

BOARD MINUTES

RANDOLPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Asheboro, North Carolina

February 13, 2013

Meeting Number 6

Supervisors Present:

Craig Frazier, Chairman
Shane Whitaker, Treasurer
Craig Macon, Secretary

Others Present:

Jenny Parks, Adm. Sec.
Kelly Whitaker, S&W Engineer
Wes Hicks, S&W Technician
Sandra Weitzel, NCDACS
Handy Blackwood, NRCS

Frazier called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m. Supervisor travel vouchers were signed and returned.

S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Macon, the board voted unanimously to approve the agenda changes.

ACTION ITEMS:

S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Macon, the board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda Items. (Items included Staff Calendars/Timesheets and the NCDA&CS January 2013 Newsletter)

Minutes from the December 18, 2012 meeting were reviewed and corrections were made. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Macon, the board voted unanimously to approve the December 18, 2012 minutes.

S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Macon, the board voted unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Macon moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to pay the Area 3 SWCD Dues in the amount of \$170.00.

The NRCS Report was given as follows by Blackwood:

- FAC Group – if anyone has anything to forward from Randolph SWCD to the FAC Group, please let Blackwood know.
- EQIP – Update
- NRCS is still seeking a State Conservationist. They have several applicants.
- NRCS is in a “soft” hiring freeze currently so staff will be scarce across the state.

The RC&D Report was given as follows:

- Weitzel attended the RC&D Meeting that was held recently. RC&D is currently having attendance issues. March 5, 2013 is the next RC&D Executive Committee Meeting and April 25, 2013 is the local council meeting.
- Whitaker reported that she has received a bill from RC&D in the amount of \$2,000 for Randolph County dues. Discussion was had. In the past, these dues have come from Randolph County's general budget and NOT the Soil and Water Department. Since Randolph County Government has cut all donations to non-profits, S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Macon, the board voted unanimously for the Randolph SWCD pay \$500 toward these dues.

Parks gave the Education Report as follows:

-For the months of December and January the following education programs were given:

- Uwharrie Middle School – Enviroscope presentation to one sixth grade class
- Area 3 Education Committee Meeting was attended by Parks and K. Whitaker
- Farm Show in Raleigh – Parks, K. Whitaker, and Hicks volunteered.

-Parks reported that a teacher from Asheboro High School (AHS) has contacted our office to arrange a 2 day farm tour for his high school students. This will be done in May 2013. AHS will provide their own transportation and the students will pack a bag lunch. Staff will speak to producers in the county and arrange for these tours.

-K. Whitaker reported that we did not receive the Wal-Mart grant for the environmental field day we are working on. Whitaker will ask several larger companies in the county for monetary assistance.

Discussion was had regarding the Land Judging Event as follows:

-It will be held at Randleman High School ~ April 5 & 6, 2013

-Randolph SWCD will host the Friday night program and meal.

-Randolph SWCD is currently seeking monetary sponsorships for the cost of the meal. Discussion was had regarding who may sponsor.

-Frazier will ask Dr. Jones of the NC Zoo if he would like to be our keynote speaker for the event on Friday evening.

-Farms have been chosen for the practice and the test sites.

-All supervisors were encouraged to attend and volunteer!

K. Whitaker gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

-Supervisors were given the spot check list that needs to be complete.

-Macon moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to approve a Request for Payment for contract #76-11-01-02 (\$10,068).

-K. Whitaker reported that a Request for Payment for contract #76-12-05-02 (\$17,317) had been submitted for payment since our last meeting.

-Macon moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to approve contract #76-13-06-02 (\$14,766).

-S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Macon, the board voted unanimously to set today, February 13, 2013, as a “temporary” batching date for reallocated funds received.

-K. Whitaker reported that D. Loflin was going to have a hard time meeting his contract deadline of Dec. 31, 2013 for installing grassed waterways with HRL grant funds. Alvin Hogan is the only other applicant that qualifies for HRL grant funds. He said he would not have a problem completing his project by Dec. 31, 2013. Therefore, the funding sources were switched on these 2 contracts making Hogan’s an HRL grant project and Loflin’s an NCACSP project. This switch not only changed the deadlines for the 2 participants, but it reduced the cost share rate for Loflin making his new contract amount \$8,662.

Macon moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to approve the revision to Loflin’s contract pending his signature.

-S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Macon, the board voted unanimously to accept the following applications: D. Coble, and G. Norrod.

K. Whitaker gave the CCAP Report as follows:

-S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Macon, the board voted unanimously to approve contract #76-13-501-01 for three abandoned well closures (\$2,673).

K. Whitaker gave the Quilt Trail Report as follows:

-Staff is currently working on a new brochure for print.

-Macon moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to add item #8 to the local Quilt Trail Policy. The revised Policy is attached.

-A quilt trail application for Liberty Hardware was presented. They already have a quilt square in place, they are just requesting to be added to the trail. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Macon, the board voted unanimously to accept this application and add them to the quilt trail pending their payment of \$100 to be added.

-K. Whitaker reported that one of the barns that held a quilt square has burned down.

K. Whitaker gave the High Rock Lake Project as follows:

-Earnhardt will be working on his project – livestock exclusion.

K. Whitaker gave the AgWRAP Report as follows:

-S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Macon, the board voted unanimously to add item #7 to the local AgWRAP Policy. The revised Policy is attached.

-Macon moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to accept K. Lineberry's application for a pond repair.

-K. Whitaker reported that the two applications that were approved at the state level should have contracts prepared by next district meeting for approval. They are D. Cheek (\$15,000) and Millstone Creek Orchard (\$18,000).

It was reported that there will be a District Issues Forum in Burlington on July 18th. K. Whitaker will plan to attend.

S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Macon, the board voted unanimously to approve a conservation plan for B. Brady.

Discussion was had regarding Randolph SWCD choosing a Conservation Farm Family winner for this year. K. Whitaker gave a slide presentation of several farms. Macon moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to choose M. Bowman farm as Randolph's Farm Family 2013. This farm will be recognized during the Farmer Appreciation Celebration on March 23, 2013 in Asheboro.

Discussion was had regarding Randolph SWCD purchasing a banner(s) for the district.

The Area 3 SWCD Spring Meeting will be held Thursday, February 21, 2013 at Union Ridge Church in Burlington, NC. Everyone was encouraged to attend.

Frazier reported that the Randolph County Commissioners Retreat is set for April 24, 2013. This meeting will be a "unique opportunity for each County Department to inform the commissioners about federal or state legislation that is or will be affecting each department, optional pressures, changes to service levels, and large capital needs. These presentations are NOT intended to cover budget requests for next year." Parks will make sure Soil and Water has a place on their agenda.

At this time the posters for the Randolph SWCD Poster Contest were judged. The winners were as follows:

3RD GRADE:

1ST – Vanessa Pacheco, Southmont Elementary

2ND – Carley Everhart, Southmont Elementary

3rd – John Maness, Seagrove Elementary

Honorable Mention – Raven Dalton, Seagrove Elementary

4TH GRADE:

1st – Eliazin Arce Acuirre, Southmont Elementary

2nd – Avery Paige F., Southmont Elementary

3rd – Alexis Maria Allspach, Southmont Elementary

Honorable Mention – Gracie Latham, Southmont Elementary

5th GRADE:

1st – Erin Reeves, Seagrove Elementary

2nd – Hannah Weiss, Southmont Elementary

3rd – Ashlyn Trotter, Southmont Elementary

Honorable Mention – Luke Hall, Southmont Elementary

The following Informational Items were given:

-ENOTES – NACD

-Area 3 Report & Calendar by Sandra Weitzel

-Voluntary Agriculture District Workshops

-Water, Energy, and Security – Free forum – March 21, 2013

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.



Chairman Signature

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Date of Approved Minutes

The Next Board Meeting will be March 13, 2013 at 7:30 a.m.
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