

# BOARD MINUTES

## RANDOLPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Asheboro, North Carolina

September 12, 2012  
Meeting Number 2

### **Supervisors Present:**

Craig Frazier, Chairman  
Matt Canoy, Member  
Bill Alston, Vice Chairman  
Shane Whitaker, Treasurer

### **Others Present:**

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

Alston called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

Minutes from the June 2012 and August 2012 meetings were reviewed and corrections were made. Alston moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to approve both sets of Minutes.

The Operational Agreement was discussed. Parks will make the corrected changes noted and will send a copy to S. Weitzel, Aimee Scotten for review. S. Whitaker moves, seconded by Canoy, the board voted to approve the Operational Agreement with the changes noted.

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

Blackwood gave the NRCS Report as follows:

- Discussion was had briefly regarding the Farm Bill.
- Blackwood shared the updated "Field Office of the Future Plan"

Alston presented the RC&D Reports as follows:

- Alston gave a brief update on RC&D.

K. Whitaker gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

- K. Whitaker reported that Randolph SWCD has not received the 2013 Allocation, but is able to write contracts up to 40%.
- S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to approve Supplemental Contract #76-13-002-16.
- K. Whitaker gave a brief update on a NOV and Notice of Intent to Enforce – DWQ is following up with this issue.
- Discussion was regarding biovators. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted with two for (S. Whitaker and Alston) and one against (Canoy), Randolph SWCD having a NCACSP cap of \$15,000 on all mortality practices.

There was no CCAP Report at this time

Discussion was had regarding the staff creating a quilt square for the district. It would replace the sign that is currently on the outside of the building. Canoy moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted

unanimously for staff to make a quilt square for our office. Designs will be presented at the October Board Meeting for approval.

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

-The Randolph SWCD will be receiving another allocation for the High Rock Lake watershed area.

K. Whitaker gave the AgWRAP Report as follows:

-K. Whitaker reported that surveys for ponds and repairs will begin shortly.

There was no CREP Report at this time.

K. Whitaker presented the following Conservation Plans for approval: D. Loflin and D. Beck. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to approve these two conservation plans.

Discussion was had regarding easements. It was decided for K. Whitaker to meet with land trusts to discuss how the SWCD could assist with getting easements on the ground.

Discussion was had regarding a resolution stating: "The NC State Association of SWCD's encourages all conservation districts in North Carolina that are located in a county without a VAD in place, to work with their commissioners towards adoption of a VAD in their county." S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to submit this resolution to the Area III SWCD at the Area III Fall Meeting on September 20, 2012.

S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to submit the following resolution to the Area III SWCD at the Area III Fall Meeting on September 20, 2012: RESOLVED, "That the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (NCASWCD) President appoint a work group to meet with leadership of the Conservation Trust of North Carolina (CTNC) to discuss how to work together in the future with landowners who want an easement on their property; and be it further; That the aforementioned work group and the NCASWCD consider the following actions: (1) a memorandum of understanding between the NCASWCD and the CTNC, (2) a membership by the NCASWCD in the North Carolina Land Trust Assembly, and (3) a membership by the NCASWCD in the National Land Trust Assembly; and be it further; That the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts President, the Chairman of the Community Conservation Committee, and/or the Chairman of each State Association Area appoint representatives to form a work group of Soil and Water Conservation Districts that hold easements; and This Community Conservation Committee work group will meet annually to discuss and work on matters and needs that are important to that group."

Discussion was had regarding the annual meeting presentations from districts. It was decided that Randolph SWCD should submit a request to share the Quilt Trail Project during the Annual Meeting in January.

Supervisors were reminded that the Area 3 Fall Meeting will be held September 20, 2012 in Rockingham County. Frazier's name was submitted last month for the Piedmont Commission Seat.

The 2011-2012 Annual Report was reviewed. It was decided to have a photo of the board in the annual report before submitting it. Alston moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to approve the Annual Report with the above mentioned addition.

Discussion was had regarding Randolph SWCD hosting a “Farmer’s Appreciation Day” in the spring. Alston moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to move forward with hosting a Farmer’s Appreciation Day in Randolph County.

Discussion was had regarding Randolph SWCD hosting a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day in the spring. Parks and K. Whitaker have met with NC Zoo staff regarding this – they have agreed to hold the event at the Zoo. Alston moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to move forward with hosting a 5<sup>th</sup> grade field day.

Parks reminded the Board that she has Gator Tickets to sell for the NCASWCD and more are on the way.

Parks reported that K. Whitaker’s evaluation is due. It was decided the board meet on September 25, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in the Randolph SWCD office to conduct her review. A reminder will be sent to supervisors regarding this item.

Weitzel gave a brief report at this time and her report was given to each supervisor.

It was shared that the new CREP Manager is former Pitt district employee, Donnarie Hales.

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

The following Consent Items were approved:

- ENOTES – NACD
- Area 3 Report by Sandra Weitzel
- Staff Calendars and Timesheets
- Announcement of NACD Monthly Urban & Community Conservation Webinars
- SWC Commission Meeting Notice – 9/19/12
- Performance Measures July 2011- June 2012
- Ag Forum Brochure – per Jerry Dorsett

The board came out of their closed session and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. At this time the EQIP Workgroup met in the Randolph SWCD Office.

---

Chairman Signature

---

Date of Approved Minutes

The Next Board Meeting will be October 10, 2012 at 7:30 a.m.  
2222 A South Fayetteville Street, Asheboro, NC 27205