



MINUTES

ALEXANDER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Held at the District office in Taylorsville, NC

Meeting Number 3

Date: September 24, 2009

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON **SEPTEMBER 24, 2009** ARE APPROVED AS: READ () / CORRECTED ()

CALL TO ORDER and INVOCATION

Treasurer Wendell Kirkham called the meeting officially to order at approximately 8:11a.m. Invocation was given by Kent Herman. Chairman Bill Chapman commenced officiating upon arrival.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes from last meeting, held August 27, 2009, were evaluated by the Board. A motion was made by Richie Herman to approve the meeting's minutes as read, and was seconded by Kent Herman. The Board voted unanimously in approval.

BUDGET REPORT

The departmental budget report for the month of August 2009 was reviewed in detail for the awareness of the Board. Leslie also made the Board aware that, in order to extend the state budget, the Division of SWCD will no longer be including breakfast cost (\$7.75) as part of Supervisor travel reimbursement for district board meetings. The State will also be withholding 5% of our annual Matching Funds provision.

LEE HOLCOMB'S REPORT:

North Carolina Agricultural Cost Share (NCACSP):

The Board was provided with an overall NCACSP status update (*See attached spreadsheet*). Lee reported several contracts currently ongoing construction at the same time. A PY09 Request for Payment from drought funding on pasture renovation contract #: 02-09-109-03, for 15 acres in the amount of \$1,875.00, was brought before the Board for authorization. Richie Herman made a motion that payment be granted as requested. Kent Herman seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve payment. Lastly, Lee shared the results of the contract ranking process for the first PY10 batching period (*See attached listing*.) With the approximate \$53,000.00 State allocation, there may only be enough funds to address the top three ranked BMP applications.

PY09/10 Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP) Update:

Lee reported that construction bids are currently being taken on the WAMS Stormwater Wetland Project, and installation should soon begin. Installation will include students transplanting wetland plant species from the already established Sugar Loaf Elementary wetland area, and is anticipated to take only 4 to 5 days.

LESLIE MEADOWS' REPORT:

Area II District Issues Committee:

Leslie, Lee, and Myles attended the Area II District Issues Committee meeting, held Sept. 22nd by Yadkin SWCD in Yadkinville. NCACSP updates and TRC items were discussed. Following the meeting, a tour was taken of the 5D Watershed Reservoir Project. The next Area II DIC meeting is scheduled for Jan. 25th, in Stokes County.

Area II Fall Meeting:

The Area II Fall Meeting is to be held by our district, on Oct. 8th at Taylorsville First Baptist Church. Leslie reminded the Board to review the proposed Area II policies and committee procedures, and to complete a write-in ballot for voting on these important documents. Last minute details for the event were discussed. Myles Payne made a motion that the district checking account be used to cover the costs of the spouse tour to the Hiddenite Center, Inc. Lucas Mansion, and then reimbursement requested from the Area II Treasurer. Kent Herman seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed. Richie Herman motioned that the district checking account also be utilized to purchase a \$25 gift card from Southern

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States in Statesville, as our contribution to the Fall Meeting door prizes. Richie’s motion was seconded by Myles Payne, the Board unanimously consented, and Lee Holcomb agreed to purchase and deliver said prize.

2009 Environmental Field Days:

Leslie relayed to the Board that preparation for the annual 5th Grade Environmental Field Days on the Payne Dairy Farm, set for Oct. 13th and 15th, is progressing well. Presenters have been secured, as well as the snack of milk and apples. This year a less expensive, local contact, Haskin’s Plumbing of Stony Point, will be utilized for sanitation unit rental service.

NCASWCD Strategic Plan Update:

Leslie presented the Board with a memo from NCASWCD President, William Picket, addressing the Association’s efforts to develop a 3 to 5 year strategic plan. Individual supervisors will be given the opportunity to provide input in formulation of the strategic plan via phone and mail surveys. Upon contact, Mr. Picket encourages all supervisors to become involved and participate in this important endeavor. It was also noted that the NCASWCD Annual Meeting is scheduled for Jan. 3rd-5th, at the Marriot in Raleigh, NC.

RICK GRANT’S REPORT: *(Please see attached report; provided without personal identification information..)*

MICHELLE LOVEJOY’S REPORT: *(Please see attached report.)*

OTHER BUSINESS:

Rocky Face Park Project:

Leslie relayed that the Rocky Face Park Planning Committee met on Sept. 10th for a final review and subsequent approval of the proposed Master Plan. The committee will present the Master Plan to the County Commissioners on September 29th.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Leslie M. Meadows

Next Meeting Date: <u>October 22, 2009</u>	Time: <u>8:00 a.m.</u>	Place: <u>District Office</u>
_____ Signed		_____ Date