

# BOARD MINUTES

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

October 10, 2012  
Meeting Number 3

### **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, S&W Technician  
Randy Blackwood, NRCS  
Sandra Weitzel, NCDACS

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

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

Minutes from the September 12, 2012 meeting were reviewed and corrections were made. Alston moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to approve the September 12, 2012 minutes.

Alston moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2012 meeting showing the staff and supervisors that were in attendance at the Area 3 SWCD Fall Meeting.

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

Blackwood gave the NRCS Report as follows:

- Blackwood gave a brief Farm Bill update.
- Blackwood gave a brief NRCS update.
- It was shared with the board that only one District Conservationist in NRCS Area 2 will be allowed to attend the NCASWCD Meeting in January. This decision comes from National Headquarters.
- Blackwood reported that he will soon be given the job of Highly Erodible Land Coordinator for this area.

Alston gave the RC&D Report as follows:

- There will be a full council meeting tomorrow at Elon.
- Alston reported that Randolph County needs two representatives to serve on the RC&D Council.

K. Whitaker gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

- Randolph SWCD's total allocation is \$55,530.
- K. Whitaker presented the revised Randolph SWCD NCACSP Program Policy board.
- S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to approve contract #76-13-001-02 for roof runoff management in the amount of \$5,936.
- Discussion was had to determine the eligibility of a producer that has a 2010 contract and a 2012 supplemental contract. This producer has applied for 2013 funding. It was decided that this producer IS eligible for a new contract and the BMP he is applying for will have a 15,000 Cap.

-S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to accept an application for M. Luper.

K. Whitaker presented the following Conservation Plans for approval:

-Alston moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to approve the Conservation Plans for M. Cheek for livestock exclusion.

K. Whitaker gave the CCAP Report as follows:

-Randolph SWCD has been given the allocation of \$2,673 for CCAP.

-Currently Randolph SWCD has only one application for CCAP – it's for buffers around the Randleman Lake.

K. Whitaker gave the HRL Project Report as follows:

-K. Whitaker reported that Randolph SWCD has been awarded an additional \$10,000. There is one application for grassed waterways that is eligible for this funding.

Discussion was had regarding Randolph SWCD choosing a farm family this year. It was decided that Randolph choose a farm family.

Discussion was had regarding staff speaking to associations to promote outreach. Staff will work towards accomplishing this goal.

Discussion was had regarding technical staff meet with producers throughout the county to make sure they are aware of what our office has to offer. Staff will begin working towards this goal as time permits.

Hicks has been working towards Randolph SWCD hosting a workshop for producers to receive "credits" they need. The workshop will be held on November 14, 2012 at the Randolph County Office Building large meeting room. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

It was decided a supervisor from Randolph SWCD give a brief update/presentation to the County Commissioners during their November meeting. During this time the Annual Report will be presented to them. Parks will make arrangements.

Discussion was had regarding a quilt square pattern for Randolph SWCD. It was decided the quilt square should be farm-oriented. Staff will continue to work on this item.

Information regarding volunteering at the NC State Fair was presented. K. Whitaker and Hicks will be working the fair booth on Tuesday, October 16, 2012. If any supervisor is interested in volunteering, they should contact Susan Woodard in Johnston SWCD.

The Annual Report will not have a group photo of the Supervisors and Staff due to all not being in attendance today. The Randolph SWCD logo will be inserted in the spot where the photograph was going to be placed.

Discussion was had regarding the Farmer's Appreciation Day event. It was decided to seek a school to hold the event. It was decided for staff to check the following dates for availability: March 23<sup>rd</sup> as a first choice and March 16<sup>th</sup> as a second choice. It was decided that dinner should begin at 5:30 p.m. and the program should begin at 7:00 p.m. More information will be presented as it becomes available.

K. Whitaker gave a brief update on the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Environmental Field Day. She is currently working on a grant from Wal-Mart to seek funding to pay for some of the expenses.

K. Whitaker reported that she met with Crystal Cockman and Kalen Kingsbury regarding Randolph SWCD holding easements and how our district can partner together with them on easements.

Supervisors were reminded to sell their gator tickets they have been given.

K. Whitaker reported that one of the quilt squares was hung by REMC staff out of Robbins.

Weitzel gave the following report:

-A brief update was given regarding the Annual Meeting. Registration information should be available soon.

-The NCASWCD Expo information is now available.

-Careers in Conservation College Scholarship – statewide for college juniors and seniors - \$5,000 per year for declared major in natural resources or a conservation career. Interested individuals should contact Michelle Lovejoy with the NC Foundation.

-Weitzel's written report was given to each supervisor.

Brief discussion was regarding the November board meeting date. No decision was made to change, etc.

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

At this time the board re-convened into open session.

The following Consent Items were approved:

-ENOTES – NACD

-Area 3 SWCD Approved Spring Minutes

-Area 3 Report & Calendar by Sandra Weitzel

-Staff Calendars and Timesheets (were presented at the meeting)

-Email from Weitzel regarding the Federal Budget for next year

-Southeast DEA Newsletter – “The Fence Post”

-Conservation News Briefs: Expiration of the Farm Bill

-NCCDEA – “The Grapevine”

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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Chairman Signature

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Date of Approved Minutes

The Next Board Meeting will be November 14, 2012 at 7:30 a.m.  
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