

BOARD MINUTES

RANDOLPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Asheboro, North Carolina January 7, 2005

Supervisors Present:

Craig Frazier, Chairman
William Alston, V. Chairman
Richard Canoy, Secretary
Amy Hughes, Treasurer
Shaun Hayes, Member

Others Present:

Barton Roberson, DC
Jenny Parks, Adm. Sec.
Danielle Thomas, Soil Con.
Kelly Whitaker, S&W Engineer
Bob Abell, Soil Con. Tech.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 a.m. Frazier welcomed everyone to the meeting. Travel vouchers were signed and returned.

ACTION ITEMS:

The December 13, 2004 Minutes were reviewed and corrections were made. Hayes moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of December 13, 2004.

Hughes presented the Treasurer's Report. Alston moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Parks reported that the NC Foundation for Soil & Water Conservation Districts has submitted reimbursement for the meeting that was held at AVS Banquet Centre'. The Foundation project funded by the NC Tobacco Trust Fund Commission allowed RSWCD to conduct a Nutrient Management/PLAT Meeting in Randolph County. The meeting was a huge success with 144 participants. The meeting costs were \$2,771.09 which the Foundation reimbursed 100%.

Roberson gave the NRCS Report as follows:

- Conservation Plans for Charlie R. Joyce was presented for approval. Canoy moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to approve and sign Conservation Plans for Charlie R. Joyce.
- Discussion was had regarding Sammy Gray opening Walker Dairy.
- Roberson reported that Davis Cashatt was looking at relocating his dairy to Hollingsworth Dairy.
- Thomas reported that there are currently 198 EQIP Applications on hand and producers have until February 18, 2005 to sign up.

Whitaker gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

- An application for Hubert Kindley was presented to the board for approval. He is requesting funding for a waste storage facility, incinerator or composter. Canoy moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to approve this application. Kindley will need to complete the separate certification page for New/Beginning Farmer and Limited Resource Farmer.
- An application for Michael Hogan was presented for approval. He is requesting funding for a waste storage facility and a composter. Hughes moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted with 4 votes to approve this application; Hayes abstained from voting. Hogan will need to complete the separate certification page for New/Beginning Farmer and Limited Resource Farmer.
- An application for Walter Jack Smith, Jr. was presented to the board for approval. He is requesting funding for a waste storage facility. Canoy moved, seconded by Hughes, the board voted unanimously

to approve this application. Smith will need to complete the separate certification page for New/Beginning Farmer and Limited Resource Farmer.

-An application for Branson Russell was presented to the board for approval. He is requesting funding for a waste storage facility and composter. Hughes moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to approve this application.

-An application for Ronnie Kidd was presented to the board for approval. He is requesting funding for a waste storage facility. Canoy moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to approve this application.

-An application for Matt Canoy was presented to the board for approval. He is requesting funding for a composter. Hughes moved, seconded by Hayes, with Canoy abstaining from voting, the board voted to approve this application. Canoy will need to complete the separate certification page for New/Beginning Farmer and Limited Resource Farmer.

-An application for Eric Cheek was presented to the board for approval. He is requesting funding for cropland conversion. Alston moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to approve this application.

-An application for Donald Chriscoe was presented to the board for approval. He is requesting funding for exclusion fencing, heavy use protection area, and critical area planting. Hughes moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to approve this application.

-Whitaker reported that the Soil and Water Commission did approve contract extensions for Mike Morgan (contract #76-05-01-16) and Howard Jones (supplemental contract #76-02-01-02).

-Whitaker reported the following allocations for NCACSP for Randolph County:

Initial Allocation	\$60,654
September 2004	\$ 9,013
<u>November 2004</u>	<u>\$ 3,780</u>
TOTAL	\$73,448 as of 1/7/05

Whitaker gave the Community Conservation Report as follows:

-Discussion was had regarding charging grant writing fees to individuals/groups requesting assistance.

It was decided to include administrative costs in the grant that is being requested.

-Discussion was had regarding Conservation Easements. Whitaker reported that Randolph County's Growth Management Plan has several policies that could encourage funding for this use.

Alston moved, seconded by Hughes, the board voted unanimously to have Whitaker put together a presentation regarding conservation easements to be presented before the County Commissioners. Further information will follow.

-Whitaker shared the following community conservation ideas with the board.

Mecklenburg SWCD Pilot Program – Urban Cost Share Program – Funded through a CWMTF Grant. Practices include critical area planting, nutrient management, riparian buffers, pet waste receptacles, rain gardens, grassed waterway, tree/shrub establishment, rain barrel, compost bins, and exotic invasive plant removal. Hayes moved, seconded by Hughes, discussion followed, after discussion the board voted unanimously to submit an application to the CWMTF for a pilot program Urban Cost Share Program. The application deadline is June 1, 2005.

-Discussion was had regarding rain barrel sales. Further research will be done on this subject before any decisions are made. Further information will follow at a later date.

-Whitaker presented information on a grant from the NC S&W Foundation for installation of high priority water quality project for confined animal operations – priority given to lagoon closures. Hughes moved, seconded by Hayes, the board voted unanimously for Whitaker to submit a grant application to the Foundation for funding lagoon closures in Randolph County. Whitaker will research eligible producer in the County for lagoon closures. The application deadline is January 31, 2005.

Alston reported that he will be giving a Power Point presentation on RC&D during the General Session at the Annual Meeting.

Information was presented to the board regarding the Environmental Education Fund.

It was suggested that the director of the WOW Camp be invited to attend one of RSWCD's Board Meetings.

Committee Assignments and Resolutions were discussed at this time for the Annual Meeting.

Parks presented a Thank-You Card from Justin Lowe, NC FFA Vice President thanking the district for supporting his trip to Europe (ILSSO). Lowe will be giving a presentation to the board following his trip.

There was a brief discussion on the status of the new office space being sought. Further information will follow as it becomes available.

Frazier presented a DRAFT copy of the new proposed .0200 Rules. This was for information only.

The following consent items were approved:

- Employee weekly logs
- January & February Calendars
- NACD News & Views
- ENOTES – NACD – 12/14/04, 12/21/04, 1/4/05
- USDA News

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Chairman Signature

Date of Approved Minutes

The Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting will be February 14, 2005 at 7:30 a.m.
Federal Building, 241 Sunset Avenue
Asheboro, NC 27203