



MINUTES

ALEXANDER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Held at the District office in Taylorsville, NC

Meeting Number 11

Date: June 25, 2009

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Leslie Meadows, Education Coordinator/Admin.
Rick Grant, NRCS District Conservationist
Michelle Lovejoy, DSWC Area II Coordinator

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON **JUNE 25, 2009** ARE APPROVED AS: READ () / CORRECTED ()

CALL TO ORDER and INVOCATION

Chairman Bill Chapman officially called the meeting to order at approximately 8:20 a.m. Invocation was given by Wendell Kirkham.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes from last meeting, held May 28, 2009, were evaluated by the Board. Myles Payne made a motion to approve the meeting's minutes as read. Wendell Kirkham seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in approval.

BUDGET REPORT

The budget report for the month of May was reviewed in detail for the awareness of the Board. Leslie also made note that a memo had been sent out to County Department Heads that the current budget freeze will continue after July 1st, into the new 2009-10 fiscal year. All purchases and travel outside the county must continue to be preapproved by County Manager Rick French.

LEE HOLCOMB'S REPORT:

North Carolina Agricultural Cost Share (NCACSP) PY09 Spot Checks:

In Lee's absence as a Resource Conservation Workshop counselor, Leslie provided the Board with Lee's PY09 Spot Check Summary for review (*See Attached Handout*). Those supervisors who accompanied Lee on random spot checks were able to attest to compliance/non-compliance issues. Wendell Kirkham made a motion that the annual spot checks for PY09 be approved and submitted to the Division as presented. Myles Payne seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed. Leslie was asked to make copies and mail original spot check reports to NCACSP Environmental Specialist, Ken Parks by the July 1st deadline.

PY10 NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant:

Leslie explained to the Board that early PY10 funds have been allocated to our district by the Division through a NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant. NRCS has funded Innovation Grants to the Division through the ACSP. So even though this contract is being funded via ACSP, we must use NRCS eligibility requirements. Thus, she presented a forced aeration composter Contract #: 02-10-701-03, in the amount of \$50,724.00, for the Board's approval. It was determined that said contract does meet all NRCS requirements. Myles Payne motioned that the forced aeration composter contract be accepted for Conservation Innovation funding. Wendell Kirkham seconded, and the board voted unanimously in approval.

PY09/10 CCAP Funding Freeze Released:

Leslie relayed to the Board an email received from Division Watersheds Project Manager, Julie Henshaw, announcing that the Clean Water Management Trust Fund has released the funding freeze on Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP) projects. This means that all encumbered CCAP contracts- funded with either grant or appropriated funds- can move forward with installation. Thus, funding is secured for proceeding with our current CCAP project, the stormwater wetland area for WAMS.

Draft Water Monitoring Rules:

Leslie also presented to the Board a draft letter, from the Board, to Gov. Bev Perdue, voicing opposition against the proposed surface and groundwater monitoring rules (15A NCAC 02T.1310-1311) currently being considered by the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission. Upon review, Wendell Kirkham made a motion that the letter promptly be mailed to Gov. Perdue, with Chairman Bill Chapman's signature. Myles Payne seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in agreement. On June 19th, Bill Chapman, Myles Payne, and Leslie Meadows met with County

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Manager Rick French and Economic Development Director David Icenhour to request that their Boards endorse similar letters of complaint. As a result, Leslie informed the Board that Alexander County has sent letters of opposition to the following: Keith Larick, Bev Perdue, Steve Goss, Ray Warren, Richard Burr, Virginia Foxx, Kay Hagen, and the NC Association of County Commissioners. The public comment period on this issue will close on July 14th.

LESLIE MEADOWS' REPORT:

Safety Coordinator BBP Training:

Leslie reported having completed Blood-borne Pathogens (BBP) certification on June 11th, as part of her County Safety Policy duties. Having current CPR/First Aid certifications as well, Leslie continues to act as departmental safety coordinator.

Update on NCASWCD Executive Director Initiative:

Leslie presented the Board with an email from the Division's District Programs Outreach Coordinator, Dick Fowler, providing a detailed timeline of the ongoing NCASWCD Executive Director initiative. As part of the desire to create and sustain an Executive Director position, the Association Executive Committee has issued a Request for Proposals to obtain a consultant to assist with the development of a 3 to 5 year Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan will guide both the Association and the chosen Executive Director in the coming years. According to the proposed timeline, the Association hopes to hire an official Executive Director by February 2010.

Upcoming Events:

Leslie briefly reminded the Board of several upcoming events. The next District Issues Committee meeting will be held July 28th by Watauga SWCD in Boone. The 2009 Canon Envirothon competition will be hosted by NC on the campus of UNC-Asheville, Aug. 2nd-8th. Leslie will be attending as a volunteer, Aug. 5th-8th. On Aug. 6th, Leslie has registered to take part in a specialized teacher/advisor workshop on soils. Lastly, the 2009 DEW will be held Aug. 17th – 20th, at the Holiday Inn in Statesville. This year district supervisors are also invited to join in DEW events.

RICK GRANT'S REPORT: (Please see the attached report, provided without personal identification information.)

MICHELLE LOVEJOY'S REPORT: (Please see the attached report.)

OTHER BUSINESS:

Rocky Face Park Project:

Leslie announced that the Rocky Face Park Planning Committee will be holding a local public hearing regarding park design and the recreational desires/concerns of county citizens on July 9th. The public meeting is set for 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Rocky Face Baptist Church.

End-of-Year Salary Supplements:

At approximately 9:45 a.m., Myles Payne made a motion that an executive session be held in order to confer on end-of-(fiscal) year salary supplements for both Leslie and Lee. Wendell Kirkham seconded, and the board agreed unanimously to enter a closed session. During this time, Myles recorded minutes of the board's discussion to be sealed and filed.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Leslie M. Meadows

Next Meeting Date: <u>July, 23 2009</u>	Time: <u>8:00 a.m.</u>	Place: <u>District Office</u>
_____ Signed		_____ Date