



MINUTES

ALEXANDER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Held at the District office in Taylorsville, NC

Meeting Number 4

Date: October 28, 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 **OCTOBER 28, 2010** ARE APPROVED AS: READ () / CORRECTED ()

CALL TO ORDER and INVOCATION

Chairman Bill Chapman called the meeting officially to order at approximately 8:17 a.m. Invocation was given by Myles Payne.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes from the August meeting, held September 23, 2010, were evaluated by the Board. Myles Payne motioned to approve the minutes as read, and was seconded by Wendell Kirkham. The Board approved said minutes unanimously.

BUDGET REPORT

The departmental budget report for the month of September 2010 was also reviewed in detail for the Board's awareness.

LEE HOLCOMB'S REPORT:

North Carolina Agricultural Cost Share Program (NCACSP) Update:

Lee provided status reports on all withstanding PY09-10 contracts and the proposed contracts for PY11 (*See Spreadsheet*). A request for payment was presented for PY10 poultry drystack Contract #: 02-10-04-16, in the amount of \$20,370, and supplemental PY11 Contract #: 02-11-01-16 S, in the amount of \$12,400. Wendell Kirkham motioned that payment be allowed from the respective PY funds. Myles Payne seconded, and the Board unanimously approved. Lee brought to be Board's attention a tie amongst the ACSP ranking list for the first batching period of PY11 applicants. Myles Payne suggested funding the litter storage structure/composter contract closest to the South Yadkin River, located within the High Rock Lake Watershed. Thus, this contract site would be eligible to receive any needed supplemental funding from the Division's High Rock Lake Grant. Wendell Kirkham agreed with Myles that this was the wisest use of all available funds, and the Board unanimously consented. Lastly, it was brought to the Board's attention the possibility of a fraudulent/tampered receipt for a PY08 paid Contract #: 02-08-05-03. Wendell Kirkham suggested a letter be sent by certified mail; giving said contract operator his options for reconciling this matter. Myles Payne seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in agreement.

Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP) Update:

Lee reported that he and Lenny Rogers, Extension Director, had recently added fertilizer and lime around the failed WAMS CCAP stormwater wetland area, in order to minimize further erosion. Construction on repairs will begin once the awaited design arrives from Division engineers. Thus, it was unanimously decided by Board and staff to table last month's proposed Letter of Complaint to the Division, concerning engineering technical assistance issues until after the WAMS project has been rectified.

LESLIE MEADOWS' REPORT:

NW Envirothon & District Issues Committee (DIC) Meeting:

On Sept. 28th, Leslie and Lee traveled to Burke SWCD for an Area II NW Envirothon planning meeting, immediately followed by an Area II DIC meeting. Preparations for the March 31st, 2011 NW Envirothon, are progressing as scheduled. Items covered by the DIC included bios of NCASWCD candidates, neglect of duty issues among Division engineers, and a \$40.00 deduction in PY11 Matching Funds, due to a 1% State Budget cut. The next Area II DIC meeting was tentatively scheduled for January 24th, 2011 in Stokes County.

2010 Environmental Field Days:

Annual 5th Grade Environmental Field Days on the Payne Dairy were successfully orchestrated on Oct. 5th and Oct. 7th. Teacher recommendations for the future included a desire to see the actual milk parlor in operation, and larger road

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signage indicating the entrance for bus parking. We still await a “Field Days” video to be completed by the County IT Department for the local government cable channel.

Area II Fall Meeting:

A brief recap of the Area II Fall Meeting, held Oct. 14th, at the Silver Dollar Music Hall in Sparta was given. Leslie reported that all proposed Area Policy amendments and resolutions were passed. Jo Linville won the Area’s vote for NCASWCD 2nd Vice President, and Claude Shew was chosen to fulfill the SWCC Mountain Seat.

Food, Land, & People (FLP) Month:

October is FLP month! Leslie presented the Board with a request from NC FLP Chairman, Ned Hudson, for a monetary contribution to help continue to budget this worthwhile environmental education program. Myles Payne made a motion that a \$50.00 FLP donation be given from the district checking account, and was seconded by Wendell Kirkham. The Board unanimously agreed in support of FLP.

ACHS Mentor Program:

Leslie announced that she and Lee have agreed to mentor ACHS student, Kevin Cheung, as part of his senior project requirements. Kevin will spend at least 15 hours aiding and observing our SWCD office operations. We plan to help him produce GIS maps of the water quality sampling sites he has chosen for his senior research.

Supervisor Reappointment:

Leslie reminded the Board that Bill Chapman’s term of office expires in December 2010. The deadline for recommending Supervisor reappointment to the NC Soil and Water Commission is Nov. 1st. Wendell Kirkham motioned his support of Bill Chapman’s reappointment, and was seconded by Myles Payne. With unanimous Board approval, the appropriate nomination forms were completed to be promptly mailed to the Division.

NCASWCD Annual Meeting:

Leslie informed the Board that registration has opened for the upcoming 2011 NCASWCD Annual Meeting, to be held Jan. 9th – 11th, at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, NC. This year, Supervisors must commit to attend a particular committee meeting upon registration. It was determined that no Alexander SWCD Supervisor or Staff currently plans to attend. NCASWCD Gator Raffle sales will still need to be collected at our next scheduled Board meeting, in order to be sent to this event.

RICK GRANT’S REPORT: *(Please See Attached Report/Calendars)*

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Rocky Face Park Update:

Leslie reported that the County continues to work with its attorney to get the Rocky Face property deed transferred from the RC&D to Alexander County. Property ownership is the only way for the County to get fully reimbursed by the Parks & Rec. Trust Fund Grant. The engineering firm, McGill Associates, will most likely be contracted for park construction. A meeting with the NC Heritage Trust Fund has been arranged for Nov. 8th, to access the possibility of acquiring additional funds to purchase five more land parcels adjacent to the proposed park property.

Rescheduling of Nov. / Dec. Board Meetings:

Due to the fact that our Board meeting dates for the months of November and December fall during the holidays, Leslie suggested the Board reschedule a combined final meeting of the year. Scheduling conflicts arise on most possible Thursdays, so Myles Payne recommended Tuesday, December 7th. The meeting time and place to remain the same. Wendell Kirkham seconded, and the Board unanimously accepted the change in meeting date.

RECESS

Due to the certified letter and uncertainties with PY 08 Contract #: 02-08-05-03 , the board unanimously agreed to recess at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Leslie M. Meadows

Next Meeting Date: <u>Tues., December 7, 2010</u>	Time: <u>8:00 a.m.</u>	Place: <u>District Office</u>
_____ Signed	_____ Date	