

BOARD MINUTES

RANDOLPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Asheboro, North Carolina

September 17, 2015

Meeting Number 8

Supervisors Present:

Craig Frazier, Chairman
Bill Alston, Treasurer
Shane Whitaker, Vice Chairman
Craig Macon, Secretary
Matt Canoy, Member

Others Present:

Jenny Parks, Adm. Sec.
Kaitlyn Johnson, Env. Specialist
Randy Blackwood, DC NRCS
Larry Graham, Guest
John Isenhour, NC Wildlife
Jonathan Black, CES

Frazier called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. and Supervisor Travel Vouchers were signed and returned. Frazier moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, after discussion was had and changes to the agenda were made, the board voted unanimously to approve the Changes to the Agenda as follows: Personnel Items will be moved after the Treasurer's Report and the board will go into closed session; and the items "Districts Helping Each Other Meeting" and the Piedmont Region Commission Seat will be handled together instead of separately.

S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

ACTION ITEMS:

Minutes from the August 2015 regular meeting were reviewed and corrections were made. Alston moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to approve these minutes with the corrections made.

Alston presented the Treasurer's Report. Alston moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Discussion was had regarding the Piedmont Region Commission Seat and the "Districts Helping Each Other Meeting". Frazier expressed his interest in running for the Piedmont Commission Seat. Alston made a motion to nominate Frazier to run for the Piedmont Commission Seat; seconded by Macon, the board voted unanimously to nominate Frazier for this seat. Parks will contact the Area 3 SWCD Chairman and his nomination will go before the supervisors at the Area 3 Fall Meeting in October.

At 8:15 a.m. the Board went into closed session to discuss Personnel Items.

At 8:37 a.m. the Board came out of closed session and opened the meeting back up to the public.

Blackwood gave the NRCS Report as follows:

-Johnson has been out on site with the Asheboro Field Office staff observing a waste storage structure being installed. This will help her with her job approval authority.

-Blackwood reported that there were several construction jobs happening at this time with their contracts.

Alston gave the RC&D Report as follows:

- Randolph County dues for RC&D have been sent in through the county finance office.
- Alston expressed that RC&D will be looking for the local soil and water district to assist them with the Washington Street Project here in Asheboro.

Parks gave the Education Report as follows:

- Parks reported that sign ups are being taken for those interested to work the Soil and Water booth at the State Fair. Information was given to the supervisors on how to sign up to volunteer. The State Fair will be October 15-25, 2015 in Raleigh.
- A follow-up email from Dick Fowler regarding the Dig It Exhibit was shared with the board. It was a successful exhibit.
- Parks reported that she has emailed the Education Brochure from Randolph SWCD to all schools, along with the current year's contest information.

Johnson gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

- Johnson presented contract #76-2016-002 in the amount of \$5,896 for stream exclusion. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to approve this contract.
- Johnson reported that Randolph SWCD currently has \$3,722 left out of our current NCACSP Allocation, which is not enough funding for the next contract, and we are currently waiting on our local allocation to proceed with the next contract.

Johnson gave a brief update on HPAI and a letter was shared with the board – NCDA&CS has a question and answer page on their website regarding this item and is very informative. Staff will be listening in on a teleconference today at 9:30 a.m. regarding HPAI.

Frazier shared with the board that the new NCASWCD Executive Director has been selected - Julie Groce will begin her full time duties on October 1, 2015 once Dick Fowler retires.

Discussion was had regarding nominating Blackwood for the Pastureland Conservationist of the Year. Macon moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to nominate Blackwood for this award.

Parks reported that the Area 3 Fall Meeting will be held in Silk Hope on October 21, 2015. Pre-registration is \$30; it will be \$35 at the door. Supervisors were asked to let Parks know if they wish to attend.

Parks presented a letter from Ned Hudson, NC FLP Chairman, asking for donations toward the Food, Land, and People program. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to make a \$100 contribution towards FLP.

At this time the Local Workgroup Meeting was held. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Canoy, after discussion among the local workgroup, the board voted unanimously to use the same Local Workgroup Resource Concerns and Priorities as last year.

Parks reminded the board to go ahead and make their hotel reservations for the NCASWCD Annual Meeting in January. The phone number to the hotel is 919-941-5050.

Parks reminded the board that she and Johnson will be attending the Southeast DEA Meeting in Pigeon Forge November 2-4, 2015 to give a power point presentation.

The following informational items were given to the board:

- NACD eResource Newsletters
- Ralston James Calendar/Information Items
- Stewards of the Future Information

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 9:30 a.m.



Chairman Signature

10-15-15

Date of Approved Minutes

The Next Board Meeting will be held October 15, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.
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