



MINUTES

ALEXANDER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Held at the District office in Taylorsville, NC



Meeting Number 2

Date: August 26, 2010

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Bill Chapman, Chairman
Myles Payne, Vice-Chairman
Wendell Kirkham, Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lee Holcomb, Soil and Water Conservationist
Leslie Meadows, Education Coordinator/Admin.
Rick Grant, NRCS District Conservationist

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON **AUGUST 26, 2010** ARE APPROVED AS: READ () / CORRECTED ()

CALL TO ORDER and INVOCATION

Chairman Bill Chapman officially called the meeting to order at approximately 8:24 a.m.; followed by an invocation by Wendell Kirkham.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes from the July meeting, held July 22, 2010, were evaluated by the Board. Myles Payne motioned to approve the minutes, as read. Wendell Kirkham seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in approval.

BUDGET REPORT

Leslie provided the Board with the final budget printout from the 2009-10 fiscal year. The district successfully utilized 96.5% of the allotted county funds. The departmental budget report for the month of July 2010 was also reviewed in detail for the awareness of the Board.

LEE HOLCOMB'S REPORT:

North Carolina Agricultural Cost Share Program (NCACSP) Update:

Lee provided a current status report on all withstanding PY09-10 contracts for the knowledge of the Board (*See Spreadsheet*), as well as the ranking list for the first batch of PY11 applicants. PY11 applications will be accepted through Sept. 18th. Lee relayed to the Board that the state has allocated a total of \$52,959.00 to the district's ACSP for the 2011 Program Year (*See Spreadsheet*). Upon receiving our PY11 allocation for distribution, several supplication contracts, resulting from PY10, were brought before the Board. Supplemental poultry drystack Contract #: 02-11-01-16 S, in the amount of \$12,546.00, was presented for approval. Myles Payne motioned that the contract be approved for the amount requested, so that the project may now be completed. Wendell Kirkham seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously agreed. Supplemental livestock exclusion Contract #: 02-11-02-03 S was also presented, in the amount of \$3,581.00, for project completion. Wendell Kirkham's motion for approval was seconded by Myles Payne, and the Board unanimously concurred. A request for payment of said Contract #: 02-11-02-03 S immediately followed, as a practice to be funded by drought earmark monies. Myles Payne motioned that payment be granted. Wendell Kirkham seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve payment. Lastly, a discussion on BMP spending for PY11 ensued. Myles Payne recommended that the district continue to exclude supporting incinerator contracts for PY11. Wendell Kirkham agreed, and the Board unanimously voted to decline applications for incinerators in PY11. After much deliberation, a decision on a district policy for funding poultry spreaders was tabled until next month.

Water Conservation Assistance Program Survey:

Lee informed the Board that the NCASWCD Water Resources Committee is compiling more water resources information among districts to report to the General Assembly on the potential establishment of a state-wide Water Conservation Assistance Program. The report will address how this type cost-share program will be structured. Lee will complete the requested survey and return by the Sept. 15th deadline.

High Rock Lake Grant Update:

Lee announced that our district has officially been allotted \$30, 848.00 from the Yadkin Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF) monies procured by the Division through the High Rock Lake (HRL) Watershed initiative. High Rock Lake grant monies must be spent by Mar. 1st, 2012. Lee presented the Board with awaiting poultry drystack Contract #: 02-11-701-16, in the amount of \$21, 658.00, which is located within the HRL Watershed and meets CWMTF

requirements. Myles Payne made a motion that the awaiting HRL contract be approved as presented, now that is officially available. Wendell Kirkham seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in approval.

LESLIE MEADOWS' REPORT:

Visit from 2010 RCW Student:

In June, the district sponsored ACHS student, Hannah Rogers, as our 2010 Resource Conservation Workshop candidate. Hannah returned this month to report back to the Board on her resource management experience at NC State University. Hannah placed among the top ten finalists for a chance at obtaining college scholarship monies. The Board presented Hannah with an honorary plaque and a picture was taken for a local newspaper article.

Joint District Issues Committee (DIC) Meeting:

On July 27th, Leslie, Lee and Rick attended a joint DIC meeting of Areas 1, 2 & 8 in Morganton. Several topics of roundtable discussion took place, as well as partnership updates. Discussion topics included: Development of a program review tiered performance system, training and certification for a Professional Conservation Employees Program, and the structure of a new Water Quantity Cost-Share Program. The next Area 2 DIC meeting will be held in Morganton as well, and is scheduled for Sept. 28th when a “meet the candidates” for mountain seat nominees running for election will take place.

2010 District Employee's Workshop (DEW):

Leslie reported attending the 2010 DEW training event, Aug. 15th-19th, in Waynesville. She participated in the Environmental Education training track for the week. The remaining hours needed to fulfill the “outdoor experiences” requirement continuing toward her Environmental Education Certification were acquired.

Area II Fall Meeting Packets:

Each Board member was given an Area II Fall Meeting registration packet. The enclosed information included Area II Policy changes absentee ballots, a copy of the completed NCASWCD Strategic Plan, and John Deere GATOR raffle tickets to sale as part of Annual Meeting fundraising efforts. The Area II Fall Meeting will be held Oct. 14th, at the Silver Dollar Music Hall in Sparta, NC. Leslie asked Supervisors to bring their registration fees to our Sept. Board meeting.

2010 Environmental Field Days:

Leslie has begun preparations for this year's annual 5th Grade Environmental Field Days. The Payne Dairy will host the event, scheduled to take place Oct. 5th and Oct. 7th. Presenters are being secured and treat bag educational materials have been ordered.

RICK GRANT'S REPORT:

Rick provided a verbal report of his ongoing NRCS programs. He noted that the CRP sign-up period ends Aug. 27th, and the cut off for submitting PY09 EQUIP payments will be Sept. 15th.

MICHELLE LOVEJOY'S REPORT: (Please See Attached Report/Calendars)

OTHER BUSINESS:

Farmland Preservation/VAD Guest Speaker:

In place of our regularly scheduled quarterly VAD meeting, a guest speaker; Mr. Lynn Sprague, Director of Agricultural Development, has been invited to present on the success of his farmland preservation and agricultural heritage efforts in Polk County, NC. The event is scheduled for Aug. 31st, at 6:30 p.m. in the Extension Learning Center room. We have arranged a joint meeting with the Cooperative Extension Cattlemen's Association and other County Officials. Leslie and Livestock Agent Allison Brown will be serving dinner. Board members were asked to try to attend.

Alexander County Agricultural Fair:

Leslie announced the upcoming arrival of the Alexander County Agricultural Fair, to be held September 13th-18th. The Taylorsville Lions Club is currently accepting rental fees for the fair booth exhibit hall. Myles Payne made a motion that the district reserve a booth and set up a SWCD informational display, as in years past. Wendell Kirkham seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the board unanimously agreed to adjourn at approximately 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Leslie M. Meadows

Next Meeting Date: September 23, 2010 Time: 8:00 a.m. Place: District Office