

Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D Executive Board Meeting November 21, 2011 Minutes

Members present were: Jeanette Jamieson, President; Edsel Nix, Vice-President; Lewis Canup, Member-at-Large; and Angela Whidby, Member-at-Large. Members Absent: Dennis Brown, Secretary and Larry Nix, Treasurer. Others present ó Leslie George, Josh Crozier and Susan Creasy

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

Motion was made by Lewis, 2^{nd} by Edsel to approve the October 28, 2011 minutes as distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Ongoing Program Updates

- Wheels-to-Work ó A motion was made by Edsel, 2nd by Lewis to accept the written report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- ➤ Revolving Loan ó A \$100 payment was received 10/6/11. Tina will continue to follow up.

General Updates/New Business

- A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Edsel to renew the First Franklin investments. Motion carried unanimously.
- As grant administrator, Leslie George provided an update on the status of the Mud Creek 319. She and the staff have been working to revise the forms previously used in Phase I. She provided an update on the budget, as well as progress made to date.
- ➤ Jeanette provided an update on the ARRA grant. Level Landscaping has refused to honor their contract. She said that Frank Riley, Georgia Forestry Commission, met with Tru-Green about the trees that were planted by Level and need to be replaced. Frank approved the plan presented by Tru-Green and the funds that had previously been obligated to Level Landscaping will be used for the replacement and maintenance.
- ➤ Susan provided an update on the USF&W grant. Lumpkin County had previously expressed an interest in installing a bridge to span a creek on Rider Road. The bridge is the property of The Nature Conservancy and is currently being stored in Murray County. Katie Owens with The Nature Conservancy has agreed to take the lead on this project. There is approximately \$68,000 remaining in grant funds. \$60,000 of this will be used to offset project costs and the balance will be used to reimburse Council expenses.
- An update on the 2012 dues payments was provided. As of the meeting, Banks County, Lumpkin County, Rabun County, Stephens County, White County and Hall County SWCD had paid.
- > Jeanette will work with Susan to revise the Annual Plan of Work as required by the Circle of Diamonds.
- As chair of the nominating committee, Angela will provide a report at the December meeting.

Special Projects Report of Written report provided by Josh

- Mud Creek
 - ❖ Five contracts have been signed
 - ❖ Water monitoring samples were obtained Thursday, 11/17/11. Results are still pending.

The next Executive Board meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. Monday, December 19, 2011 at the Dennyøs Restaurant at Banks Crossing.

Jeanette reminded everyone that there will be a Georgia RC&D meeting Friday, January 6, 2012 in conjunction with the GACDS meeting at Chateau Elan. She also informed the board that the National RC&D meeting will be held in Madison, WI June 10 ó 13, 2012.

The Executive Board then went into executive session to discuss personnel issues.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Susan Creasy, Recorder