



Anderson County SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Meeting

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

Commissioners Present

Tom Garrison
Alex Kostik
Jay Copelan
Van James
Art Garrison

Absent

Others Present

Brian Stoddard, NRCS
Jessie Egan, SCDNR
Pamela Richey, ASWCD
Anaston Porter, ASWCD

Commissioner Garrison called the meeting to order at 8:41 a.m.

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

Officer Elections: A motion was made by Commissioner James that all positions remain the same, seconded by Commissioner Art Garrison, all approved.

Current Business

District employee reports were provided in binders.

2024 SCACD Partnership Conference - A review from the commissioners that attended the conference was given. The interest of a no-till drill was discussed. The District would like to seek grant funds to purchase equipment. Districts with a no-till drill will be contacted to share information. Commissioners enjoyed networking with other districts and learning about the State.

Conservation Day at the State House - This will be on March 5th @ 10:30 am.

Commissioners Copeland and Kostik plan to attend the event as of now.

Career Days - Nevitt Forest has two days they have requested the District attend. March 5th for Career Day and March 7th for Literacy Night. Most likely Harley, fall intern, will attend these along with a commissioner.

SCDNR Monthly Reports - These were shared during the meeting. Jessi Egan spoke on updates for the Annual Report, Envirothon, and Commissioner license plates.

Sc Ethics Filing - Commissioners were reminded to make sure to file their reports before March 30th.

2024 Seed Library - Seeds are still being packed. Anaston will have a batch ready to take to the Library. The Harley will help manage any needs and will attend the pop-up days.

Seed Packing with AnMed Health - February 19th will be seed packing with the AnMed Health Disabilities group. At this time Commissioners Art Garrison and Kostik, along with Harley and Pamela will attend the event.

Upcoming Programs - The next trash pick-up will be February 16th.

Financial Report

The Board discussed the Education & Outreach Coordinator job description, SC CD Foundation, Pickens SWCD agreement, and gave an update on the County Council meeting presentation. The Board made a final review of the 2024-2025 proposed budget. Due to winning the District of the Year with the SCACD, a presentation will be made to the District locally sometime around Stewardship week April/May 2024. The Board reviewed the February 2024 financial report and took it for information.

NRCS Report

Brian Stoddard provided a written NRCS report. Title 6 and Title 7 were reviewed.

Public Comment:

No comments

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. was made by Commissioner Kostik, seconded by Commissioner Art Garrison, none opposed.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Richey, District Manager