

## Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D Full Council Meeting – June 6, 2013 <u>Minutes</u>

A full Council meeting was held on June 6, 2013 at the Franklin County Rec Department in Carnesville, GA.

The following council members were in attendance:

Banks County – Leslie George

Dawson County – George Lyons

Forsyth County – Brenda Johnson and Paul Warbington

Franklin County – Angela Whidby

Habersham County – Lewis Canup and Sonny James

Hall County – No Council Members present

Hart County – Bill Myers

Lumpkin County – No Council Members present

Rabun County – Larry Walker and Jim Bleckley

Stephens County – Jeanette Jamieson and Jonesy Haygood

Towns County – No Council Members present

Union County – Mickey Cummings

White County – Tom O'Bryant and Edwin Nix

Blue Ridge Mountains SWCD - No Council Members present

Broad River SWCD – Dennis Brown and Carol Hodgkins

Hall County SWCD – Larry Nix and Mike Haynes

Stephens County SWCD – Roger Sheppard and Evan Hellenga

Upper Chattahoochee River SWCD – Leonard Ridings

Georgia Mountains RC – Adam Hazell

Approximately fifteen additional guests and partners attended.

Jeanette Jamieson, Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D Council President, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Angela Whidby, Franklin County Council Member, welcomed the group to Franklin County. Attendees were given an opportunity to introduce themselves and state what organization they represented.

Jeanette gave an RC&D update. She explained that, due to lack of funding, the Council is phasing out the Wheels-to-Work program. She advised attendees that the next Georgia RC&D meeting is being held August 8-9, 2013 at the Dillard House and invited everyone to attend. Jeanette requested that each member county provide a door prize. She also stated that the Southeastern RC&D meeting is being held October 2-6, 2013 in Sandestin, FL and, if anyone wanted more information, they should contact Susan at susan.ccrcd@gmail.com for the registration form. Jeanette encouraged anyone wanting more information about any Council activities to contact the office at either 706-894-1591or susan.ccrcd@gmail.com.

Frank Riley gave an Executive Director's report which included information about poultry audits being performed in conjunction with UGA and Rural Development. He also provided information about the current projects involving Forest Action Plans and Fire Adapted Communities. An invitation was extended to the group to attend the June 29 Alternative Farming Field Day at Ladybug Farms in Rabun County. Frank then introduced the guest speaker, Mike Davis.

Mike Davis, Fire Management Officer, Chattahoochee/Oconee National Forest, provided a presentation on the Fire Adapted Communities.

An election was held for the office of President. The candidates were incumbent Jeanette Jamieson and challenger Dennis Brown. Ballots were counted resulting in a 13-10 win for Dennis Brown.

Jeanette congratulated the new president and turned the meeting over to Dennis. Dennis thanked the attendees for their support and adjourned the meeting.

Following an invocation, a delicious meal was enjoyed compliments of Franklin County Commission.

Susan Creasy, Recorder