



# Anderson County SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## *Minutes of Meeting*

The board meeting for the Anderson Conservation District was held on **Friday, May 8, 2026**, at 8:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center, 1521 Pearman Dairy Road, Anderson, SC.

### **Commissioners Present**

Tom Garrison  
Art Garrison  
Jay Copelan  
Alex Kostik

### **Absent**

Van James

### **Others Present**

Pamela Richey, ASWCD  
Brian Stoddard, NRCS  
Racquel Slaton, NRCS  
Katie Hanna, SCDNR

Commissioner Tom Garrison called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

**The Board reviewed the minutes from April 2026. Commissioner Kostik made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Copelan, all approved.**

### **Financial Report**

The Board reviewed the May 2026 financial report.

### **Officer Election**

Commissioner Kostik made a motion to leave officers that same, seconded by Commissioner Art Garrison, all approved. Chairman - Tom Garrison, Vice-Chairman - Jay Copelan, and Secretary/Treasurer - Van James.

### **Current Business**

District employee reports were provided in binders.

**Kinder Morgan Grant** - Streambank Restoration project was completed on Monday, 5/4 with 7 participants. Ann Marie is working on completing the requested 6-month report to KM, it will be sent to the Board to review beforehand.

**Seed Library Update** - Seed Library closed on April 30th and will reopen in July. Tory with the library would like to add native seeds to the library. They will look at possibly putting these in place where there are low moving seeds.

**Programs Update** - Ann Marie held 12 education programs, volunteered at the SC Envirothon competition and the LHPCW Splash Away the Trash day, and attended 4 partnership meetings during the month of April.

**Upcoming Programs** - A list of programs scheduled was included in the binders (attached). The next quarterly trash pickup will be May 29th.

**No-till Drill** - The drill was rented 2 times with 32 acres during the month of April.

### **SCDNR Report**

March 2026 report was provided. Katie gave current updates.

**NRCS Report**

Brian Stoddard provided a written NRCS report. Title 6 & Title 7 was reviewed.

**Public Comment:** There were no comments.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 a.m. was made by Commissioner Kostik, seconded by Commissioner Art Garrison, none opposed.

The **next meeting will be June 12, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.** at the USDA Service Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela Richey, District Manager