



Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D
Executive Board Meeting
September 17, 2009
Minutes

Members present were Jeanette Jamieson, President; Edsel Nix, Vice-President; Larry Nix, Treasurer; Lewis Canup, Member-at-Large and Jim Dobson, Member-at-Large. Members absent: Dennis Brown, Secretary. Others present – Chris Groskreutz, Josh Crozier and Susan Creasy.

Jeanette called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Edsel, 2nd by Jim to approve the September 17, 2009 minutes as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Larry, 2nd by Lewis to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Ongoing Program Updates

- Wheels-to-Work – A written report was provided
 - ❖ Tina is actively interviewing prospective clients and an update will be provided at the next meeting
 - ❖ A balance of \$5,000 will be left in the checking account to cover administrative/management expenses. The remainder of the funds will be used to place new clients in vehicles.
 - ❖ A report will be provided at the next Executive Board meeting reflecting whether or not each loan is current and the steps being taken to bring the delinquent accounts current.
 - ❖ A motion was made by Jim, 2nd by Lewis to have Chris attend a meeting on October 29 to pursue possible funding opportunities for the WTW program. Motion carried unanimously.
- Revolving Loan – No payment has been received since 7/2/09. Chris has spoken with Mr. Addison about a possible partnership opportunity with the City of Clarkesville. No decision has been reached at this time.

Special Projects Report

- Mud Creek 319(h) – An update was included in Josh's written report
 - ❖ All of the funds have been allocated
 - ❖ There is a possible partnership opportunity with the GASWCC and SWCDs to host a field day
 - ❖ The Better Back Roads project completed in Habersham County will count toward in-kind
- Soque River 319(h) –
 - ❖ An invoice will be submitted later this month for work completed to date
- USF&W – An update was included in Chris' written report
 - ❖ A project is pending in Cobb County at Shaw Park
 - ❖ There is a potential for "Landscape Level" projects that will function similar to 319(h) projects. It is possible that this project could provide similar benefits as the "Better Back Roads" program. Chris is going to follow up on this.
- NRCS Projects – An update was included in Chris' written report
 - ❖ Farm Bill Workshops – Reimbursement was received from NRCS and payment has been made to all partners for the workshops held to date. An extension request was submitted to NRCS. The signed amendment is pending. The next outreach effort will be at the Agritourism Workshop being held on November 5-6. The Council will have an exhibit focusing on opportunities available through the Farm Bill.

- ❖ Georgia CIG – The annual report due October 31 was submitted on October 13. There are some invoices pending submission to the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation. These will be submitted as soon as some documentation questions have been clarified.
- Josh will be attending the Winter Ventilation Workshop at UGA October 26 – 29. Following this training, he will be able to help implement an Energy Audit program being offered by UGA.

General Updates/New Business

- The 2009 annual dues status was discussed. All sponsoring organizations have paid except Hart County. Jeanette suggested sending a letter to the Commission Chairman at his home.
- Community Outreach Grants –
 - ❖ A letter was sent to the City of Clarkesville closing out the September 08 Dae’s Chapel agreement because no written correspondence has been received and verbal communication indicates that the status of the project has not changed.
- The status of the Action Teams (Financial, Special Projects and Nominating) was discussed.
 - ❖ Larry reported that the Finance Team (Larry, Leslie George, Tom O’Bryant and Angela Whidby) will be meeting at the Council office Thursday, October 22 at 10:00 a.m.
 - ❖ Lewis is putting together a Nominating Team and will provide a report at the December 8 Council meeting.
 - ❖ Edsel is going to contact Josh to set up a meeting of the Special Projects Team.
- Having a display at the upcoming GACDS meeting in January was discussed. A decision was tabled until more information becomes available.
- The December 8 Council meeting being held at the Dillard House was discussed.
 - ❖ John Wallace will be a guest speaker and also provide \$500 to sponsor the meal
 - ❖ An overall RC&D report as well as a report from each of the committees will be provided
 - ❖ An annual report will be available
 - ❖ Door prizes will be solicited
 - ❖ The Executive Board meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by the Council meeting at 11:00 and lunch at noon


Other

- The NRCS has assigned a Chevrolet HHR to the Council in lieu of a Chevy Colorado and in replacement of the Dodge 1500
- The statewide Farmer’s market EBT Program was approved but details are pending.
- Chris spoke about the Rain Barrel Program at a recent SWCS annual meeting.
- Chris reported that he will be attending NRCS training in Oklahoma November 16-19.
- News articles were submitted for the Better Back Roads projects as well as the donations to the food banks.
- Pam Davidson has contacted the office regarding an Enota Organic Farm grant. Details are pending.
- A meeting is scheduled regarding a project opportunity involving baling tires. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Upcoming Dates:

October 22 – 23	Georgia RC&D meeting – hosted by Two Rivers RC&D
November 5 – 6	North Georgia Agritourism workshop, Dillard House
December 8	Full Council Meeting, Dillard House
January 22-24, 2010	GACDS Annual Meeting, Athens

The next Executive Board meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. at the Dillard House December 8.


 Susan Creasy, Recorder