



Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D
Executive Board Meeting
June 22, 2010
Minutes

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

Jeanette called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Jeanette to approve the May 17 and June 8, 2010 minutes as distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Ongoing Program Updates

- Wheels-to-Work – A written report was reviewed. Tina will be going to the Hart County Sheriff's office to pursue charges against a client we are unable to locate.
- Revolving Loan – Five \$100 payments have been received since the beginning of May.

General Updates/New Business

- Sponsors for 2010 meetings:
 - ❖ September – Stephens County – Date TBD
 - ❖ December 9 – Franklin County – Location TBD.
- The Mississippi RC&D State Association is requesting that each Council provide an item for the silent auction at the upcoming regional conference. A motion was made by Dennis, 2nd by Jeanette for Susan to compile basket containing a sample of local, non-perishable products from Jaemor Farms with a budget of \$100. Motion carried unanimously.
- Action on the tire baler program was tabled until more information is available.
- A draft of the FY-2011 Annual Plan of Work was presented for review. A motion was made by Lewis, 2nd by Jeanette to approve the draft as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Special Projects Report – written report provided by Josh

- Broiler House Energy Audits –
 - ❖ A total of 22 audits have been completed in Forsyth, Dawson, Franklin, Banks and Hart counties.
 - ❖ Fifteen of these audits have been submitted to UGA for payment. The remaining seven are pending submission.
- WAE – Josh is currently spending about two days a week working in the Commerce field office assisting with backlogged contracts.
- North Georgia Tree Planting Initiative –
 - ❖ Chris and Josh are working to finalize contracts.
 - ❖ Projects have been completed in Hart and Gwinnett counties. Others will begin in the fall.
 - ❖ Currently working on project maps and building customer folders.
- Mud Creek 319(h) –
 - ❖ Payment of the final invoice was received June 21.
 - ❖ The Phase 2 request has been approved. Details are pending.
- Soque River 319(h) –
 - ❖ Josh will assist with a week-long water camp being held July 26-30

- Georgia CIG – Susan reported that there was a meeting of all partners on June 7 in Watkinsville to discuss the status of the grant. After reviewing the data compiled to date, it was determined that more accurate, useful information would be generated if the time period for data collection was extended. With that in mind, a no-cost extension was requested and received from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The grant has been extended through August 2011.

Coordinator's Report – written report provided by Chris

- Several of the topics in the written report were covered earlier in the agenda.
- USF&W
 - ❖ The stream work at Shaw Park in Cobb County is complete and payment is being processed.
- GFC Urban Forestry ARRA Project (Tree Planting Initiative)
 - ❖ Recently advertised the position for a contract arborist – applications are due 7/9.
 - ❖ GFC is planning a pre-audit tentatively scheduled for early July.
- Farmer's Market EBT –
 - ❖ Union and Rabun Counties are moving forward.
 - ❖ We are co-hosting a locally-grown field day June 24 in Forsyth County for about 100 people. Ag Georgia Farm Credit is a sponsor.
- Mobile animal processing facility grant proposal is on hold pending a new funding source.
- Georgia Agri-Tourism –
 - ❖ Discussions are underway to form a statewide association to organize and promote the industry.
 - ❖ A statewide conference is being planned for November 3-5 at the Dillard House.
- NRCS Update:
 - ❖ Annual Plan of Work is due to the State Office by July 1.
 - ❖ FY-2011 APIG requests are coming soon. We will be invoicing for the FY-2010 funds shortly.
- Chris reported on the upcoming dates that he will be out of the office:
 - ❖ July 9 – 16 – Personal Leave
 - ❖ July 26 – 30 – RC&D Area Planning Training – Raleigh, NC
 - ❖ August 3 – 5 – SE Bio-Energy Conference - Tifton
- A potential opportunity to serve as a distributor for rain barrels was discussed. Action was tabled.
- There is a possible partnership opportunity addressing the pine beetle damage in Northeast Georgia. A motion was made by Dennis, 2nd by Jeanette to pursue this. Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming Dates:

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

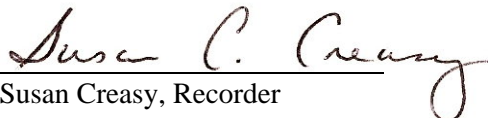
Southeastern RC&D Meeting – September 22nd – 25th – Biloxi, MS

Georgia RC&D meeting/Statewide Council Member Training – November 1st – 2nd (tentative)

Statewide Agri-Tourism Conference – November 3rd – 5th – Dillard House

The next Executive Board meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. August 16, 2010 at the Council office.

Meeting adjourned.


Susan Creasy, Recorder