***Minutes of Meeting***

The board meeting for the Anderson Conservation District was held on **Friday, October 11, 2024,** at 8:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center, 1521 Pearman Dairy Road, Anderson, SC.

**Commissioners Present Absent Others Present**

| Art Garrison | Jay Copelan | Brian Stoddard, NRCS |
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| Van James |  | Pamela Richey, ASWCD |
| Alex Kostik |  | Ann Marie, ASWCD |
| Tom Garrison |  |  |
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Commissioner Garrison called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.

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

**Financial Report**

The Board reviewed the September 2024 financial report. The Board was presented the purchase agreement for the no-till drill from Pickens SWCD and would like to move forward with the purchase. Due to Hurricane Helene and the office being closed, the Board approved weather administrative leave for the district employees for the actual hours they missed. A motion was made by Commissioner James to give 10.75 hours to Pamela and 10 hours to Ann Marie, seconded by Commissioner Art Garrison, all approved. These are only the hours they each missed during the closure. Financial report taken as information.

**Current Business**

District employee reports were provided in binders.

*SCACD Mid-Year Meeting* - Commissioner Kostik gave a brief follow-up.

*Learn to Burn Workshop* - Event information was shared again. Event is sold out.

*2024 West Piedmont Meeting* - Commissioner T. Garrison, Commissioner Kostik, Commissioner A. Garrison, Pamela Richey, Ann Marie Pauley, and Brian Stoddard will attend the meeting.

*2024 Christmas Card List* - List was finalized. Affiliate letters will be included in cards.

*2025 SCACD Partnership Conference* - Tentative attendance was discussed for the purpose of securing hotel rooms.

*Program Updates -* Several educational programs have been planned for Spring 2025 with the Anderson Library System, including Youth Programming and Adult Programming at the Pendleton, Powdersville, and Main Libraries and Seed Library Programming. Specific programs discussed in the meeting were a joint program with SNAP-ed, a forestry program, and a Seed Preserving program. The forestry program was discussed because of a desire to borrow an increment borer. Brian Stoddard will find one.

*2024 Seed Library* - Based on 10/4/2024 data, 2,178 packets have been checked out and 432 zip codes have been recorded for the Fall Seed Library. Dates for the 2025 Spring and 2025 Fall Seed Libraries were mentioned.

*2025 Barrels & Beer* - Magnetic South has agreed to host our annual Barrels and Beer Event on May 3, 2025. Commissioner Kostik will ask for permission to use the outdoor green space for the event and to use the indoor space as a rain plan.

*Upcoming Programs* - Seed Packing Parties were discussed. Two are planned for each month. There will be a Seed Packing Party planned for the board to attend.

*Affiliate Letter & Newsletter List* - Commissioner Kostik gave suggestions on rewording the affiliate letter. Commissioner James explained that a paper newsletter should not be an option. Both documents will be revised and sent to the board for approval. It was suggested to include the affiliate letter and newsletter list letter with the annual Christmas cards.

**NRCS Report**

Brian Stoddard provided a written NRCS report.

**Public Comment:**

No comments

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 a.m. was made by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Art Garrison, none opposed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Richey, District Manager