

BOARD MINUTES

RANDOLPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Asheboro, North Carolina
April 12, 2004

Supervisors Present:

Craig Frazier, Chairman
William Alston, V. Chairman
Richard Canoy, Secretary
Charles Moss, Treasurer

Others Present:

Barton Roberson
Jenny Parks

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 a.m. Alston welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Travel vouchers were signed and returned.

ACTION ITEMS:

March 8, 2004 minutes were reviewed and corrections were made. Canoy moved, seconded by Moss, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of March 8, 2004.

Moss presented the Treasurer's Report. Canoy moved, seconded by Moss, the board voted unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report. A copy is attached to these minutes. Parks reported that the format has changed for this meeting of the Treasurer's Report – the format will be changed to reflect Budgeted Amounts, Amount Spent, and Amount Remaining at the next Board Meeting.

The letter regarding the Legislative Day Contribution Request was presented by Frazier. Discussion was had. It was decided to discuss this item in detail during the May 10, 2004 Board Meeting.

Parks presented a request for the District to purchase a 2004 wall map (laminated, 64 x 46 inches with wooden rails at the top and bottom). The map will reflect the 911 road naming as well as the new names for roads that were previously county road numbers. The map will cost approximately \$150.00. Alston moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to purchase a new 2004 laminated wall map.

Roberson gave the NRCS Report as follows via telephone:

- Randolph County has received \$240,000 in EQIP Funds for this year. Only 60% of these funds can be spent for the first batching period.
- Roberson gave a brief update on office space/new building.

Roberson gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

- An extension request was presented for Roger Garner, contract #76-2003-07-02. His contract calls for 2 incinerators, but only one has been delivered. Alston moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to approve a contract extension for Roger Garner, contract #76-2003-07-02.
- There were no applications to present for approval at this time.

Roberson reported that the NCACSP Status Reviews need to be done. Charles moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to start with the 20th application and for the locations of the practices be lined up for the May 10, 2004 Board Meeting.

Information was presented by Frazier regarding the NCACSP Supplemental Allocation of \$30,843 for Randolph County.

Frazier also presented information regarding the NCACSP date change to May of 1992. “..the Commission revised their policy, commonly referred to as the May 1992 policy, such that districts and the Division can approve ACSP contracts on any operation that was in existence 3 years or more prior to the date of the application. The Commission retains sole authority to approve contracts on operations started less than 3 years prior to the application date (except for mortality management systems). This policy change is effective immediately.”

Discussion was had regarding the Survey of District Implementation for New/Limited Resource Farmer Provision of ACSP. It was decided that the staff will look into completion of the survey and it will be discussed during the May 10, 2004 Board Meeting.

Alston gave the RC&D Report as follows:

-The local RC&D Council met at Sagebrush. The Randolph County Commissioners seat on the council needs to be filled. Also, Bud Hedrick will be stepping down from his “at-large” position as well. Discussion was had regarding both of these seats.

-RC&D’s Annual Meeting will be held April 15, 2004 at Snow Camp. All supervisors were encouraged to attend.

Canoy reported that he inspected the O&M Ramseur RC&D Project in Ramseur. Canoy reported that there were several spotty areas where grass needs to be re-seeded. Canoy moved, seconded by Moss, the board voted unanimously to accept this report.

Frazier presented information regarding supervisor’s travel. Supervisor’s travel will be short again this year.

Parks reported that the NC Soil and Water Foundation may have remaining funds for the purchase of another computer system. Discussion was had. Moss moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to draft a letter requesting a computer system from the Foundation to do nutrient management work (PLAT and nutrient management plans).

Information was presented on Source Water Protection. “The Public Water Supply of DENR has published Draft Source Water Assessment Reports (SWAP) for every public water supply in North Carolina. The owner of the public water supply has 90 days to review and comment on the report before it will be made public. The SWAP describes the level of susceptibility of water supply source to pollution. The assessment is based on information about permitted sites and spill reports in the watershed or recharge area for water supplies, but it lacks information about the threats of nonpoint source pollution because there is no database of this type of information.” Two workshops will be held regarding this issue as follows:

April 30 – May 1, 2004 at the Hollifield Leadership Center near Hickory

June 18-19, 2004 near Greenville, NC

A news article entitled, “Town on track to buy farm rights” was presented for information.

Moss reported on the Strategic Planning Committee and Area Chairmen’s Planning Session that was held 2/8-9/04. This meeting was to begin the Strategic Planning process for the NCASWCD. Discussion was had. Parks will send an email to all Area 3 offices asking them if their district boards have any thoughts or comments regarding this issue.

Randolph County SWCD had the #1 winning Middle School Envirothon Team for Area 3. Their \$50 registration has been sent in order for them to compete at the State Competition.

The State Envirothon Competition will be held April 23-24, 2004 at Cedar Rock Park in Burlington. Supervisors were encouraged to volunteer for this event.

Discussion was had regarding the employment of a Soil and Water Engineer. Canoy moved, seconded by Moss, the board voted unanimously to contact the Personnel Office to find out the options of the County can re-advertising this position as an Engineer in Training – if this cannot be done, other options will be reviewed at that time. Parks will follow-up on this.

The following consent items were approved:

- April & May Calendar
- Cape Fear River Basinwide Water Quality Planning Workshops
- GUIDEBOOK – Forest Management Certification on Private Forestlands in the U.S.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Chairman Signature

Date of Approved Minutes

The Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting will be May 10, 2004 at 7:30 a.m.
Federal Building
241 Sunset Avenue, Asheboro, NC 27203