***Minutes of Meeting***

The board meeting for the Anderson Conservation District was held on **Friday, January 24, 2025,** at 8:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center, 1521 Pearman Dairy Road, Anderson, SC.

**Commissioners Present Absent Others Present**

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

Commissioner Garrison called the meeting to order at 8:51 a.m.

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

**Financial Report**

The Board reviewed the November/December 2024 financial report. Financial report was taken as information.

**NRCS Report**

Brian Stoddard provided a written NRCS report.

**Current Business**

District employee reports were provided in binders.

*2025 SCACD Partnership Conference* - A recap of the conference was shared by all attendees. Some great takeaways were the Soils Tunnel from Beaufort County and the NRCS Soil Inflatable Tunnel, no-till drill details with Pickens County, and a great employee association meeting with shares from other districts

*NACD 2024 TA Grant* - The District was awarded the 2024 TA Grant with NACD. Once the new grant portal is open, we can then finish the process and receive our first quarterly payment.

*Quarterly Trash Pickup* - Ann Marie will send out dates, possibly in February, for the next pickup.

*Upstate Earth Month* - The previous Upstate Team Up to Clean Up program has been renamed as Upstate Earth Month to include additional conservation initiative. Litter pickup is still the main focus. The District will be contacting local groups and partnerships to join efforts for Anderson County. The District will schedule their second quarterly pickup in the month of April.

*Rain Barrel Sale* - Anderson-Pickens Counties Stormwaters Partners contacted the District to see about partnering our rain barrels sales together due to overlapping dates. The board suggested we partner and continue the minimal profit, splitting the profit between Anderosn & Pickens Conservation Districts.

*Seed Library Update* - Ann Marie gave an update on the closing of the Fall 2024 Seed Library and the details of the Spring 2025 Seed Library coming up.

*Programs Update* - Ann Marie gave an update of past programs since the last meeting.

*Upcoming Programs* - Ann Marie gave out a handout of all upcoming programs through April so that commissioners were aware of events.

**Public Comment:**

No comments

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m. was made by Commissioner Kostik, seconded by Commissioner Art Garrison, none opposed.

The **next meeting will be February 14, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.** at the USDA Service Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Richey, District Manager