

BOARD MINUTES

RANDOLPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Asheboro, North Carolina

July 9, 2007

Supervisors Present:

Craig Frazier, Chairman
William Alston, V. Chairman
Amy Hughes, Treasurer

Others Present:

Randy Blackwood, DC
Jenny Parks, Adm. Sec.
Kelly Whitaker, S&W Engineer
Joe Hudyncia

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

ACTION ITEMS:

The June 11, 2007 Minutes were reviewed and corrections were made. Hughes moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of June 11, 2007.

The Treasurer's Report will be presented at the August Meeting.

Blackwood gave the NRCS Report as follows:

- Blackwood briefly discussed NRCS Restructure Proposal on combining counties. More information will follow as it becomes available.
- There were no new conservation plans to present at this time. Joe Hudyncia is currently working on plans that will be presented at the August Board Meeting.

Alston gave the RC&D Report as follows:

- Alston will report on the coordinator position as soon as one is chosen/appointed.

Whitaker gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

- Whitaker presented an application for Jack Callicutt for cattle in the streams. This application will be held until the August Board Meeting due to the applicant failing to sign the application.
- Whitaker presented a letter to be signed by the chairman regarding the cancelling of fund for contract #76-05-04-02 Randy Jessup in the amount of \$5,818. Mr. Jessup is planning to construct new poultry houses at another farm and will no longer be raising chickens at the contracted farm. Alston moved, seconded by Hughes, the board voted unanimously to approve the letter of cancelling these funds.
- Whitaker presented a "Notice of Contract Expiration – NCACSP" to the board for approval and the chairman's signature for Donald Ray Parrish, III, contract #76-06-08-16 in the amount of \$43,453. Frazier removed himself from discussion on this item due to Frazier being related to Mr. Parrish. The Board decided to table this item until the August Board Meeting due to Frazier's relation to Mr. Parrish and due to there not being a quorum with Frazier abstaining to vote on the item.
- Whitaker reported that if the annual allocation is the same as last year we will be able to fund three contracts.
- Whitaker presented a letter (which is attached to these minutes) from her to the Division of Soil and Water explaining that the Randolph SWCD's Annual Sport Checks were not complete by the July 1, 2007 deadline due to Randolph County experiencing an outbreak of the LT virus in poultry operations. NCDACS Veterinary Division has advised Randolph SWCD not to enter any quarantined farms to perform spot checks of disposal bins this spring and summer, until the disease outbreak is under control (letter is attached to these minutes).

-Whitaker presented two Requests for Payments for Michael Walker for approval and chairman signature. Hughes moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to approve the two Requests for Payments for Michael Walker totaling \$30,000.

Whitaker gave the Community Conservation Report as follows:

- Whitaker presented an "Amendment No. 1" for the EEP project. This Amendment notes the date change of the contract ending June 30, 2007 to December 31, 2007. Alston moved, seconded by Hughes, the board voted unanimously to approve the Amendment No. 1 for the EEP project.
- Whitaker reported that the Williams/UT Sandy Creek EEP project design has been complete and the project has been advertised for bids. The deadline for bids is July 13, 2007.
- Whitaker reported that the Meredell EEP design should be complete before she goes on maternity leave.
- Whitaker reported that she passed the Community Conservation Assistance Program technical training that was held in June. She also reported that she attended the program administration training for CCAP.
- Randolph SWCD will be receiving \$90,000 soon for septic system repairs in Muddy Creek Watershed. Whitaker has been in contact with Mike Walker with the County Environmental Health Department – he and Wayne Jones will work with us to develop a ranking system and the Health Department will do the inspections for subsequent projects.

Whitaker presented the following conservation plans for approval:

- Ronald Hudson (VAD)
- Phillip Reynolds (VAD)
- Charles Snider (VAD)
- Darrell Earnhardt (NCACSP)
- Jack Smith (NCACSP)
- Thomas Lawrence (VAD)

Hughes moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to accept the above named conservation plans pending signatures for Thomas Lawrence and Jackie Smith.

Discussion was had regarding the 70th Anniversary Celebration tour. Randolph SWCD will be on the agenda for the welcome on Wednesday, August 8th when they stop at the NC Zoological Park.

Parks reported that the NCASWCD's Community Conservation Standing Committee and the NCASWCD's Water Resources Standing Committee will meet in Asheboro at Randolph Electric on July 25, 2007 if anyone is interested in attending. The Community Conservation Committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. and the Water Resources will meet at 1:00 p.m.

Frazier reported that the new supervisor's reimbursement rates are as follows:

	In-state	Out-of-state
Breakfast	\$7.50	\$7.50
Lunch	9.75	9.75
Dinner	16.75	19.00
Lodging	63.75	75.50

Parks reminded supervisors about making reservations for the Annual Meeting in January 2008.

Discussion was had regarding conflicts of interest in bidding the EEP project(s). After speaking with the County Purchasing Agent, Whitaker reported that employees and/or an employee's spouse will not be eligible to bid on the EEP project due to a conflict of interest.

The following consent items were approved:

-ENOTES – NACD (6/12/07, 6/26/07)

-NACD News & Views

-Title 15A – DENR Soil and Water Conservation Commission Rules to be adopted

-News and Observer Article “Chicken Litter Could be Green”

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

Chairman Signature

Date of Approved Minutes

The Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting will be August 13, 2007 at 7:30 a.m.
Federal Building, 241 Sunset Avenue
Asheboro, NC 27203