

# **BOARD MINUTES**

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

**Asheboro, North Carolina**

**December 12, 2005**

### **Supervisors Present:**

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

### **Others Present:**

Barton Roberson, DC  
Jenny Parks, Adm. Sec.  
Kelly Whitaker, S&W Engineer  
Jake Hill, Soil Con. Tech.  
Danielle Thomas, Soil Con.  
Alvin Hogan, Producer

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 November 14, 2005 Minutes were reviewed and corrections were made. Alston moved, seconded by Hughes, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of November 14 2005.

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

Roberson gave the NRCS Report as follows:

- Staff has been giving most of it's time and attention to working on completing 2005 EQIP Status Reviews.
- Reported that Mary Combs, NRCS State Conservationist, will be detailed to Washington for the period of Mid January through the end of April.

Roberson reminded the board that Bob had been on a work detail to Raleigh. Beginning January 2, 2006, Bob's permanent work station will be Wake County.

Roberson reported that there is a high interest in the Voluntary Ag District Program. Staff will be bringing conservation plans for the board to review and approval in the near future. The Voluntary Ag District Program was discussed in length. Minutes from previous VAD Meetings were shared with the board. Roberson reported that he attended the last meeting they had and gave a report. Discussion at that meeting lead to the determination that the current VAD application needed to be changed. On behalf of the board, Barton agreed to work with Carolyn Langley, CES Director, in preparing a draft for the VAD Board to review. Roberson suggested to the board that more involvement and input by board members may be appropriate in future activities.

Alston gave the RC&D Report as follows:

- RC&D met last Thursday to revise the Bylaws, but the board decided to wait until the new RC&D Coordinator is hired before they revise them.
- Alston reported that he will be meeting with the local RC&D Board soon.

Whitaker gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

- Whitaker reported that Gary Lineberry is no longer interested in the NCACSP due to the cost share only being 65%. Mr. Lineberry has requested that his name/application be put on hold until the cost share amount increases to 75%. Mr. Lineberry will be asked to write a letter to the board requesting

his application be cancelled since the SWCD does not have a waiting list for 75% cost share. Whitaker will follow-up with Mr. Lineberry regarding this issue.

-Alvin Hogan was in attendance to appeal the board's decision to make him reapply for the NCACSP. Alvin Hogan will be purchasing Michael Hogan's farm in the near future – Michael Hogan has an application on his farm now for a waste storage structure. It was decided by the board and Alvin Hogan for him to go ahead and make a new application for the farm in his name.

-Whitaker presented contract # 76-06-05-16 for Wayne Simmons for approval. Mr. Simmons is a new farmer so therefore he will be receiving 90% cost share with the cap at \$30,000. Hughes moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to approve contract # 76-06-05-16 for Wayne Simmons.

Whitaker gave the Community Conservation Report as follows:

-Foundation Grant for lagoon closures – Whitaker reported that Brad Coble is waiting on soil analysis for additional land to apply sludge – at that time his closure plan can be completed.

-Whitaker reported that G. C. Burgess Request for Payment will be sent to Raleigh soon and Eric Cheek's Request for Payment has been sent to Raleigh for payment.

-CCAP – Whitaker reported that our proposal is going to be added to application to CWMTF.

-Whitaker reported that the application for the Hybrid is due December 31, 2006. The announcement of awards will be in March 2006. A letter of support needs to be included in the grant proposal – this letter should come from the County.

Information regarding the Annual Meeting was discussed. The Resolution Packet was presented to each board member.

Hughes moved, seconded by Canoy, after discussion, the board voted unanimously to cancel the January Board Meeting due to the regularly scheduled board meeting date – all staff and supervisors will be at the NCASWCD Annual Meeting in Durham during this time. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Monday, February 13, 2006.

#### LOCAL WORK GROUP MEETING ACTIVITIES

Work Group was presented with information concerning the upcoming EQIP Program year. Issues needing to be decided include:

- 1-Resource Concern ranking order;
- 2-Determination of batching periods for funding;
- 3-Identify any additional practices that need to be added;
- 4-Identify practices or areas that are to receive additional points in ranking;
- 5-Other recommendations.

Alston moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to keep the resource concerns for EQIP the same as last year. They are, in order:

Animal Waste Mortality  
Water Quality/Nutrient-Pest. Management  
Soil Erosion/Sedimentation  
Grassland/Livestock Management  
Wildlife Habitat Development/Management  
Air Quality

Roberson reported that the EQIP batching periods can not end before January 2<sup>nd</sup> and the last batching period must end by February 15, 2006.

Hughes moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously that extra points be awarded to applicants that are located in the identified watershed water supply critical areas in the upcoming EQIP batching period.

Roberson reported that a major change in the Program that is being recommended is that cost share for certain practices, some that were dealing with animal waste, currently being funded at 75% cost share be reduced to 50%

Alston moved, seconded by Hughes, the board voted unanimously to send comments that the EQIP should mirror the same % as the NCACSP – in Randolph County it is 65%.

The following consent items were approved:

-Area 3 SWCD's Education Committee Minutes

-ENOTES – NACD (11/15/05, 11/22/05, 11/29/05)

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

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**Chairman Signature**

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**Date of Approved Minutes**

The Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting will be February 13, 2006 at 7:30 a.m.  
Federal Building, 241 Sunset Avenue  
Asheboro, NC 27203