

# **BOARD MINUTES**

## **RANDOLPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**Asheboro, North Carolina**

**November 14, 2005**

### **Supervisors Present:**

Craig Frazier, Chairman  
William Alston, V. Chairman  
Richard Canoy, Secretary  
Amy Hughes, Treasurer  
Shaun Hayes, Member

### **Others Present:**

Mike Walker, Mayor of Seagrove  
Jenny Parks, Adm. Sec.  
Kelly Whitaker, S&W Engineer  
Barton Roberson, DC  
Danielle Thomas, Soil Con.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m. Frazier welcomed everyone to the meeting. Travel vouchers were signed and returned.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

The October 10, 2005 Minutes were reviewed and corrections were made. Canoy moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of October 10, 2005.

Hughes presented the Treasurer's Report. Alston moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Alston gave the RC&D Report as follows:

- There will be a video conference at A&T on November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Alston reported that the freeze on the RC&D Coordinator Position had been lifted and they will be re-advertising the position.
- Alston reported that if anyone wishes to have a copy of the minutes from the meeting at Blowing Rock, please let him know.
- Alston reported that the local RC&D Council will be meeting soon. Date and time TBA.

Hughes presented the NACD Membership Quota request. Alston moved, seconded by Hughes, the board voted unanimously to pay the Bronze Level of \$775.

Frazier presented the 2006 NCASWCD Annual Meeting Information. The Annual Meeting will be held at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in the Research Triangle Park January 8 – 10, 2006. Pre-registration is \$70 before December 22, 2005. Late Registration will be \$105 after December 22, 2005. Supervisors will only be reimbursed \$70 for this item on travel. For those supervisors wishing to attend and wish to stay over-night, please let Jenny know.

Parks presented information on Food Lion MVP Cards. The Area 3 Education Committee has enrolled in the Food Lion "Lion Shop & Share" program. Those that shop Food Lion and have an MVP card can link their card online so every time the card is used a portion of the total grocery purchase will be donated to the Area 3 Education Committee.

Roberson gave the NRCS Report as follows:

- Roberson presented revised contract for Richard Nixon; continuous CRP. Alston moved, Hayes seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the above named contract; thus voiding the previous contract.
- Roberson reported that the NRCS Area Office staff had performed the Asheboro Field Office Appraisal the first week in November.

Whitaker gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

- reported that the Randolph SWCD has been allocated \$86,335 cost share funds;
- three supplemental contracts have been paid. They are Frank Macon contract #76-06-01-02SU, Wilbert Hancock contract #76-06-02-02SU and Thurman Jessup contract #76-06-03-02SU
- reported that Michael Hogan's farm has been sold to Alvin Hogan. Michael Hogan has an NCACSP Application on the farm. After discussion, the board decided to have Alvin sign a new application for the farm he will be acquiring.

Whitaker gave the Community Conservation Report as follows:

-The NC Foundation Grants:

- Marvin Wall's project has been completed and he has been paid for the lagoon closure.
- Brad Coble is waiting to find land to apply sludge before his lagoon closure project can be completed.

-Discussion was had regarding the grant for the hybrid vehicle. The grant is due the end of December. Hayes moved, seconded by Hughes, the board voted unanimously to match the grant 50% up to \$13,500.

-CCAP – The committee is working on ranking Randolph's proposal in accordance with CWMTF's criteria for this grant as well as approximately 20 other district proposals.

-Operational Reviews have begun with five completed and 16 left to be done.

-Foundation Tobacco Grant – Randolph SWCD has received \$35,000 for tobacco transition assistance. Two projects have been completed, Eric Cheek contract amount of \$6,410 and G. C. Burgess contract amount of \$9,990. There will be approximately \$18,600 left over for spring planting. Hayes moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to approve these contracts. Frazier signed the contracts.

Hughes won the Area 3 nomination to the Technical Review Committee. Her nomination will go before the whole body during the Annual Meeting. There will be two other Areas nominating a supervisor for the Piedmont Seat on the TRC.

Frazier reported that a new Division Director has been hired – Manly Wilder. Wilder served a variety of key roles during his 35-year career with the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The NC General Assembly has passed legislation titled "Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural Districts." A copy of this is attached to these minutes.

At this time the District Board judged the posters for the RSWCD Poster Contest. Winners are as follows:

#### 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE POSTERS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Ashley Baldwin, Farmer Elementary
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Alicia Lambeth, Farmer Elementary
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Jordan Seabot, Farmer Elementary
- Honorable Mention - Mary Lauren Castellloe, Farmer Elementary

Mike Walker, Mayor of Seagrove updated the Board on the H. Clay Presnell Memorial Park in Seagrove. This project was begun with funding from the Piedmont Conservation Council, RC&D and technical support provided by the Randolph Soil and Water Conservation District Board through the staff of the Soil and Water Office.

It was decided to hold a Christmas dinner at Parks' house in December 15, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. No board business will be conducted during this time.

The following consent items were approved:

- ENOTES – NACD (9/27/05, 10/11/05, 10/18/05, 10/25/05, 11/8/05)
- Conservation e-Connections
- NCDEA The Grapevine
- NACD News & Views

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

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**Chairman Signature**

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**Date of Approved Minutes**

The Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting will be December 12, 2005 at 7:30 a.m.  
Federal Building, 241 Sunset Avenue  
Asheboro, NC 27203