

## Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D Full Council Meeting – January 14, 2014 <u>Minutes</u>

A full Council meeting was held on January 14, 2014 at Jaemor Farms in Hall County.

The following council members were in attendance:

Banks County – Leslie George, Jimmy Hooper

Dawson County – George Lyons

Forsyth County – Brenda Johnson

Franklin County – Angela Whidby

Habersham County – Lewis Canup and Sonny James

Hall County – Rick Foote and Scott Gibbs

Hart County – Bill Myers

Lumpkin County – Clinton Crane

Rabun County – Larry Walker and Jim Bleckley

Stephens County –Jonesy Haygood

Towns County – No Council Members present

Union County – Mickey Cummings

White County – Edwin Nix and Tom O'Bryant

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 – No Council Members present

Upper Chattahoochee River SWCD – Leonard Ridings and Kenneth Beasley

Georgia Mountains RC – Adam Hazell and Will Wade

Approximately fifteen additional guests and partners attended.

Dennis Brown, Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D Council President, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. This was followed by Leonard Ridings with an opening prayer.

Scott Gibbs, Hall County Commissioner, welcomed the group.

Congressional representatives provided legislative updates.

Jack Lewis, NRCS, was recognized; followed by James Tillman, NRCS State Conservationist. Mr. Tillman gave an NRCS update.

Frank Riley provided an Executive Director's report and a 2013 year in review. A summary handout was available as well.

Angela Whidby discussed the election process and ballots were distributed. Each candidate was given an opportunity to speak. Bill Myers declined the nomination for personal reasons. The results of the election were: Edwin Nix, Vice-President, Sonny James, Treasurer and Angela Whidby, Member-at-Large.

Kacy Cronan of Gainesville Waste & Recycling presented a program on their composting organization.

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

The next quarterly Council meeting will be held in Hart County. The date has yet to be determined.

Susan Creasy, Recorder