

BOARD MINUTES

RANDOLPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Asheboro, North Carolina

February 12, 2014

Meeting Number 1

Supervisors Present:

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

Others Present:

Jenny Parks, Adm. Sec.
Kelly Whitaker, S&W Engineer
Wes Hicks, Soil Cons.

Frazier called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m. Supervisor travel vouchers were signed and returned.

Staff Calendars and Timesheets were given to supervisors at this time. Alston moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to accept the Consent Agenda which included Staff Calendars and Timesheets.

ACTION ITEMS:

Minutes from the December 2013 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.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report.

S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to pay Randolph SWCD's Area 3 SWCD's Dues in the amount of \$170.

A letter requesting funding from districts across the United States was shared with the board. Funding will be used toward to the North American Envirothon. No action was taken at this time on this item.

A request from the Piedmont Conservation Council, Inc. (RC&D) was presented to the board. They have requested \$2,000 from Randolph County. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to contribute \$500 to the Piedmont Conservation Council at this time.

Alston moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, discussion was, the board voted unanimously to request that an increase of \$2,000 in the Randolph SWCD's budget for 2014-2015 to cover the Piedmont Conservation Council, Inc.'s funding request be included in the upcoming budget request.

Frazier reported that the Farm Bill has been passed.

RC&D Report

-Alston reported that the Lassiter Mill Dam Project is almost complete. Tree planting is the only thing that needs to be completed.

-The PCC is looking at a new project east of Asheboro – a community park.

There is no Education Report to present at this time.

K. Whitaker gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

- S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board chose #9 to begin with choosing contracts for Spot Checks.
- K. Whitaker reported that contract #76-12-06-16 in the amount of \$12,537 was canceled by the producer. Funds will be returned to the State.
- K. Whitaker reported there were no applications to present at this time.
- K. Whitaker reported that one Request for Payment for contract #76-12-04-02 in the amount of \$3,244 was signed by Frazier outside of the board meeting.

K. Whitaker gave the Quilt Trail Report as follows:

- S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to name the Randolph SWCD Quilt Square "Conservation Randolph".

K. Whitaker gave the Farm Family Report as follows:

- Discussion was had regarding the 2014 nominees for the Randolph SWCD Farm Family Contest. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to choose T. Saunders Farm for the Randolph SWCD Farm Family winner and J. Holton Farm as second choice.

It was decided, after many discussions, to put the GPS repair on hold. The State is looking into the possibility of finding us one to use. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Frazier gave an Area Alignment Report as follows:

- Frazier reported that each district has been asked to take a look at their adjoining counties and rank them according to priority that should be given as the association continues its study of area alignment. The ranking order is: Highly Important, Somewhat Important, or Less Important. The board discussed the counties adjacent and determined the following:

Highly Important: Alamance, Guilford, Davidson

Somewhat Important: Chatham

Less Important: Moore, Montgomery

- S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston voted unanimously for the Randolph SWCD to take a stand that Areas should realign. A letter will be prepared and signed by Frazier to submit to the Area Alignment Committee.

Parks presented the Area 3 Spring Meeting information as follows:

Date: March 6, 2014 in Caswell County at the Caswell County Civic Center in Yanceyville.

Preregistration is \$30; at the door is \$35. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and Call to Order will begin at 9:30 a.m. Frazier, Alston, S. Whitaker, K. Whitaker, Parks, and Hicks plan on attending the meeting.

The Randolph SWCD Farmer Appreciation Day Event was discussed and items of interest follow:

- K. Whitaker attended the Randolph County Farm Bureau Meeting and they agreed to contribute \$1,000 toward the event.
- Frazier spoke with Asheboro Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram and Mazda about contributing to this event. They agreed to contribute \$250.
- Discussion was had regarding the agenda/speakers for this day as well as logistics.
- Invitations will go out as soon as possible.
- "The Randolph County Ramblers Band" will perform for us this year.

Frazier reported that two Randolph SWCD supervisors' terms end this year – Canoy and Macon. Filing will be in June/July at the local Board of Elections Office.

It was decided that the posters will be judged outside of the board meeting.

It was decided that the personnel items will be held until the March Board Meeting.

Parks presented 10 tickets to each supervisor present.

Parks shared with the board that she attended all four days of the Farm Show in Raleigh assisting with the booth and the selling of Gator Tickets.

The following Informational Items were presented:

-ENOTES – NACD

-Area 3 Reports & Calendars by Ralston James and Steve Bennett

NACD & FPTF newsletter

Division Welcomes New Employees

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Signature

Date of Approved Minutes

The Next Board Meeting will be held March 12, 2014 at 7:30 a.m.
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