



# Anderson County SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## *Minutes of Meeting*

The board meeting for the Anderson Conservation District was held on **Friday, April 12, 2024**, at 8:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center, 1521 Pearman Dairy Road, Anderson, SC.

### **Commissioners Present**

Tom Garrison  
Alex Kostik  
Jay Copelan  
Van James  
Art Garrison

### **Absent**

### **Others Present**

Brian Stoddard, NRCS  
Robby Holcombe, NRCS  
Pamela Richey, ASWCD  
Jessie Egan, SCDNR  
John Hayes, SCDNR

Commissioner Copeland called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

**The Board reviewed the minutes from March 2024. Commissioner Kostik made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Art Garrison, all approved.**

### **Financial Report**

The Board reviewed the April 2024 financial report and took it for information.

### **Current Business**

District employee reports were provided in binders.

**2024 Education Contest/Scholarships** - The Board voted on the essay, photo, and McPhail-Major scholarships. Recipients are as follows:

*Essay:* 6th grade - Loren Roach (1st) and Claire Manning (2nd),  
7th grade - Mary-Kayte Dukes (1st), Alexandra Krumm (2nd), Savannah McBain (3rd) all from St. Joseph Catholic School

*Photo:* Kara Ramsey (1st), Austin Colcolough (2nd), Ryleigh Swaney (3rd) all from Pendleton High school

*McPhail-Major Scholarship:* Samuel Mock (Pendleton High) and Judson Thomas (Belton-Honea Path)

**Education & Outreach Coordinator** - The new coordinator will start on Monday, 5/13 full-time. It was discussed that she will need a LincPass at some time.

**2024 Seed Library Update** - The Seed Library opened March 1st. Pop-ups and Traveling Totes will begin in April.

**SCDNR Monthly Reports** - There was no report available at the time of the meeting.

### **Upcoming Events** -

- 4/20/2024 Anderson Library Earth Day - Commissioner Kostik will attend.
- 4/29/2024 Proclamation Presentation @ Green Pond Landing - Invite all county and city council members, state representatives, county auditor, SCDNR staff, and news media outlets.

- 5/1/2024 SCDNR Forestry Field Day - Commissioners were given information on the event and asked to share.
  - 5/4/2024 Barrels & Beer - Promote heavier to increase ticket sales and confirm speakers.
  - 5/16/2024 Riverside Ag & Art Day - Commissioner would like the new E&O coordinator to attend this.
  - 5/17/2024 ASWCD Qtrly Trash P/U - Commissioners were reminded of this next pickup date.
- Cleo Bailey Experiment - Commissioner Kostik spoke about the non-profit and discussed that this would be a great partnership for the District.
- No-till Drill - The Board discussed more about the no-till drill option. This will be an ongoing discussion.

### **NRCS Report**

Brian Stoddard provided a written NRCS report.

**SCDNR** - John Hayes gave an update on watershed details from the annual meeting on March 26th. It was discussed about the Three & Twenty Robinson structure that has a spare wheel not in W/S Board hands and how to proceed with that (letter to resident, involve law enforcement if needed to retrieve the wheel, finding a way to lock the liftgate so that the wheel is required, etc.)

### **Public Comment:**

No comments

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 a.m. was made by Commissioner Kostik, seconded by Commissioner Art Garrison, none opposed.

The **next meeting will be May 10, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.** at the USDA Service Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela Richey, District Manager