



Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D
Executive Board Meeting
May 17, 2010
Minutes

Members present were Jeanette Jamieson, President; Edsel Nix, Vice-President; Larry Nix, Treasurer; and Lewis Canup, Member-at-Large. Members absent: Dennis Brown, Secretary. Others present – Chris Groskreutz, Josh Crozier, and Susan Creasy.

Jeanette called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. This was followed by an opening prayer offered by Edsel.

Motion was made by Edsel, 2nd by Larry to approve the April 19, 2010 minutes as mailed. 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. Currently, one repossession is pending, along with one new placement.
- Revolving Loan –
 - ❖ A letter was received from Tom's Creek Woodworks in response to the May 4 certified letter sent by the Council. Mr. Addison offered to pay, at a minimum, \$100/week until the loan is paid off. A motion was made by Larry, 2nd by Edsel to respond with a letter stating that the Council agrees to the terms set forth in Mr. Addison's letter as long as the weekly payments of \$100 are received. Payments will be applied to any accrued late fees and interest before being applied to the principal. Motion carried unanimously.
 - ❖ Additional funding for this program is to be pursued when it becomes available next year.

General Updates/New Business

- The status of the 2010 annual dues was reviewed. All organizations have paid their 2010 dues.
- Sponsors for 2010 meetings:
 - ❖ June 22 – Habersham County at the Aquatic Center in Clarkesville (Executive Board at 9:30; Full Council at 10:30; Lunch at 11:30). Chris will follow up with Stormwater Systems for the program.
 - ❖ September – TBD – Several counties that have not recently hosted a meeting are being contacted
 - ❖ December 9 – Franklin County – Location TBD.
- A motion was made by Larry, 2nd by Edsel to cancel the liability insurance policy on the HHR while Josh is participating in the Working Already Employed (WAE) program. Motion carried unanimously.
- Susan is to follow up on options that will lower the Council's monthly Internet and phone bill charges.
- The insurance policies are to be reviewed to determine if adequate coverage is being provided and if costs can be lowered.
- Larry Nix was recognized and congratulated for being inducted into the Hall County Agriculture Hall of Fame.
- The details for Jim Dobson's memorial service have yet to be received. On a motion made by Larry, 2nd by Lewis, the Council made a \$250 donation in Jim's memory to the First Baptist Church of Blairsville. Motion carried unanimously.

- The First Franklin Commercial Paper and Subordinated Debenture were given to Jeanette to process for renewal.
- The staff expressed concern over the status of the gutters on the building. Lewis will contact someone to perform an inspection and necessary repairs.
- A motion was made by Edsel, 2nd by Lewis to take advantage of the opportunity for Josh to work additional WAE hours with NRCS. Josh currently works 35 hours/week. However, depending on the Council workload, Josh's hours may be increased up to 40 hours per week. On the days he works WAE, Josh will report from home directly to the field office. Motion carried unanimously.

Special Projects Report – written report provided by Josh

- Mud Creek 319(h) –
 - ❖ The final invoice has been submitted and is pending EPD approval.
 - ❖ The final report is pending.
 - ❖ The status of the Phase 2 request is still pending.
- Soque River 319(h) –
 - ❖ Assistance is being provided as needed
 - ❖ A Water Day was held May 5 at Pitts Park with about 300 6th graders attending
 - ❖ Josh will assist with a week-long water camp being held July 26-30
- WAE –
 - ❖ Josh is currently spending about two days a week working in the Commerce field office assisting with backlogged contracts.
 - ❖ An Ag Day was held in Madison County on May 12 for approximately 450 3rd graders
- North Georgia Tree Planting Initiative –
 - ❖ Chris and Josh are working to finalize contracts
 - ❖ Four projects have been completed in Hart and Gwinnett counties. Others will begin in the fall.
- Broiler House Energy Audits –
 - ❖ Eleven audits have been completed in Forsyth, Dawson, Franklin and Hart counties. More are pending.
- Georgia CIG – There will be a meeting of all partners on June 7 in Watkinsville to discuss the status of the grant.

Coordinator's Report – written report provided by Chris

- Several of the topics in the written report were covered earlier in the agenda.
- Scrap Tire Baler Program – Golden Triangle RC&D has expressed an interest in this project. More details will follow as they become available.
- USF&W
 - ❖ The stream work at Shaw Park in Cobb County at Shaw Park is complete. Fine grading and final stabilization is still pending. Partners met at the site on May 3 to review the project.
- GFC Urban Forestry ARRA Project (Tree Planting Initiative)
 - ❖ Still processing the completed projects in Gwinnett and Hart counties
 - ❖ An article on this project will be published in the NARC&D's Catalyst
 - ❖ A partnership meeting was held on 4/27/10 to discuss the details of the grant
 - ❖ Site-specific contracting details have yet to be determined
 - ❖ A motion was made by Larry, 2nd by Lewis to establish an advisory committee for this grant. Rick Foote was recommended to serve and represent the Council on this committee. Motion carried unanimously.
- Farmer's Market EBT –
 - ❖ Met with Union County on 5/4/10 to discuss their application
 - ❖ Chris attended a workshop in Loganville on April 22
 - ❖ A motion was made by Larry, 2nd by Edsel to host a locally-grown field day. There would be no cost to the Council and details would be handled by the Upper Ocmulgee RC&D with grant funds. Motion carried unanimously.

- A tour of the Stormwater Systems facility in Cleveland was held on May 6. As this organization may offer products and services of interest to our Council members, they will be invited to participate in the June 22 Council meeting.
- NRCS Update:
 - ❖ A rapid assessment was successfully completed on April 12 – the FY11 assessment will be performed using POINTS data
 - ❖ Annual Plan of Work is due to the State Office by July 1
- A Hall County Ag Day was held on 5/13/10 with approximately 340 students in attendance
- Georgia Organics contacted Chris about the Council participating in a Mobile Animal Processing Plant. Georgia Department of Agriculture would be the regulating agency. The RC&D role would be marketing and promotion. A decision was tabled at this time pending more details. If details become available and a decision needs to be made prior to the June 22 meeting, a teleconference will be called.

Upcoming Dates:

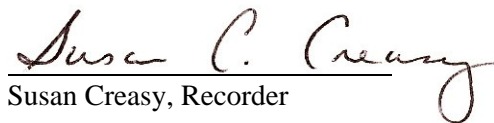
Council Meeting – June 22 – Aquatic Center in Clarkesville

Southeastern NACD Meeting – August 8th – 10th, 2010 – Nashville, TN

Southeastern RC&D Meeting – September 22nd – 25th – Biloxi, MS

Meeting adjourned.

The next Executive Board meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. June 22, 2010 at the Aquatic Center in Clarkesville.



Susan Creasy, Recorder