



Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D
Full Council Meeting – December 9, 2010
Minutes

A full Council meeting was held on December 9, 2010 at the Franklin County Ag Building in Franklin County. The following council members were in attendance:

Banks County – Leslie George	Stephens County – Jeanette Jamieson
Dawson County – Gary Pichon	Broad River SWCD – Dennis Brown
Franklin County – Angela Whidby and Tim East	Hall County SWCD – Larry Nix
Lumpkin County – Tim Bowden	Upper Chattahoochee River RC&D – Edsel Nix
Rabun County – Katheryn Granberg	

Organizations not represented by their designated Council Members: Forsyth County, Habersham County, Hall County, Hart County, Towns County, Union County, White County, Blue Ridge Mountains SWCD, Stephens County SWCD, Georgia Mountains RC

Approximately thirty additional guests and partners attended.

Jeanette Jamieson, Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D President, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Following a welcome by Angela Whidby, Franklin County Commissioner, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The audience members were given an opportunity to introduce themselves and state what organization they represented.

Representatives from partners in attendance gave a brief update and reported on opportunities available through their respective agencies.

Ms. Jamieson provided an RC&D update which included the fact that in the past year, the program has provided benefits of \$2.1 million, with \$1.6 million of this remaining in our Council area. In the past year, 21 community events have been held with most focusing on educating youth and nontraditional clients. She went on to thank the RC&D partners for their assistance with all the Council's efforts.

Larry Nix, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for consideration:

President – Jeanette Jamieson; Secretary – Dennis Brown; Member-at-Large – Angela Whidby

Mr. Nix then called for nominations from the floor. There being none, a motion was made by Leslie George, 2nd by Katheryn Granberg to accept the nominations as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Kent Wolfe, Director, UGA Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development, provided a Powerpoint presentation on Agritourism in Georgia.

Chris Groskreutz, NRCS-RC&D Coordinator, provided a review of the Council's 2010 Annual Report. Highlights included the closing of Phase 1 of the Mud Creek and Little Mud Creek 319(h) grant. Phase 2 will be implemented in the coming year. Mr. Groskreutz also summarized the Council's outreach efforts. He encouraged participation in annual Envirothon competition. The Northeast Georgia Tree Planting initiative was another project that was highlighted during the presentation. Copies of the Annual Report were provided for all attendees.

There being no further comments, the business meeting was adjourned.

Following an invocation offered by Edsel Nix, a delicious meal was enjoyed compliments of Franklin County.


Susan Creasy, Recorder