

BOARD MINUTES

RANDOLPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Asheboro, North Carolina

June 12, 2006

Supervisors Present:

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

Others Present:

Randy Blackwood, DC
Jenny Parks, Admin. Assist.
Danielle Thomas, Soil Con.
Kelly Whitaker, S&W Eng.
Sandra Weitzel, Area 3 Cd.
RHS FFA Members (4)
RHS FFA Adv., Jay Lewis

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:

Hayes moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to keep the slate of officers as follows: Craig Frazier, Chairman; William "Bill" Alston, Vice Chairman; Richard Canoy, Secretary; and Amy Hughes, Treasurer.

May 8, 2006 minutes were reviewed and corrections were made. Canoy moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to approve minutes as corrected.

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

Parks presented the 2007 County Manager's Proposed Budget for the County Commissioners. A copy is attached to these minutes. The County Commissioner's Budget Meeting is today at 5:30 p.m. Frazier and Parks will attend.

Blackwood gave the NRCS Report as follows:

-The following EQIP contracts were presented for approval:

Mark Ramsey Allen, contract #7445326B252

Dwight Atkinson, contract # 7445326B333

Jamie Elliott, contract #7445326B254

Thurman Jessup, contract #7445326B344

Roger Pritchard, contract #7445326B247

Richard Whitaker, contract #7445326B327

Hughes moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to approve all of the above named EQIP contracts.

- Conservation Plans for J. W. Smith and William Loflin were presented to the board for approval. Hughes moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to accept the conservation plans for Smith and Loflin.
- Work continues on developing waste management plans. Discussion followed regarding state employees that were hired to work on waste plans in the field offices.
- NRCS Area 3 had their employee awards appreciation day last week in Greensboro.

Alston gave the RC&D Report as follows:

- Alston reported that Durham County is interested in admission to Piedmont Conservation Council (RC&D).
- There is a possibility that the PCC will be moving to Asheboro. More information will follow as it becomes available.
- The RC&D Annual Meeting will be held in Wilmington September 6-8, 2006.
- The PCC is seeking funding opportunities with the new coordinator.

Whitaker gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

- Discussion was had regarding Gary Caviness contract. Caviness was asked to bring in his tax records and it was discovered that he is not a limited resource farmer, although he did sign the self certification form. Caviness was paid \$25,000 cap for a waste storage structure at 90% cost share but should have only been paid \$18,812. Hughes moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously for Whitaker to contact David Williams regarding this issue.
- Whitaker reminded the board that Spot Checks need to be completed soon.
- Darrell Wright, contract #76-04-04-02 still needs to be seeded, then it will be complete.
- Millard Hinson, contract #76-04-12-02 is complete.
- Whitaker updated the board on PY05 NCACSP Contracts for Jason Cheek, Mike Morgan, Randy Jessup, Jerry Brown, and Gary Caviness.
- Whitaker updated the board on PY06 NCACSP Contracts for Darrell Earnhart, Donald Scotton, Trey Parrish, and Michael Walker.
- Hayes moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to sign Wayne Simmons' Request for Payment for \$30,000.
- A memorandum from DENR regarding "Commission Advisory: Performance Milestones in ACSP Contracts" was shared with the board. The memo reminded Districts of the intent and statement of policy on interim performance milestones in NCACSP Contracts.
- Alston moved, seconded by Hayes, the board voted unanimously to pursue with Randolph SWCD becoming a Pilot Project for the NCACSP. More information will follow as soon as it becomes available. District Boards need to submit a letter to the Division indicating their willingness to accept the delegation authority of a Pilot Project for the NCACSP. Districts will have until June 30, 2006 to submit a letter to be eligible for the start of the 2007 Program Year. The Commission will have final approval of the Districts selected for the delegation authority.

Frazier welcomed Jay Lewis, Randleman High School FFA Advisor, and 4 FFA members to the meeting. The members are a part of the Ag Communications Team. In order for them to go to state competition they were to gather information about water quality. The team has met with employees in the office for discussions related to the water quality topic. At this time this team presented their final presentation to the board.

Whitaker gave the Community Conservation Report as follows:

- Brad Coble's (NC Foundation Grant recipient) lagoon closure is complete and a request for payment has been sent in to the Foundation for payment.

-Whitaker has sent a letter to Ike Ferguson explaining to him that the District will not be replacing his sign that is damaged. The letter also informed him of alternate programs that he might be interested in.

-Whitaker reported that we should receive the paperwork for the Hybrid grant towards the end of June. Randolph SWCD has been approved to receive \$13,500 towards the purchase of a Hybrid (this comes from the Division of Air Quality's Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Grant).

Prices were shared with the board and staff was instructed to get further pricing for comparison.

-Whitaker reported that EEP has changed their contract format. Discussion was had regarding having yearly deadlines for the money and projects.

Information was shared with the Board regarding the Homeland Security Presidential Directive. The Directive states that all personnel that use the federal information system will be required to get security clearance. Some of the requirements for employees are: fingerprinting, completing a federal government employment application and a "soft" credit check. The Randolph SWCD Board took no action on this issue.

The following consent items were approved:

-eNotes (5/9/06, 5/16/06, 5/23/06, 6/6/06)

-DEA Executive Board Meeting Information – Follow-up

-The Fence Post

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Chairman Signature

Date Approved Minutes

The Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting will be July 10, 2006 at 7:30 a.m.
Federal Building
241 Sunset Avenue, Asheboro, NC 27203