

# **BOARD MINUTES**

## **RANDOLPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Asheboro, North Carolina**

**April 9, 2014**

**Meeting Number 3**

### **Supervisors Present:**

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

### **Others Present:**

Jenny Parks, Adm. Sec.  
Kelly Whitaker, S&W Engineer  
Wes Hicks, Soil Cons.  
Randy Blackwood, DC – NRCS  
Ralston James, NCDENR

Frazier called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m. Supervisor travel vouchers were signed and returned.

Staff Calendars and Timesheets were given to supervisors at this time. Alston moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to accept the Consent Agenda which included Staff Calendars and Timesheets.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

Minutes from the March 2014 regular meeting were reviewed and corrections were made. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Macon, the board voted unanimously to approve these minutes with the corrections.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. Macon moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Blackwood gave the NRCS Report as follows:

- Blackwood reported that the Asheboro Field Office will be undergoing a Civil Rights Compliance Review May 19-23 (not sure of the exact day). Randolph SWCD staff and supervisors will be a part of this review.
- Blackwood discussed NRCS Civil Rights Policies.
- The Memorandum of Understanding was discussed. There is a new format that should be followed. Frazier will contact Jerry Raynor with NRCS to inquire.
- Blackwood reported that there was nothing new to report on the Farm Bill.

RC&D Report

- Alston reported that there will be an RC&D Meeting next week.

Parks gave the Education Report as follows:

- Parks assisted with the Area 3 Envirothon setup day on March 24<sup>th</sup>.
- All three staff assisted with the Area 3 Envirothon Competition Day at Elon on March 25<sup>th</sup>.
- All staff assisted with Randolph SWCD's Farmer Appreciation Day on March 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Parks and K. Whitaker gave presentations for fifth grade students on March 31, April 1, 2, 3,4, and 7<sup>th</sup> at the following schools: Balfour, John Lawrence, Grays Chapel, McCrary, Farmer, and Loflin.

K. Whitaker gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

- K. Whitaker reported that there are three more spot checks remaining to be completed.
- K. Whitaker reported that Randolph SWCD has received a supplemental allocation in the amount of \$7,759.
- S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Macon, the board voted unanimously to grant contract #76-2013-003 a six month extension due to the ground being too wet to do the BMP.
- K. Whitaker presented an application for Craig Macon. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, with Macon abstaining, the board voted unanimously to accept Craig Macon's NCACSP application.
- K. Whitaker reported that Strategy Plan is due June 2, 2014. Discussion was had regarding any changes for the 2015 Strategy Plan. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to move the cutoff date for applications to May 1, 2015.

K. Whitaker gave the CCAP Report as follows:

- K. Whitaker reported that the CCAP spot checks need to be completed.
- K. Whitaker reported that a Request for Payment for contract #76-2012-503 in the amount of \$3,008 was signed outside of the board meeting.
- K. Whitaker reported that a CCAP contract for Piedmont Triad Water Authority for a grassed swale would be presented at the next Board Meeting.

K. Whitaker gave the AgWrap Report as follows:

- An application for J. Swartz was presented for approval. This item was tabled in order to obtain verification from Mr. Swartz that he qualifies for the program.
- Discussion was had regarding Kevin Lineberry's AgWrap application. No action was taken at this time on this item due to a recent assessment of the pond not being made yet.
- Contract #76-2012-802 for a farm pond in the amount of \$4,500 was discussed. No action was taken.
- Macon moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to suspend the policy on ranking sheets that would penalize applicants for contracts cancelled with board approval; and the 2015 policy should be changed to reflect this decision on all cost share programs.
- K. Whitaker reported that the following Request for Payments were signed outside of the board meeting: Contract #76-2013-802 in the amount of \$18,000; and Contract #76-2014-801SU in the amount of \$5,137.

K. Whitaker reported that we are still waiting on USDA to release funds for B. Royals project.

K. Whitaker presented conservation plans for M. Brady, and A. Capps. Macon moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to approve both conservation plans.

K. Whitaker reported that Mickey Bowman's farm will move onto the Regional Farm Family Competition soon. There will be a mock farm family judging on April 22, 2014 at the Bowman's.

Frazier presented the Area Alignment Survey to the board and staff. Each staff and board member was encouraged to complete the survey on their own. During this discussion the board and staff completed a survey as a group. Parks will submit this survey online.

Frazier gave an update on Present Use Tax Value at this time.

Discussion was had regarding the Farmer Appreciation Day Celebration that was held on March 29<sup>th</sup>. S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to pay the invoice for the food from the Randolph Livestock and Poultry Improvement Association. Next year's event will be discussed at a different time.

Parks reminded the board that the NC Envirothon will be held at Cedar Rock Park on April 25-26, 2014. Supervisors were encouraged to volunteer.

The following Informational Items were presented:  
-ENOTES – NACD

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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***Chairman Signature***

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***Date of Approved Minutes***

The Next Board Meeting will be held May 14, 2014 at 7:30 a.m.  
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