



Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D
Executive Board Meeting
October 18, 2010
Minutes

Members present were Jeanette Jamieson, President; Edsel Nix, Vice-President; Dennis Brown, Secretary; Larry Nix, Treasurer and Lewis Canup, Member-at-Large. 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 Larry to approve the September 14, 2010 minutes as distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Ongoing Program Updates

- Wheels-to-Work – A written report was reviewed. Tina will continue to follow up on delinquent clients. A motion was made by Larry, 2nd by Edsel to only use a professional, insured company specializing in repossessions when repossessing a car that is not being voluntarily surrendered. Motion carried unanimously.
- Revolving Loan – The existing loan was discussed. Jeanette will follow up on the status of the payments.

General Updates/New Business

- The next quarterly meeting will be held December 9 at the Franklin County Ag Center at 10:30 a.m.
- As Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Larry reported that the slate of nominees will be presented to the full Council on December 9.
- The revised by-laws (which were approved at the September 14 Council meeting) were signed by the President, Jeanette Jamieson and the Secretary, Dennis Brown.
- The annual employee retirement contribution will not be paid in October as has been done in the past, but will be paid later in the year upon receipt of outstanding invoices, when the funds are available.
- The Council will receive the Outstanding New Initiative Award from the Georgia Urban Forest Council on November 18 at the Classic Center in Athens. Jeanette will attend the luncheon, along with the Council Coordinator and staff, to accept this award.
- Information regarding a proposed partnership with The Legacy Link Tree Project was discussed. A motion was made by Larry, 2nd by Lewis to enter into the partnership. Motion carried unanimously.
- A thank you note received from the Stephens County Food Bank for the recent donation was read.
- A motion was made by Dennis, 2nd by Lewis to renew the Council's website hosting service with Register.com. Motion carried unanimously.
- The requirements for the Enhanced Level of the Circle of Diamonds were reviewed. Jeanette will work with the staff to ensure policies are in place to obtain this level.
- Pictures were taken of the Executive Board in an effort to keep the website current
- A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Larry to ratify the NRCS FY-2010 Annual Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made by Dennis, 2nd by Larry for Josh to attend the October 27 National Wild Turkey Federation Field Day in the Central Savannah River RC&D Council area. Josh will be assisting with the field day and we hope to offer a similar event in our Council area. Motion carried unanimously.
- Lewis discussed the fact that the timberbridge on Little Panther Creek needs to be replaced. Chris will research funding options.

Special Projects Report – written report provided by Josh

- Broiler House Energy Audits – Rural Development is currently accepting applications for the REAP program. UGA has funds for approximately 50 additional audits statewide.
- WAE – Josh continues to work in this capacity. GA NRCS has agreed to provide additional funds to support this partnership through the end of the calendar year.
- North Georgia Tree Planting Initiative (ARRA Project) –
 - ❖ All site plans have been approved and bid packets will be available soon
 - ❖ Only private landscape installers will be eligible for bidding with a local source preference for labor and supplies - More information can be found on the Council's website at chestchattred.org
- Mud Creek 319(h) – Phase 2
 - ❖ The GAEPD contract is still pending
 - ❖ Josh has begun contacting steering committee members
- Soque River 319(h) –
 - ❖ Water sampling throughout the watershed has resumed
- Georgia CIG – Susan has submitted the annual report, as well as an invoice

Coordinator's Report – written report provided by Chris

- Several of the topics in the written report were covered earlier in the agenda
- Food Drive – Over 3,600 pounds of donations were collected and distributed to local food banks
- GFC Urban Forestry ARRA Project (Tree Planting Initiative) – See Josh's report
- USF&W
 - ❖ An invoice was recently submitted for the Shaw Park Demonstration Project in Cobb County
 - ❖ Lumpkin County has expressed an interest in a bridge replacement project in the Etowah River Watershed
- Farmers' Market EBT –
 - ❖ Yearly totals are pending for the farmers' markets in Union and Rabun counties
 - ❖ Additional funding has been received for this project. Stephens County has expressed an interest in participating next year
- Georgia Agritourism –
 - ❖ A statewide conference is being held November 3rd – 5th at the Dillard House
- American Forests – Global ReLeaf – Northeast GA
 - ❖ A decision is expected by the end of October. If the application is not funded, we can re-apply in January, 2011.
 - ❖ This could possibly be a good fit with the Legacy Link Tree Project
- NRCS Update:
 - ❖ FY-2011 APIG request has been approved in the amount of \$19,700
 - ❖ FY-2011 NRCS Targeted Outreach has been approved in the amount of \$25,000
 - ❖ NRCS Annual Report – ratified earlier
 - ❖ Chris will be spending time on the national effort of workload analysis over the next few weeks
- Habersham County has asked that the Council host a Master Equine Management Course. The details are currently being worked out. This is a service the Council could provide as requested in the future.

Upcoming Dates:

Georgia RC&D meeting/Statewide Council Member Training – November 1st – 2nd

Statewide Agritourism Conference – November 3rd – 5th – Dillard House

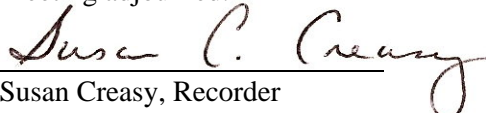
Council meeting – December 9th – Franklin County Ag Center

GACDS Annual Meeting – Friday, 1/21/11 – Sunday 1/23/11 at the Hyatt in Savannah

Georgia RC&D Meeting – Friday, 1/21/11 at 9:00 a.m. in conjunction with GACDS in Savannah

The next Executive Board meeting will be November 15th at 8:00 a.m. at the Council office.

Meeting adjourned.


Susan Creasy, Recorder