

BOARD MINUTES

RANDOLPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Asheboro, North Carolina

September 14, 2011

Supervisors Present:

Craig Frazier, Chairman
Matt Canoy, Member
Bill Alston, Vice 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, DENR
Randy Blackwood, DC NRCS

Frazier called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

Minutes from the August 10, 2011 meeting and the July 14, 2011 called meeting were reviewed and corrections were made. Alston moved, seconded by Macon, the board voted unanimously to approve these Minutes.

There was no Treasurer's Report at this time.

Blackwood gave the NRCS Report as follows:

- Blackwood briefly gave a tech-team update. North Carolina will move forward with this. The target is the first of the year with 2 teams in the mountains, 3 teams in the piedmont, and 3 teams in the east.
- Blackwood presented the final PRS Report for the past year. Discussion followed.
- Blackwood reported that the cost lists for the upcoming year will combine several states as opposed to just one. More information will follow once it is available.

Alston gave the RC&D Report as follows:

- Alston reported that the Piedmont Conservation Council RCD was given an award for being the most progressive in 2011 in the state of North Carolina.
- Alston reported that Randolph County has an opportunity to have the "Fab Lab" come to Randolph County for one month. The sponsorship fee for this would be \$3,500. The Fab Lab is currently stationed in Durham County.

K. Whitaker gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

- K. Whitaker reported that our allocation for this year is \$64,639.
- K. Whitaker presented an application for approval – Macon moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to approve the application for M. Murray.

K. Whitaker gave the Community Conservation Report as follows:

- K. Whitaker reported that our allocation for this year is \$3,770.
- K. Whitaker and Mary Helen Ferguson with Cooperative Extension Service hosted a Rain Garden workshop on August 30, 2011.
- S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to open a new application period and extend the sign up period through November 30.
- S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to approve applications for C. Wilkins and J. Lundy.

The Quilt Trail Project Report was given as follows:

-K. Whitaker reported that brochures have been placed at the North and South bound visitor's center for free.

-Discussion was had regarding a Phase 2 of the Quilt Square project. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to continue with a Phase 2 of the Quilt Square Project with the following conditions: for everyone that wishes to obtain a quilt square through this project will be required to pay \$200 for their quilt square if no other funding is available. Staff will seek guidance from the County Attorney and/or the Association before implementing Phase 2.

K. Whitaker gave the CREP Report as follows:

-K. Whitaker reported that Natalie Woolard has offered to facilitate CREP meetings in an effort to grow the CREP Program. The purpose of these meetings/trainings will be to increase interest in the CREP program and thereby increase revenues to districts using the CREP program.

-K. Whitaker reported that A. Myers will soon be ready to begin work on his contract.

K. Whitaker presented the following conservation plans for approval: J. Hussey, no till for contract. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to approve this conservation plan.

K. Whitaker presented a new Request for Payment for the Town of Franklinville for the board to approve and sign due to the first RFP being misplaced. Alston moved, seconded by Macon, the board voted unanimously to approve this RFP.

Discussion was had regarding holding a separate work session to discuss the Operational Agreement.

Frazier shared with the board that the Association of SWCD 2nd Vice President will come from either Area 3, 4, or 7 this year. Nominations from Area 3 are being taken now.

Parks reported that the Area 3 Fall Meeting will be held at Branded Oak Guest Ranch in Level Cross on Thursday, October 25th. Pre-registration is \$30. Randolph County is the host for this meeting.

Weitzel reported that supervisor travel will lose the lunch meal this year. Supervisors will see a slight decrease in their checks due to this change.

Weitzel reported that if anyone is interested in volunteering at the State Fair Booth to contact Susan Woodard in Johnston SWCD.

Weitzel gave a brief update.

The following Consent Items were approved:

-ENOTES – NACD

-Area 3 Report from Sandra Weitzel

-2011 NC Envirothon Report

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Chairman Signature

Date of Approved Minutes

The Next Board Meeting will be October 12, 2011 at 7:30 a.m.
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