***Minutes of Meeting***

The board meeting for the Anderson Conservation District was held on **Friday, March 14, 2025,** at 8:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center, 1521 Pearman Dairy Road, Anderson, SC.

**Commissioners Present Absent Others Present**

| Art Garrison |  | Brian Stoddard, NRCS |
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| Jay Copelan |  | Katie Hoffman, SCDNR |
| Alex Kostik |  | Pamela Richey, ASWCD |
| Tom Garrison |  | Ann Marie Pauley, ASWCD |
| Van James |  |  |

Commissioner Garrison called the meeting to order at 8:42 a.m.

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

**Financial Report**

The Board reviewed the February 2025 financial report. An update on the Kinder-Morgan grant was given as well as the status of the NACD TA Grant 2024. The financial report was taken as information.

**Current Business**

District employee reports were provided in binders.

*Appointed Commissioner Position* - One application was received for the vacant appointed position. The Board voted to recommend Van James for the position, a motion was made by Commissioner Art Garrison, seconded by Commissioner Copeland, all approved.

*Seed Library Update* - There have been 1,768 packets put together from seed packing parties. A total of 5,596 packets were checked in February. Ann Marie will give updated numbers to Commissioner Kostik to update the food desert map.

*Green Steps Program* - There are 3 schools interested in the program: Mount Lebanon Elementary School, Riverside Middle School, and Pendleton High School.

*Programs Update* - Ann Marie gave an update of past programs since the last meeting. There were 8 programs during the month.

*2025 Barrel & Beer -* The event has one registration so far. Flyers will be distributed throughout the downtown Anderson area and promoted on social media. Commissioner Kostik will see if there is a possibility of getting a news story together with the local news channel.

*Upcoming Programs* - Ann Marie gave out a handout of all upcoming programs through the next two board meetings so that commissioners were aware of events.

*No-till Drill* - Commissioner Art Garrison gave an update on the drill and said the plan is to have it ready to rent in the fall.

*SCDNR Reports* - Katie Hoffman called out highlights from the reports sent out statewide.

**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 April 11, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.** at the USDA Service Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Richey, District Manager