

# **BOARD MINUTES**

## **RANDOLPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**Asheboro, North Carolina**

**February 11, 2008**

### **Supervisors Present:**

Craig Frazier, Chairman  
Richard Canoy, Secretary  
Bill Alston, Vice Chairman  
Amy Hughes, Treasurer  
Shaun Hayes, Member

### **Others Present:**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m. Alston welcomed everyone to the meeting. Travel vouchers were signed and returned.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

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

There was no Treasurer's Report to present at this time. It will be presented during the March 2008 Meeting.

Blackwood gave the NRCS Report as follows:

- A brief update on EQIP was given.
- There was no conservation plans to present at this time.

At this time Alston turned the meeting over to Frazier.

Frazier presented a plaque that the Randolph SWCD received during the Annual Meeting for contributions to the Food, Land and People educational program.

Alston gave the RC&D Report as follows:

- Alston gave a brief update on the Piedmont Conservation Council RC&D.

Whitaker gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

- There were no new NCACSP applications to present at this time.
- Discussion was had regarding Wanda Russell's contract. Canoy moved, seconded by Alston, with Hayes abstaining, the board voted to approve her contract for a WSS in the amount of \$26,125. The contract will have to be supplemented once additional funds are available.
- Whitaker updated the board on the Extension Requests for Frank Macon and Ronnie Kidd. Both are still planning on meeting the 1/3 requirement by the extended deadline.
- Whitaker reported that letters were sent out canceling NCACSP applications that were funding through EQIP. Letters were sent to Timothy Beck, Ann Fay, William Sexton, Johnny Langley, and Carl Smith.
- Discussion was had regarding Matt Canoy's contract and the additional amount of concrete used for his cost share project. Hughes moved, seconded by Alston, with Canoy abstaining, the board voted to pay Canoy if receipts can be produced for the additional concrete and not to pay him if the receipts cannot be produced.
- Hughes moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to approve Hubert Kinley's Conservation Plan.

- Discussion was had regarding Spot Checks. Alston moved, seconded by Hughes, the board voted unanimously to choose #7 in choosing contracts to spot check. Whitaker also reminded the board that last year's Spot Checks need to be completed as well.
- Whitaker presented a NCACSP District Board Survey for the board to complete. After the board completed the survey Hughes moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to accept the survey completed.
- Whitaker discussed with the board that there will be a March Allocation. More information will follow as soon as it becomes available.

Whitaker gave the Community Conservation Report as follows:

- Whitaker discussed with the board a grant opportunity through the Division of Water Resources that involves clearing out creeks of debris. The grant includes navigable waters, which are mostly in the Eastern part of the state. Alston moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to table this item until the March 2008 meeting.
- Whitaker presented a letter for review by the board expressing the RSWCD's opposition to H.R. 2421, the Clean Water Restoration Act – regarding “navigable waters”. Canoy moved, Hughes seconded, after discussion, the board voted unanimously to accept the letter and mail to the appropriate congressional representatives.
- Whitaker reported that as a result of the High Rock Lake survey that the RSWCD participated in, the Division is making application to Clean Water Management Trust Fund for needed BMP's. RSWCD requested \$369,250 to install BMP's in the Yadkin Watershed, but the most the RSWCD could receive will be \$45,000 if the grant is approved.
- Foundation – Canoy moved, seconded by Hughes, the board voted unanimously to apply for a grant from the Foundation for money to install BMP's on tobacco lands.
- Whitaker reported that she has been working with RC&D to develop a CWMTF grant for next year to supplement NCACSP and EQIP funds.
- Whitaker reported that the Soil and Water Foundation will have grants available to fund seed drills for districts. The districts would then rent the drill(s) out to producers. Hughes moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to table this item until the March 2008 Meeting.
- Whitaker has reapplied for the CCAP grant for \$3,500 to place pet waste receptacles in the city of Asheboro and Randleman.
- Whitaker reported that the RSWCD has been awarded \$90,000 for septic tank repair in the Muddy Creek River Basin. Discussion was had regarding this issue and how to inform eligible participants within the Muddy Creek Watershed. Discussion was held on the how to get the most benefits from the money. Hughes moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously that to be eligible for the cost share assistance, the septic system on a property must be within 200 feet of a stream.
- Alston moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to advertise only to those within the buffer area seeking willing applicants who would participate in a septic system survey. Only those willing to participate in the survey would be eligible for funding to correct their problem.

Whitaker reported on EEP as follows:

- It is not known yet if the Royals project will be completed.
- We have received a Task Order request for McCain.

At this time the board went into a closed session.

Frazier opened the board meeting back up to the public.

Alston moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to pay the \$170.00 Area 3 SWCD's Dues for 2008.

A letter from the Area 3 Education Committee was presented to the board requesting a contribution to the Area 3 SWCD Envirothon. Hughes moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to contribute \$100 towards the Area 3 SWCD Envirothon.

Information was presented for the Area 3 Spring Meeting. It will be held in Orange County this year and pre-registration is \$25 per person.

Information was presented regarding the NCASWCD Hall Of Fame Candidate information.

Discussion was had regarding the RSWCD Long Range Plan. It was decided that there should be a work session set aside for this. Parks will check with the Foundation to see if any assistance is available.

RSWCD will be moving the office sometime this spring. The new office will be where Cooperative Extension is now.

A job description for a Soil and Water Technician was presented for review/discussion. Alston moved, seconded by Hughes, the board voted unanimously to approve the job description for a new technician position for the upcoming budget year. Parks will forward the job description to Kim Newsome for review and pay-scale review.

The following consent items were approved:

ENOTES – NACD (1/8/08, 1/15/08, 1/22/08)

Basic Training Course for SWCD Supervisors – Agenda

2008 Schedule of the NCSWC Commission Meeting Dates/Work Sessions

2008 NCASWCD Resolution Packet

Bridget Munger Resignation

New Conservation Planning Tool is now available – One NC Naturally Conservation Planning Tool

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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**Chairman Signature**

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**Date of Approved Minutes**

The Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting will be March 10, 2008 at 7:30 a.m.  
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Asheboro, NC 27203