

BOARD MINUTES

RANDOLPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Asheboro, North Carolina

August 4, 2008

Supervisors Present:

Craig Frazier, Chairman
Richard Canoy, Secretary
Amy Hughes, Treasurer

Others Present:

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

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 July 14, 2008 Minutes were discussed and corrections were made. Canoy moved, seconded by Hughes, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes with the corrections made.

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

Hughes moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to approve travel funds for Parks and Whitaker to attend the District Employees Workshop on August 18 – 22, 2008 and also the North Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Association's Annual Meeting on January 4-7, 2009. Both employees will be participating in training courses related to their positions.

Blackwood gave the NRCS Report as follows:

- Blackwood reported that there were no conservation plans to present at this time.
- Blackwood reported that Don Redmon has retired and a new Technician will be sent to the Asheboro Field Office in January.

There was no RC&D Report at this time.

Whitaker gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

- Whitaker reported that the Randolph SWCD has received the 2009 allocations as follows:
 - NCACSP \$65,024
 - Drought Grant \$53,393 which brings this year total to \$81,897
 - Drought Earmark \$6,654 which brings this year total to \$14,337

-Spot Checks have been completed.

-Whitaker presented an application for W S Chandler – he has applied for stream crossing, exclusion and waterers. Canoy moved, seconded by Hughes, the board voted unanimously to approve WS Chandler's application.

The Board discussed the cost share rate for those producers that are in the Enhanced Voluntary Ag District Program. Hughes moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to cost share those participants that are in the Enhanced Voluntary Ag District Program at 75%.

-Whitaker reported that the State is pushing for more pasture projects for the Drought Relief Program. Barry Foushee with Cooperative Extension hopes to have all of the participants ranked next week. Discussion was had on how to handle already renovated practices verses the ones that need to be done.

-Whitaker reported that there are a few participants in the Drought Relief Program that have not replied to her on whether or not they are still interested in participating. The Board decided for Whitaker to mail certified letters to those that have not replied.

-Whitaker presented a Drought Relief application for William Smith for renovation. Hughes moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to approve the application.

-Based on the initial allocation of \$28,504, the total of the top ranking six contracts is \$4,326 over the initial allocation. Hughes moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to fund the top six and use the overflow in the next allocation to complete the six contracts.

-Whitaker presented the following Drought Relief Program Contracts for approval.

- Dwight Atkinson 76-09-702-02 well
- Alan Coble 76-09-703-02 well
- Darrell Wright 76-09-705-02 well
- Elvin York 76-09-702-02 well
- Richard Whitaker 76-09-704-02 wells
- Wayne Simmons 76-09-706-02 well

Hughes moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to approve the above named contracts, pending Dwight Atkinson's signature on his contract.

Whitaker presented a conservation plan for James Humble for participation in the Voluntary Ag District Program. Canoy moved, seconded by Hughes, the board voted unanimously to approve the conservation plan for James Humble.

Whitaker gave the Community Conservation Report as follows:

- The Randolph SWCD has received its Community Conservation Allocation of \$6,106.
- Whitaker reported that the Randolph SWCD has received the contracts for Muddy Creek with \$500 approved/added for supplies, postage, etc. The total of the Muddy Creek Grant is \$90,500.
- Whitaker reported that she has mailed letter to septic system repair companies that Environmental Health recommended to see if they know of anyone interested in the program.

Whitaker gave the EEP Report as follows:

- The scope of work was approved for Meredell and the district is now working on the landowner agreements.
- The design for Sumner is being worked on.
- Royals is still on hold.
- Upcoming projects are for Charles Williams, Mickey Bowman, and Phillips.

Whitaker reported that Randolph SWCD's CREP Allocation has been received at \$13,231.

Parks presented the Application for Matching Fund for SWCD's. Frazier signed the application as the Chairman. The Randolph SWCD will receive \$4,000 (which will go toward the County's General Fund) from the State.

The Board reviewed the interview questions for the new Technician Position. The Board reviewed the applications at this time. Hughes moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously for Parks to call and set up interview times for the top five and let the board know of the date(s) and time(s) that the interviews will be held. Parks and Whitaker will conduct the initial interview. The Board will then re-interview the top 2 or 3.

The following consent items were approved:

ENOTES – NACD (7/15/08)

Supervisor's Training – February 17 & 18, 2009 in Chapel Hill

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Chairman Signature

Date of Approved Minutes

The Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting will be September 8 2008 at 7:30 a.m.
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