



MINUTES

ALEXANDER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Held at Davis Hall in Taylorsville, NC



Meeting Number 8

Date: March 30, 2010

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Bill Chapman, Chairman
Myles Payne, Vice-Chairman
Wendell Kirkham, Treasurer
Kent Herman, Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Leslie Meadows, Education Coordinator/Admin.
Lee Holcomb, Soil and Water Conservationist

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON **MARCH 30, 2010** ARE APPROVED AS: READ () / CORRECTED ()

CALL TO ORDER and INVOCATION

Due to the NW Envirothon competition, our regularly scheduled monthly meeting was held in conjunction with our annual Conservation Awards Banquet. Chairman Bill Chapman officially called the meeting to order at approximately 8:27 p.m., immediately following the event. Invocation was given by Myles Payne.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting, held February 25th, 2010, were evaluated by the Board. Myles Payne made a motion to approve the meeting's minutes as read. Kent Herman seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in approval.

BUDGET REPORT

The departmental budget report for the month of February 2010 was reviewed in detail for the awareness of the Board. Departmental Budget Requests for the 2010-11 fiscal year, exemplifying a requisite 5% decrease, are due on April 1st. At the Board's resolve, Leslie provided copies of an uncut 2010-11 Departmental Budget Request for inspection, before submittal to the County. Kent Herman motioned that the proposed 2010-11 Departmental Budget Request be approved as presented, and was seconded by Myles Payne. The Board unanimously agreed to submit as is.

LEE HOLCOMB'S REPORT:

North Carolina Agricultural Cost Share Program (NCACSP) Update:

Lee briefly mentioned the continued issues involved in procuring a desirable PE for a current ACSP stream stabilization contract. He also brought a needed contract approval request, for a poultry drystack, before the Board. We currently have \$22,980 in ACSP funds left available, but additional funding, in the amount of \$9,040, is needed to completely fund the poultry litter storage structure Contract #: 01-10-04-16. Kent Herman motioned that the contract amount, \$32,020 be approved as presented and that we supplement the additional monies next program year. Myles Payne seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in support of the contract. Lastly, Lee announced that PY10 supplemental allocations have been received by the Division. We were granted \$7,500.00 out of the \$17,000.00 additional ACSP funds Lee had requested.

LESLIE MEADOWS' REPORT:

Items Tabled Till April Meeting:

Due to the time of night, and the desire to keep this month's meeting as brief as possible, several items for discussion and update were tabled until the Board meets again in April:

- *VAD Land Trust Symposium – Held Mar. 9th
- *Area II Spring Meeting- Held March 11th, Alleghany SWCD
- *Area II DIC Meeting- Held Mar. 23rd
- *Wrap-up of 2010 NW Envirothon- Held Mar. 25th
- *Wrap-up of 2010 Contest Season & Awards Banquet- Held Mar. 30th
- *4th Grade Foresters/Tree Pro offers "Promote Your District" Campaign

RICK GRANT'S REPORT: *(On Leave for Medical Reasons)*

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MICHELLE LOVEJOY’S REPORT: (Please See Attached Reports/Calendars)

OTHER BUSINESS:

Rocky Face PARTF Update:

Upon speaking with Dan McClure, of Carolina Land and Lakes, RC&D, Leslie reminded the Board that the PARTF grant application for the Rocky Face Educational Park project had been submitted, and PARTF judges may be interested in arranging a time to visit the property. Dan had also stated that he’s hopeful that additional parcels of land, contiguous to the Rock Face site, may be offered for sale by a local landowner.

Outdoor Recreation Appraisal Report:

Wendell Kirkham relayed to the Board that upon further research and investigation, he decided against submitting a Unifour Foundation Endowment Fund grant application (for approximately \$5,000.00), in order to update the Alexander County outdoor recreational development appraisal report, completed in 1973. Wendell informed the Board that most of the data needed to update this information is readily available online and in conjunction with some of our partnering agencies. We should be able to inexpensively complete the revisions ourselves, with the aid our NRCS Area I Soil Scientist. Staff agreed to proceed as directed by Wendell.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Leslie M. Meadows

Next Meeting Date: <u>April 22, 2010</u>	Time: <u>8:00 a.m.</u>	Place: <u>District Office</u>
_____ Signed		_____ Date