

BOARD MINUTES

RANDOLPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Asheboro, North Carolina

September 11, 2006

Supervisors Present:

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

Others Present:

Randy Blackwood, DC
Jenny Parks, Adm. Sec.
Kelly Whitaker, S&W Engineer
Danielle Thomas, Soil Con.
Ralston James, Area Coord.
Sandra Weitzel, Area Coord.
Crystal Cockman, Land Trust

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

ACTION ITEMS:

The August 14, 2006 Minutes were reviewed and corrections were made. Hayes moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of August 14, 2006.

Parks presented the Treasurer's Report. Hayes moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted to accept the Treasurer's Report. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

Alston introduce Ralston James, Area Coordinator with the Division of Soil and Water. Ralston discussed the "High Rock Lake: Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative" with the board. The Division and selected SWCD's are entering into a cooperative agreement to complete a survey in the High Rock Lake watershed area of Randolph County. Hayes moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously for the Randolph SWCD to enter into an agreement with NCDENR and have staff complete the survey requested and in return the Randolph SWCD will receive \$7,992.36 for all of items completed – it will take approximately one year to complete.

Blackwood gave the NRCS Report as follows:

-Blackwood introduced Crystal Cockman with Land Trust. Canoy moved, seconded by Hughes, the board voted unanimously to endorse the Foundation grant to assist with payment of legal fees on the Uwharrie Farms Conservation Easement.

-Blackwood reminded the board that there needs to be a local workgroup meeting regarding EQIP ranking. This meeting should be held by October 16, 2006. Parks will work on a date and time for this meeting.

Alston gave the RC&D Report as follows:

-The RC&D State Meeting was held in Wilmington September 6-8, 2006.

-The Piedmont Conservation Council will be moving their office to Asheboro in October.

-As of October 1, 2006, the RC&D offices in NC will be without secretaries unless the councils pay them.

Whitaker gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

-Whitaker presented the following for approval:

→ Millard Hinson, a repair contract #76-07-02-02 for \$1,616

→ Michael Walker, a supplemental contract #76-07-03-02SU for \$40,592

Canoy moved, seconded by Hughes, the board voted unanimously to approve the contracts for Hinson and Walker as stated above.

- Gary Caviness has paid the State back the funds owed.
- Whitaker presented a letter to Hughes to take to the TRC regarding tops on incinerators.

Whitaker gave the Community Conservation Report as follows:

- The hybrid vehicle has been ordered through Green Ford in Greensboro who had the lowest quote.
- Whitaker discussed easement grants briefly. At some time the board would need to go before the County Commissioner to discuss options.
- The Randolph SWCD has a possibility of receiving a grant in the amount of \$500 to hold a lunch meeting for local leaders regarding Randolph County holding permanent conservation easements. More information will follow as soon as it becomes available. More information will be provided as soon as it becomes available.
- Whitaker reported that the district has received word that we have been approved for a \$90,000 319 Clean Water Management Trust Fund grant to repair failing septic systems in the Archdale area. Whitaker will be providing further information as soon as the “official paperwork” is received.

The Area 3 Fall Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2006 at the McSwain Agriculture Center in Sanford. Pre-registration is \$25.00 per person and registration at the door will be \$30.00. The deadline for pre-registration is Thursday, October 12, 2006. The Area 3 Executive Committee has decided the special program for the meeting will feature unique and innovative program and/or practices in Area 3 District offices. Each district is asked to prepare a brief (5 minute) PowerPoint presentation of their district’s highlights.

Candidates are being sought for the Piedmont Seat for the NC Soil and Water Commission seat. Nomination forms from Area 3 are due to Lee SWCD by Thursday, October 12, 2006. The three Piedmont Areas III, IV, and VII share the Piedmont Seat on the Commission.

Volunteers are needed for the Soil and Water Conservation booth at the NC State Fair October 13-22, 2006 in Raleigh. If anyone is interested, they should contact Susan Woodard with Johnston SWCD.

The NACD Presidents Association is selling tickets at \$5.00 each for someone to win \$1,000 cash prize – the winning ticket will be drawn during the NACD 2007 Annual Meeting in Las Angeles, California.

Notice of Public Meeting to be held by the NC Environmental Management Commission on intent to issue NPDES General Permits for Animal Operations will be held as follows:

- September 25 - James Sprunt Community College in Kenansville
- September 26 - Martin Community College in Williamston
- September 28 - Iredell County Center in Statesville

The following consent items were approved:

- ENOTES – NACD (Special 8/8/06, 8/15/06, 8/22/06, 8/29/06)
- Conservation e-Connections
- NACD News & Views
- NACD – Comments on Security Requirements

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Chairman Signature

Date of Approved Minutes

The Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting will be October 9, 2006 at 7:30 a.m.
 Federal Building, 241 Sunset Avenue
 Asheboro, NC 27203