honorary member of the Virginia Tech AGR Fraternity. Mr. King has been a Farm Credit of the Virginias director since 2021 and currently serves on the Audit Committee. In addition to Mr. King being a Farm Credit customer, his brother is a Farm Credit customer.

**ELVIS NATHANIEL WITCHER**, 67, of Rocky Mount, VA owns and operates Witcher Farms, Inc in Franklin County along with his wife Pamela and three children. He is a Franklin County native, and 4th generation farmer and landowner. Elvis Witcher's 40+ years of farm knowledge has allowed Witcher Farms to now incorporate operations of tobacco, cattle, and various seed crops. The Witchers raise approximately 600,000 pounds yearly of flue cured tobacco utilizing their own greenhouses grown plants and proven cultivated techniques. The Witchers have been Farm Credit customers for approximately 20 years. Along with Mr. Witcher and his wife being Farm Credit customers, their son is a Farm Credit customer.

Seat 8 - Bland, Carroll, Giles, Grayson, Pulaski, Smyth, Tazewell, and Wythe Counties, VA — 4-year term

LEE L. EATON, 64, of Pearisburg, VA owns and operates a stocker cattle business along with his wife, Jean, in Giles County. His agricultural business address is 687 Wilburn Valley Road, Pearisburg, VA. His business address is the same as his primary residence. The operation generates backgrounding for approximately 300-400 head for approximately 45-60 days on owned and rented land before shipping to multiple feeders. Along with purchasing their own cattle, they offer short-term and long-term custom stocker backgrounding and shipping. They produce a small hay crop, but rely mainly on purchased feed from local cooperatives and farmers. Mr. Eaton was previously employed as manager of the Narrows Livestock Auction Market from January 2016 through February 2020. Mr. Eaton has served as a board member for the Giles Farm Bureau Cooperative since 2015. Mr. Eaton and his wife are Farm Credit customers.

ALFRED (AL) WALKER STEPHENS, JR. (incumbent), 56, of Wytheville, VA is a partner with his father on a 145-cow dairy and 70-cow beef operation consisting of over 500 acres in Wythe County. His agricultural business address is 1362 Rockdale Road, Wytheville, VA. He serves as treasurer of Wythe/Bland DHIA, a member of the VA Tech Dairy Science Advisory Board, the Virginia Farm Bureau and Virginia State Dairymen's Association. Mr. Stephens is a former Virginia Farm Bureau Young Farmer of the Year. First elected to the Farm Credit of the Virginias board in 2002, he is past Board chairman and serves on the Risk Management, Sales and Marketing Committee. A Premier Governance certified director, he is currently a member of the Legislative/Knowledge Center Committee. Mr. Stephens is a director on the AgFirst Farm Credit Bank board. He serves on the St. John's Lutheran Church board of trustees. Mr. Stephens earned a B.S. degree in Dairy Science and AgEcon from Virginia Tech. He and his wife Julia have four children. In addition to Mr. Stephens and his wife being Farm Credit customers, his parents and brother are Farm Credit customers.

#### Nominees for the 2025 Nominating Committee

(Two from each of the Nominating Regions 6, 10, 12, and 13 which are the Nominating Regions for which a Stockholder-Elected Director shall be elected by the Voting Stockholders of the Association at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Stockholders.)

# Seat 6

ADAM BARKLEY DAVIS, 35, of Nathalie, VA manages an Angus cattle herd and a row crop operation in Halifax County. Along with farming full time, he provides crop consulting services and has worked with various crops across the country. Mr. Davis is a graduate of Virginia Tech College of Ag and has four years of ag banking experience. He serves on the Virginia Soybean Association Executive Board, the Halifax Soil and Water Conservation District Board, Halifax Country Farm Bureau Board, Virginia Farm Bureau Young Farmers State Board and the Farm Credit of the Virginias Young, Beginning and Small Farmers Advisory Committee.

NATHAN DANIEL HARKER, 44, of Hurt, VA is owner/manager of Pittsylvania Forest Products, LLC in Pittsylvania County. The logging and timberland operation specializes in harvesting hardwood and softwood timber. Mr. Harker works directly with landowners to cut standing timber as well as offering a custom sawmill service. The operation also restores and builds log cabins. Mr. Harker serves as chairman of the Pittsylvania Planning Commission, an elder of First Southern Baptist Church, and coaches middle school basketball.

**GRADY (LEE) LEON VERNON, JR.,** 50, of Alton, VA owns and operates a cow/calf farm in Halifax County. The operation consists of 120 head along with hay production. Mr. Vernon is a previous commodity buyer and currently serves as a project manager lead, for Hitachi Energy. Mr. Vernon serves as treasurer and board member of the Halifax County Cattlemen's Association and Board Chairman for Shady Grove United Methodist Church.

#### Seat 10

STEPHEN (STEVE) WARREN BARTLETT, 74, of New Castle, VA is a retired US Navy Captain. After 32 years of service and retiring in 2009, Captain Bartlett started the Black Diamond Ranch, LLC along with his wife Rose Bartlett in 2010. The Craig County operation produces all natural grass fed beef and hay. The finished beef is sold to the public directly from the farm or through retail markets. Captain Bartlett is in the process of incorporating an equestrian center into his operation to train horses and riders.

STEPHEN (STEVE) PAUL BUTLER, 62, of French Creek, WV is owner/operator of Hickory Hill Farm located in Upshur County, WV. The farm consists of beef cattle, sheep, hay, and a small greenhouse operation. Mr. Butler's work experience includes 21 years in the forestry industry and he is currently employed by the West Virginia Farm Bureau as Executive Secretary. Mr. Butler serves on the Freedom Ag and Energy Board of Directors, a board member of the Upshur County Livestock Association, Upshur County 4-H Foundation Board, West Virginia Ag and Forestry Hall of Fame Board, and a Trustee for the Frenchton Community Church.

**KARI BOTKIN SPONAUGLE**, 36, of McDowell, VA is co-owner of Church Hill Produce LLC with husband Michael and family in Highland County. Since 2011, they have grown their farm from an 8-acre roadside stand and farmer's market model to 50 acres of commercial vegetables specializing in broccoli, greens, peppers and tomatoes. Since 2013, Mrs. Sponaugle has been employed by Virginia Cooperative Extension, starting as the 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent and transferred to the Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent position in 2022. Mrs. Sponaugle has served on the Highland-Bath County Farm Bureau Board since 2010. The Sponaugles have three children.

#### Seat 12

LEVI GLENN LANTZ, 29, of Oakland, MD is an owner/operator of ALL Produce in Garrett County. The family operation consists of 17 greenhouses and high tunnels, over 15 acres of production, and nearly a 12-month vegetable production with sales. Produce is sold at roadside stands and farmers markets. Along with growing and marketing produce, Mr. Lantz is employed by Mountainside Technology, Inc. Mr. Lantz serves on the Garrett County Farm Bureau Board, chair of the Garrett County Farm Bureau Young Farmers, president of the Mountain Fresh Producers Association, treasurer of the Garrett Growers Cooperative, treasurer of the Mountain Maryland Hemp Alliance, and an active member of various community and church groups.

**THOMAS (TOM) RIGHTLY MCCONNELL,** 75, of Terra Alta, WV is a beef and sheep farmer in Preston County. Mr. McConnell is president of Preston Workshop. The business consists of several enterprises with 31 employees generating \$1.7 million annually. Preston Workshop provides many services along with lawn maintenance, housekeeping for welcome centers, and the growing and processing of 12 acres of vegetables. Mr. McConnell spent his entire career fulfilling his passion of helping farmers. After 43 years of service, he retired as a program leader for WVU Extension where he worked in crop insurance education, marketing, farm management, and created and directed the WVU Small Farm Center.

**KEVIN SCOTT SHAFFER,** 38, of Philippi, WV owns and operates 17:20 Livestock Co. in Barbour County. 17:20 Livestock's mission is to produce healthy, productive livestock in a manner that supports healthy, productive land and enhances quality of life for our customers, community and family. The company is focused on developing low-input, grazing focused enterprises that fit available resources and generate a consistent economic return. Currently, enterprises include stockers, cow/calf and a small sheep flock. Dr. Shaffer is also employed as a Livestock Specialist at West Virginia University Extension. As part of his role, he coordinates the Wardensville and Southern WV Bull Test programs and the WV Quality Assurance Feeder Cattle Marketing Program. Additionally, Dr. Shaffer serves on the Broaddus Hospital Board of Trustees.

#### Seat 13

**KEITH GREGORY BOHRER**, 36, of Slanesville, WV is owner/operator of Spring Gap Farm consisting of black Hereford cattle, Katahdin sheep, and hay in Hampshire County. Mr. Bohrer owns and operates the family business, HomeTown Solutions, a retail hardware and building supply store. Mr. Bohrer is an active participant with APC Ministries and WV Prayer Alliance. He is a board member of Hampshire County Planning Commission, and the Hampshire County Farmland Protection Board.

**BRAD DAVID SMITH,** 61, of Moorefield, WV is owner/operator of Bar S Farm in Hardy County along with his wife and son. The farm consists of management intensive grazing of 200 ewes and does, and hay production. Mr. Smith has been employed as a WVU Extension Agent – Ag and Natural Resources in Grant County for 36 years where his areas of emphasis have been: youth agriculture programs, forage and livestock production and nutrient management. Mr. Smith serves on the Freedom Ag and Energy Board.

RICHARD (RICK) ZELL WOODWORTH, 58, of Burlington, WV is employed by Flying W Farms LLC, a 5th generation family farm in Mineral County. The operation consists of 300 cow/calf pairs that provide beef to USDA Slaughter and Processing Plants. Marketing is directly to consumers through their Farmer's Market. The farm produces hay and 160 acres of corn.

#### **Annual Report**

Stockholders are encouraged to review the 2023 Annual Report that was published and sent to each stockholder in March 2024. The 2023 Annual Report is also made available on the Association's website **www.farmcreditofvirginias.com**. Annually the Association publishes its annual report on its website when it sends the annual report electronically to the FCA. Stockholders may also request a copy by contacting Farm Credit of the Virginias, ACA at P.O. Box 899, Staunton, Virginia 24402, or calling (540) 248-0294.

# Mailing Date and Online Availability of Annual Meeting Information Statement

This 2024 Annual Meeting Information Statement was mailed to all stockholders on or about August 29, 2024, and was posted on **www.farmcreditofvirginias.com** simultaneous with its mailing. It will be available on the Association's website for not less than thirty days. Copies of the 2024 Annual Meeting Information Statement are also available for inspection at all offices of the Association.

# **Other Business**

There are no other business matters to be discussed at the meeting except listed herein upon which a stockholder vote is required.

# **Additional Disclosure**

During the preceding year, the Association had loans outstanding to its senior officers and directors, their immediate family members, or organizations with which such senior officers or directors are affiliated. All such loans were made in the ordinary course of business and were made on the same terms, including interest rate, amortization schedule, and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with other persons. No such loans involved more than the normal risk of collectability.

# Certification

The undersigned certify that this statement has been reviewed and has been prepared in accordance with all applicable statutory or regulatory requirements and that the information contained herein is true, accurate and complete to the best of his knowledge and belief.

James F. Kinsey

Justin Weekley
Chief Financial Officer

Brad Cornelius Chief Executive Officer

August 29, 2024

# **EXHIBIT A: 2024 NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Nominating Region	Name	City of Residence or Business Headquarters
1	Stephen E. Mayes	Midland, VA
1	Benjamin Gray Smith	Bealeton, VA
3	Craig J. Bailey	Rockingham, VA
3	Daniel Martin King	Rockingham, VA
7	Levi Steven Cox	Check, VA
7	James Leeland Gardner, Jr.	Rocky Mount, VA
8	Nathan Andrew Aker	Wytheville, VA
8	Jeremy James Harmon	Galax, VA