***Minutes of Meeting***

The board meeting for the Anderson Conservation District was held on **Friday, November 8, 2024,** 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 | Tom Garrison | Pamela Richey, ASWCD |
| Alex Kostik |  | Ann Marie Pauley, ASWCD |
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Commissioner Copelan called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

**NRCS Report**

Brian Stoddard provided a written NRCS report.

**The Board reviewed the minutes from October 2024. With the requested updates to attendance, Commissioner Kostik made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Art Garrison, all approved.**

**Financial Report**

The Board reviewed the October 2024 financial report. Financial report was taken as information.

**Current Business**

District employee reports were provided in binders.

*Learn to Burn Workshop* - Follow-up information was shared from the field day.

*2025 SCACD Partnership Conference* - A reminder was given of the conference.

*Election Report* - An update of the election results was given. Commissioner Copelan was re-elected to the SWCD board. For watershed boards: Big Creek will have 2 write-ins; Broadmouth Creek had Tom Hill re-elected and will have 2 write-ins; Brushy Creek had Eric McConell re-elected, Carter Vest elected, and will have 1 write-in; and Three & Twenty had Mark Bishop re-elected, Joseph Chad Langston elected, and will have 1 write-in.

The board discussed elected and appointed positions for the SWCD board. It was mentioned in previous meetings that some districts rotate their appointed positions. After discussion of an open appointed position, the board voted to start rotating appointed positions going forward, therefore Commissioner James' expired appointed position will be filled by Commissioner Art Garrison. This move will vacate an elected position, moving Commissioner James to fill the remaining term of the elected position expiring 1/31/2027. The motion was made by Commissioner Kostik, seconded by Commissioner Copeland, none opposed.

*No-till Drill* - The drill was briefly discussed. This may be a separate meeting in the future to get the program up and running. Commissioners will organize getting the drill picked up from the Pickens SWCD.

*Program Updates -* Ann Marie Pauley gave an update of the past month’s programs held. All had great attendance.

*Program Supply Needs* - A list was provided with a variety of items needed for Spring programs.

*2024 Seed Library* - The Fall Seed library was closed on 10/30. There were 2,714 packets checked out and 541 zip codes recorded. This was an increase from 2023 Fall Seed Library.

*Upcoming Programs* - Upcoming programs through December were provided: Quarterly Trash Pick Up on 11/15, Career Day Fair at Pendleton Elementary School on 11/22, “Trees & Tree Cookies” Program on 12/2, and Board Seed Packing Party on 12/3

**Public Comment:**

No comments

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 a.m. was made by Commissioner Kostik, seconded by Commissioner Art Garrison, none opposed.

The **next meeting will be January 10, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.** at the USDA Service Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Richey, District Manager