

BOARD MINUTES

RANDOLPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Asheboro, North Carolina

June 12, 2013

Meeting Number 10

Supervisors Present:

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

Others Present:

Jenny Parks, Adm. Sec.
Kelly Whitaker, S&W Engineer
Wes Hicks, S&W Technician
Randy Blackwood, DC – NRCS
Kirsten Frazier, Guest

Frazier called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. Supervisor travel vouchers were signed and returned.

ACTION ITEMS:

The Consent Agenda was presented as follows:

-Staff Calendars and Timesheets

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

Minutes from the May 8, 2013 meeting were reviewed and corrections were made. Alston moved, seconded by S. Whitaker, the board voted unanimously to approve the May 8, 2013 minutes.

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

The NRCS Report was given by Blackwood as follows:

-A brief update on the Farm Bill was given.

-NC NRCS has a new State Conservationist – Tim Beard.

-A brief EQIP update was given.

The RC&D (PCC) Report was given as follows by Alston:

-Since our last board meeting, RC&D (PCC) held a full council meeting and an executive board meeting. During their executive board meeting, the board reviewed all of their projects that they have administered over the years.

-The Lassiter Mill Project start date has been postponed due to the weather recently. As soon as a date is set, they will let everyone know.

Parks gave the Education Report as follows:

-Staff assisted with an Environmental Field Day at the Zoo – the entire fifth grade of Coleridge participated in this event.

-Staff assisted/hosted a Farm Tour for a group of high school students from Asheboro High School. The group toured the Wright Farm and Whitaker Farms. The instructor sent a thank-you email to staff.

-Parks presented three Enviroscape presentations to all first grade students at Farmer Elementary. This was a part of their science day at Farmer School.

K. Whitaker gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

- K. Whitaker reported that all of the NCACSP money has been spent.
- There were no applications to present at this time.

K. Whitaker gave the CCAP Report as follows:

- One Request for Payment for Contract #76-11-510-16 in the amount of \$295 was signed outside of the board meeting.
- An application for the Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority was presented for acceptance. This application was for buffers.

K. Whitaker gave the AgWRAP Report as follows:

- K. Whitaker reported that her first pond design has been submitted for review.
- Alston moved, seconded by Canoy, with S. Whitaker abstaining, the board voted unanimously to grant the following extension:
 - a. Contract # 76-12-801-02, well
 - b. Contract # 76-12-802-02, pond
 - c. Contract # 76-12-804-02, pond repair
 - d. Contract # 76-12-803-02, pond. This design has been completed and submitted for review.

K. Whitaker gave the CREP Report as follows:

- S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to approve a letter to the Commission requesting the expired funds for contract #76-10-304-16 be honored in a new contract in the amount of \$1,594.

T. Henslee conservation plan was signed. This plan was approved at the May 2013 board meeting.

K. Whitaker reported that the Farm Family sign was delivered to the M. Bowman Farm. A brief discussion was had regarding preparing them for the state competition next year.

S. Whitaker moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to resubmit Hicks' Job Approval Authority request to NRCS. The first request has been misplaced by NRCS.

The NC Foundation District Needs Assessment was presented for the board's discussion. It was decided this item will be placed back on the agenda for the July 2013 meeting.

Discussion was had regarding the office's GPS. It was recommended that an external antenna may assist the device in working properly as opposed to an upgrade. Staff will look into the cost of this item.

Parks gave a District Employees Association (DEA) Report as follows:

- The 2013 Conservation Employee Training (CET) will be held in Nags Head, NC September 30-October 3, 2013. All three staff will be attending.
- Amanda Sands, Chatham SWCD, has resigned from the district. Amanda was the Area 3 SWCD DEA Director. Due to Parks being her alternate, she is now the new Area 3 DEA Director; and K. Whitaker is her alternate.

Frazier reported that the NACD Southeast Meeting will be held in Savannah, GA.

Parks shared with the board that the Jane Iseley Farm in Alamance County was named the State Conservation Farm Family.

An Association Bulletin RE: House Bill 558 was presented to the supervisors.

Parks reminded the supervisors to go ahead and make reservations for the 2014 NCASWCD Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, January 5-7, 2014.

At this time the board went into closed session to discuss personnel items.

At this time the board came out of closed session.

The following Informational Items were presented:

- ENOTES – NACD
- Area 3 Report & Calendar by Weitzel
- Senate Budget – Soil and Water Update from Pat Harris
- NACD Legislative Conference Notice
- 2013 Policies, Positions, and Action Items – NCASWCD
- Ad Hoc Committee Appointments – NCASWCD
- Save the Date – Community Conservation Standing Committee Meeting Notice
- Cultural Awareness Day ~ June 27, 2013 Registration Information

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Chairman Signature

Date of Approved Minutes

The Next Board Meeting will be July 10, 2013 at 7:30 a.m.
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