



Anderson County SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Meeting

The board meeting for the Anderson Conservation District was held on **Friday, August 9, 2024**, at 8:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center, 1521 Pearman Dairy Road, Anderson, SC.

Commissioners Present

Art Garrison
Jay Copelan
Van James
Alex Kostik
Tom Garrison

Absent

Others Present

Brian Stoddard, NRCS
Pamela Richey, ASWCD

Commissioner Copeland called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

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

Financial Report

The Board reviewed the August 2024 financial report. We will stay with a continuing resolution of the 2024-2025 budget until we have confirmed the Kinder-Morgan grant. Due to not getting the requested funds from Anderson County, the Board discussed options for getting funds to still proceed with the no-till drill program. Financial report taken as information.

Commissioner Tom Garrison and Commissioner Copelan reported on attending John Parris' funeral. It was a great honor and shared all the wonderful accomplishments John made over the many years. The District will honor his memory with a donation to the John W. Parris Agricultural Leadership Endowment, Clemson University Foundation.

Current Business

District employee reports were provided in binders.

SCACD Mid-Year Meeting - Meeting details were shared. Commissioners Kostik and Copelan will attend as well as the Education & Outreach Coordinator if it works with her schedule.

2025 SCACD Partnership Conference - Details of the conference were shared. Each SCCDEA Area is providing a themed "basket" for the raffle. The West Piedmont theme is "outdoor games". The Anderson District will donate a drink cooler cart for \$100 or less.

SCDNR Monthly Reports - May & June 2024 reports were provided at the meeting.

Program Updates - Ed & Outreach Coordinator involvement was shared to the Board for June and July. Recap: Attended the Volunteer Fair resulting in 9 new volunteers with

multiple seed packing parties. Hosted two ASD5 Multilingual classes for 3 weeks. Taught 3 mini classes at streambank litter pickups.

2024 FALL Seed Library - The Fall Seed Library opened on August 1st. Traveling Totes will go out August 19th.

2024 Barrels & Beer - Commissioner Kostik will discuss further with Ann Marie about moving forward with this and when to be held.

Upcoming Programs - August 16th Quarterly trash pickup will be moved to October, August 23rd is the FFA Chapter Officer Summit at the Ag Museum.

No-till Drill - This is still a program that the Board would like to have. Commissioners will plan to look at the used drill again and seek additional funding to purchase it.

NRCS Report

Brian Stoddard provided a written NRCS report.

Public Comment:

No comments

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10.04 a.m. was made by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Kostik, none opposed.

The **next meeting will be September 13, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.** at the USDA Service Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Richey, District Manager