



MINUTES

ALEXANDER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Held at the District office in Taylorsville, NC



Meeting Number 3

Date: September 25, 2008

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Bill Chapman, Chairman
Myles Payne, Vice-Chairman
Richie Herman, Member
Kent Herman, Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON **SEPTEMBER 25, 2008** ARE APPROVED AS: READ () / CORRECTED ()

CALL TO ORDER and INVOCATION

Chairman Bill Chapman officially called the meeting to order at approximately 8:22 a.m. Invocation was given by Myles Payne.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes from last meeting, held August 28, 2008, were evaluated. Myles Payne made a motion to approve the meeting's minutes, with some minor additional verbiage; concerning fencing requirements for Harold Mitchell's stock trail contract. Kent Herman seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in approval.

BUDGET REPORT

The budget report for the month of August was reviewed in detail for the awareness of the Board.

LEE HOLCOMB'S REPORT:

North Carolina Agricultural Cost Share Program (NCACSP):

ACSP Contract Update – Lee stated no new contract activity to report. In response to the Board's prior decision to exclude incinerator BMPs for this program year, Lee presented a letter of explanation to be mailed to all incinerator applicants, for the Board's review.

Drought Response Program – Lee presented the Board with the ranking results for all drought response program applications (See Attached Table). Kent Herman made a motion to accept the top two highest ranking well applicants, Jeffrey Mitchell and Casey Richey, for contract approval. Myles Payne seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in agreement.

PY 08 CCAP Update – Lee updated the Board that the WAMS Stormwater Wetland has been surveyed by the Division and awaits design. DOT has agreed to donate fill dirt for this project.

LESLIE MEADOWS' REPORT:

Fall Meeting Registration:

Leslie collected registration fees from Board members planning to attend the upcoming Area II Fall Meeting; to be held Oct. 9th in Linville, NC. Travel arrangements and door prize options were discussed. Myles Payne made a motion that another \$25.00 gift certificate from Southern States be purchased, from the district checking account, as our district's door prize contribution. Richie Herman seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in agreement.

Farm Family Award:

Leslie informed the Board that Payne Dairy, Inc. was voted runner-up for the State Farm Family Award. As the representative Area II Farm Family, the Paynes will be presented with an award at the upcoming Area II Fall Meeting. A plaque has been ordered and a slide show is being designed for this presentation. Travel expenses will still need to be provided for the family to attend the NCASWCD Annual Meeting in January, where they will be recognized as the overall Mountain Region Conservation Farm Family.

Alexander County Fair Booth:

A county fair booth space has been rented from the Taylorsville Lion's Club. Leslie and staff will set up the booth on Monday, Sept. 29th, and take down on Oct. 6th. SWCD literature and soil surveys will be kept stocked. It was decided that the booth should showcase Payne Dairy Inc. for their 2008 Farm Family Award accomplishment.

5th Grade Environmental Field Days:

Leslie announced that Field Days are to be held October 14th & 16th on the Payne Dairy Farm. Event details, such as, hayride tractor drivers, milk & apple donations, and presenter refreshments/lunch, were discussed.

Resource Conservation Workshop Student:

Leslie informed the Board that Chairman Bill Chapman had spoken to Chucky Culley’s father, who agreed to come by the office and make restitution for the Board’ sponsorship of RCW, which Chucky failed to attend. If repayment has yet to be received by our next board meeting (Oct. 23rd), the Board will revisit this matter at that time.

Working Lands Easement Workshop:

Leslie presented the Board with a staff training opportunity, provided by the NC Foundation for SWC and the NCASWCD. The workshop is designed for districts interested in holding conservation easements to preserve working lands; giving an overview of liability concerns and financial responsibilities. It was decided that our district is not currently prepared to consider holding easements and no staff need attend said training at this time.

FRED ALEXANDER’S REPORT: (Please see the attached report)

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Co-operative Groundwater Study Initiative:

In the absence of Wendell Kirkham, Leslie announced that there have been no new occurrences to report on the status of the Alexander/Iredell Cooperative Groundwater Study Initiative.

Rocky Face Project:

Leslie informed the Board that she attended a meeting, on Sept. 3rd, with Dan McClure (RC&D), George Brown (IT Dept.), and Eric Walker’s ACHS GIS students to discuss the details of the Rocky Face Environmental Park Project. Dan, George, and I each agreed to mentor a student. Students chose various aspects to research, such as: history, species diversity, and trail design/site suitability analysis.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Leslie M. Meadows

Next Meeting Date: <u>October 23, 2008</u>	Time: <u>8:00 a.m.</u>	Place: <u>District Office</u>
_____ Signed		_____ Date