

# **BOARD MINUTES**

## **RANDOLPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Asheboro, North Carolina February 13, 2006**

### **Supervisors Present:**

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

### **Others Present:**

Barton Roberson, DC  
Jenny Parks, Adm. Sec.  
Danielle Thomas, Soil Con.  
Kelly Whitaker, S&W Engineer  
John Hill, Soil Con. Tech.  
Melonie Allen, EEP

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 a.m. Frazier welcomed everyone to the meeting. Travel vouchers were signed and returned.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

The December 12, 2005 Minutes were reviewed and corrections were made. Canoy moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of December 12, 2005

Parks presented the Treasurer's Report. Canoy moved, 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:

-EQIP sign-up deadline is February 15, 2006. Currently there are 80 applications in hand.

Alston gave the RC&D Report as follows:

-RC&D Held a meeting at Carolina Beach recently and the focus was on grant writing training and budget items.

-Alston announced that Barton Roberson has been selected as the new Coordinator for the Piedmont Conservation Council of RC&D. His duties will take affect on April 3, 2006.

Whitaker gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

- RSWCD has received a Supplemental Allocation of \$6,717.

-Whitaker reported that there will be a March allocation if all funds are encumbered by March 3, 2006.

-Energy Adjustment Proposal – Whitaker reported that the district can write a supplemental contract for PY04/05 contracts that were installed after July 1, 2005 for 65% of the difference between the '04 list and current cost list. This would only consist of components with a price increase of 10% or more and the funds would come from the current allocation. No decision was made at this time.

- Whitaker reported on the progress of the PY05 contracts. Canoy moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to approve a six month extension for Mike Morgan, contract # 76-05-01-16 due to litter pile was where he wanted to put the waste storage structure and it has just been removed.

-Gary Lineberry signed a letter of cancellation for his application.

-Canoy moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to approve NCACSP Contract # 76-06-06-16 for Darrell Earnhart.

-Currently there is \$19,632 remaining, the next contract is for a waste storage structure for Susan Burrows and she is 90% cost share. Burrows has expressed the desire to not participate in the

NCACSP at this time. Once she signs a letter of application cancellation, the next producer on the list is Ledbetter Farms.

Whitaker gave the Community Conservation Report as follows:

-NC Foundation Grant:

→ Brad Coble has just gotten his fields matched to soil samples

→ G. C. Burgess has been paid

→ Alston moved, seconded by Canoy the board voted unanimously to approve a new contract for Dale Queen – 45.6 acres – in the amount of \$6,840.

-Whitaker reported that the announcement of the Hybrid grant will be in March 2006. More information will follow as it becomes available.

-Alston moved, seconded by Hughes, the board voted unanimously to explore Tom's Creek Nursery (date unknown) and Garden Fest (May 6<sup>th</sup>) events with the possibility of the Randolph SWCD to advertise rain barrels during these events and for the district to purchase a rain barrel for a display.

The board agreed for Whitaker to pursue this grant application. Whitaker reported on the Clean Water Management Trust Fund application for cattle exclusion fencing.

Whitaker reported that she has received technical specialist designation.

At this time Melonie Allen with the Ecosystem Enhancement Program gave a power point presentation on the programs efforts, functions and responsibilities. After detailing how the current program came into being, she shared information concerning the current projects within Randolph County. She stated that her purpose in being here today was to inform the board of the activities that EEP is involved in and to present an opportunity for the two entities to work together. A draft agreement was presented for the board to review. This proposal would allow the EEP to enter into an agreement with Randolph County (Randolph SWCD) for their services in planning, design, installation and checkout of practices that they refer to as "landowner amenities". Practices which are common to the function of the board and their staff could be implemented under the boards supervision in exchange for "grant monies" that would be paid to reimburse the District for time and expenses. No decision was made at this time – more information will follow within no later than 30 days..

At 8:45 a.m. Frazier called the board into a closed session to discuss personnel items.

At 9:10 a.m. Frazier called the meeting back to order in general session.

Frazier reported that the Area 3 Spring Meeting will be held Thursday, March 2, 2006 in Lee County at the McSwaim Agricultural Center. Pre-registration is \$25 per person – Registration will be \$30 after February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Parks presented a resolution from the Area 3 Education Committee regarding monetary awards to the Area 3 Poster, Essay, and Public Speaking Contest Winners (see attached resolution). Alston moved, seconded by Hayes, the board voted unanimously to support this resolution at the Area 3 Spring Meeting. A copy of the resolution is attached to these minutes.

Discussion was had regarding the information from the NCASWCD Hall of Fame Committee regarding candidates for induction. No action was taken at this time.

Frazier reported that Area 3 has a new Regional Coordinator – Sandra Weitzel. She comes to us from Area 6 where she performed the same duties. Weitel has taken Jerry Dorsett's position.

Parks reported that the Area 3 Envirothon will be held at Elon College on March 22, 2006. Volunteers are needed!

Whitaker reported that she has received her certification for technical specialist designation.

Discussion was had regarding a grant for fencing cattle out of the streams. Hayes moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously for Whitaker to look in to this grant to seek additional funds.

The following consent items were approved:

- ENOTES – NACD (1/10/06, 1/24/06)
- USDA News
- Southeast NACD Meeting Information (August 27-29, 2006)

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 March 13, 2006 at 7:30 a.m.  
Federal Building, 241 Sunset Avenue  
Asheboro, NC 27203