

County of Bland

Bland County
Board of Supervisors



Commonwealth
of Virginia

A RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COUNTY OF BLAND BE DESIGNATED A DISASTER AREA DUE TO PROLONGED DROUGHT CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, drought conditions in the County of Bland have severely affected farmers and the agriculture community; and,

WHEREAS, during the growing season of this year, the County of Bland has received significantly less rain than normal while experiencing unseasonably high temperatures; and,

WHEREAS, the USDA Farm Service Agency, via the Virginia Cooperative Extension, has reported that approximately 38,000 acres of farmland has been adversely affected from drought conditions, with an estimated 60% loss to hay, crop, and pastureland; and,

WHEREAS, due the timing of the drought conditions, future rain events this fall will not have a significant positive impact on the rebounding of summer or winter grass production; and,

WHEREAS, due to the prolonged drought conditions, significant amount of pasture across the county will require reseeding, adding additional cost and devastation to local farmers.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Bland County Board of Supervisors hereby instruct and authorize the County Administrator to file with the Governor of Virginia, a request that the County of Bland be designated as a drought disaster area; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bland County Board of Supervisors support the applications of the Bland County Cooperative Extension office for any federal or state assistance to local farmers affected by the severe drought.

Adopted this, the 22nd day of October 2019, in the County of Bland, Virginia.

By: _____



Randy Johnson, Chairman
Bland County Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____


Eric R. Workman, Ed.D.
Clerk / County Administrator
Bland County Board of Supervisors