

BOARD MINUTES

RANDOLPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Asheboro, North Carolina

August 20, 2015

Meeting Number 7

Supervisors Present:

Craig Frazier, Chairman
Bill Alston, Treasurer
Shane Whitaker, Vice Chairman

Others Present:

Jenny Parks, Adm. Sec.
Kaitlyn Johnson, Env. Specialist
Randy Blackwood, DC NRCS
Ralston James, NCDA&CS
Louis Hart, NCDA&CS

Frazier called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. and Supervisor Travel Vouchers were signed and returned. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

ACTION ITEMS:

Minutes from the July 2015 regular meeting were reviewed and corrections were made. Alston moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to approve these minutes with the corrections made.

Alston presented the Treasurer's Report. Alston moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report.

A request from the Piedmont conservation Council, Inc. for \$2,000 from our district was presented to the board. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, after discussion, the board voted unanimously for the Randolph SWCD to contribute \$1,000 to the Piedmont Conservation Council, Inc.

Blackwood gave the NRCS Report as follows:

- Blackwood reported that Randolph County FSA Director's last day was August 21, 2015. The FSA Director in Guilford will be acting until they fill the vacancy.
- Blackwood reported that two of the NRCS Engineers have left the Area. One has gone to work for Duke Power (Jill from the Area Office) and the other has taken a position in Main (Scott from the Asheboro Office).
- Blackwood shared the final EQIP Allocation update with the board.
- Blackwood shared a map with the proposed service delivery model with new Area lines with the board. Randolph County will become Team 9 with four counties covered.
- Local Workgroup discussion was had at this time. It was decided that the local workgroup would meet September 17, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Parks will handle inviting partnering agencies.

Alston gave the RC&D Report as follows:

- Alston reported that they are currently focusing on the Odd Fellow Cemetery Project instead of the Washington Park Project due to extenuating circumstances.
- Alston expressed that he would like to see the local soil and water office become more involved in RC&D.

Parks gave the Education Report as follows:

- Parks reported there have been no educational programs conducted within the last month.
- Parks is working on contest information to be sent out to all the schools.
- A resolution from New Hanover S&W was presented and discussed. Alston moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted to support this resolution. After discussion of the wording in the resolution, Alston moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to support this resolution but would like to remove the wording – SEE ATTACHED SHEET.

Johnson gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

- Johnson presented contract #76-2016-001 in the amount of \$5,896 for stream exclusion. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to approve this contract.
- Johnson reported that 1/3 of the work on contract #76-2015-003 has been complete.
- Johnson reported that the next two applicants on the NCACSP list are tied and there needs to be a tie breaker for the two. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to break the tie by funding the one that applied first.

Johnson presented conservation plans for B. Beck for approval. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to approve these conservation plans.

Johnson gave the AgWRAP Report as follows:

- Contract #76-2012-80-02 and #76-12-804-02 were presented at the CET for extension. Johnson reported that the Soil and Water Commission approved both extensions.
- Johnson reported that she will be sitting in on a teleconference regarding the Avian Flu.

An HPAI letter form Dr. Meckes and Frequently Asked Questions sheet was shared with the board.

Parks shared the invitation to the 2015 Conservation Farm Family Celebration in Rockingham County on August 27, 2015. RSVP/Regrets should be in to the Rockingham SWCD Office by August 20, 2015.

Discussion by the board was had regarding the 2nd Vice President of the Association. It was decided to move this discussion and item to the September Board Meeting.

S. Whitaker shared with the board that Young Farmers and Ranchers is looking for young people to serve on their committee.

James gave his Regional Coordinator Report as follows:

- James thanked the Randolph SWCD Staff for attending the CET and was complimentary of the job they did while there.
- The Area 3 Fall Meeting will be held October 21, 2015 this year due to venue bookings.

At this time the board went into closed session to discuss personnel matters.

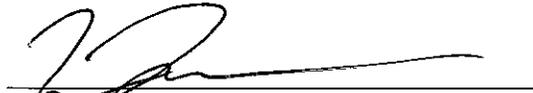
At this time the board came out of closed session.

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

The following informational items were given to the board:

- NACD eResource Newsletters
- Ralston James Calendar/Information Items

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 9:00 a.m.



Chairman Signature

9-17-15
Date of Approved Minutes

The Next Board Meeting will be held September 17, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.
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