

BOARD MINUTES

RANDOLPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Asheboro, North Carolina

April 14, 2008

Supervisors Present:

Craig Frazier, Chairman
Richard Canoy, Secretary
Bill Alston, Vice Chairman
Shaun Hayes, Member

Others Present:

Randy Blackwood, DC
Jenny Parks, Adm. Sec.
Kelly Whitaker, S&W Engineer
Sandra Weitzel, Area 3 Coord.

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 March 10, 2008 Minutes were discussed and corrections were made. Alston moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes with the corrections made.

Parks presented the Treasurer's Report. Canoy moved, seconded by Hayes, the board voted unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report and it is attached to these minutes.

Discussion was had regarding the purchase of a new GPS unit. The total price would be \$4,130. Alston moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted to purchase a new GPS unit for \$4,130. Parks will contact the purchasing department regarding this.

Frazier shared a letter with the board regarding the NCASWCD memorial Endowment Fund. Districts, individuals, etc. may make a memorial contribution to the Endowment Fund at any time.

Hayes moved, seconded by Alston, the board approved to pay the NCASWCD 2008 annual Dues of \$363.

Blackwood gave the NRCS Report as follows:

-Alston moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to approve conservations plans presented for Circle T Farms and Ritchie Hogan.

Alston gave the RC&D Report as follows:

-Alston reported that Executive Board met on March 14, 2008.

-There will be a full council meeting on April 29, 2008 at the Guilford County Ag Center from 6-8 p.m.

-Julie Elmore is at NRCS Bootcamp and is not able to be with us today.

Whitaker gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

-There were no new NCACSP applications to present at this time.

-The Commission approved a supplemental allocation of \$13,568.

-Whitaker presented a revised contract, 76-08-04-16, for Wanda Russell for approval in the amount of \$30,000. Canoy moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to approve the revised contract.

-Whitaker presented a supplemental contract, 76-08-06-02SU, for Matt Canoy along with a Request for Payment in the amount of \$928. Alston moved, seconded by Hayes, with Canoy abstaining, the board voted to approve this contract and Request for Payment.

- Hayes moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to cancel a repair contract for Millard Hinson.
- Whitaker reported she mailed letters to Michael Cox and Circle T Farms cancelling their applications due to them being accepted into the EQIP program.
- Hayes moved, seconded by Alston, with Canoy abstaining, the board approved conservation plans for Matt Canoy.
- Alston moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to approve conservation plans for Wanda Russell.
- Whitaker reminded the board that spot checks need to be completed soon.
- Hayes moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to approve conservation plans for Margaret Anderson. This is a VAD conservation plan.
- Weitzel reported that there is a survey that went out last week asking the districts their views on the NCACSP 1/3 rule. This item will be discussed during the May meeting.

Whitaker gave the Community Conservation Report as follows:

- Whitaker reported on the pilot project with the City of Asheboro and Randleman regarding the placement of pet waste receptacles.
- Whitaker reported that the Foundation Grant that the board inquired about during the March meeting was for seed drills, not aerators.
- Whitaker presented a sample postcard to be sent out to homeowners in the Muddy Creek watershed to repair failing septic systems. Hayes moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to approve the post card as presented.
- Whitaker reported that the Foundation is hosting a grant writing workshop regarding easements on April 30, 2008 in Hillsborough. Whitaker will be attending this workshop.
- Julie Elmore has agreed to assist with the Clean Water Management Trust Fund grant for drystacks – she needs approval from the board in order to do so. Alston moved, seconded by Hayes, the board voted unanimously to allow Julie to assist the district with this grant.
- Whitaker presented the Foundation's Agreement and Grantee's Acceptance of the Water Quality Project on Richard B. Whitaker Tobacco Farm in the amount of \$1,870.00. Canoy moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to approve and sign this agreement.
- Whitaker discussed the CREP program in Randolph County. This will be a joint effort program between FSA, NRCS and the District and whether the District would like to participate in this program. Alston moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to agree to be in the CREP program.

Whitaker reported on EEP as follows:

- Whitaker reported on the following EEP Projects:
 - Royals – This project is still on hold because of EEP.
 - Sumner – Whitaker is preparing the design.
 - Meredell – Whitaker is waiting on EEP to answer questions amount change orders before she completes this Scope of Work.
 - McCain – Whitaker is waiting on an electrical estimate before she can complete this Scope of Work.

- Whitaker reported that the district has asked for over \$1 Million in drought relief from Division to install wells, renovate pastures, renovate ponds, and install conservation irrigation systems.

Frazier reported that the County Commissioner's Budget Meeting will be held on Monday, June 9th at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room. Supervisors were encouraged to attend. We will be asking for a new position and support will be needed.

Frazier shared a letter with the board regarding supervisor travel and Division of S&W updates.
→Supervisor travel is limited at this time and supervisors may or may not be paid for their travels.
→The Division has asked for suggestions for “smarter” ways to do business as well. Canoy moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously for Whitaker to draft a letter requesting a change on the rotation of spot checks to the first, third and fifth years to minimize travel expenses. The letter will be reviewed during the May Board Meeting.

It was reported that Frazier was up for re-appointment and Hughes was up for re-election to the Board of Supervisors. Hughes has expressed outside the board meeting that she will not be running for the position this year. Parks will submit a news release seeking interested individuals to run for the board of supervisors. No action was taken on Frazier at this time. This will be entertained during the May Board Meeting.

Alston shared information regarding NCASWCD 2008 Legislative Requests. Supervisors were encouraged to contact their representatives regarding these requests.

Conservation Awareness Day will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 in Raleigh this year. Supervisors were encouraged to attend.

The NC State Envirothon will be held at Cedarock Park near Burlington, NC as in the past on April 25 & 26, 2008. Volunteers are needed for both days of this event. Supervisors were encouraged to volunteer.

It was reported that the National Envirothon will be held in Asheville, NC in 2009.

Blackwood reported that the new Federal Service Center’s scheduled completion date is July 1, 2008. Parks reported that the County Maintenance Department is moving right along with completing the district’s new space. More information will follow at the May meeting.

The following consent items were approved:

ENOTES – NACD (3/11/08, 3/18/08, 3/25/08, 4/1/08, 4/8/08)

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 May 12, 2008 at 7:30 a.m.
241 Sunset Avenue
Asheboro, NC 27203