



Anderson County SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of Meeting

The board meeting for the Anderson Conservation District was held on **Friday, September 13, 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
Robby Holcombe, NRCS
Pamela Richey, ASWCD
Ann Marie, ASWCD

Commissioner Garrison called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

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

Financial Report

The Board reviewed the August 2024 financial report. Financial report taken as information. The 2024-2025 Budget will be discussed as to approval.

Current Business

District employee reports were provided in binders.

SCACD Mid-Year Meeting - Meeting agenda was shared to those attending. Commissioners Kostik and Copelan will attend as well as the Education & Outreach Coordinator, Ann Marie.

NACD TA2024 Grant Proposal - The Board received a copy of the proposed grant application. The grant has been reviewed by Marc Cribb, SCACD Liaison.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kostik to go into executive session at 8:45 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Copelan to adjourn the executive session at 9:02 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner A. Garrison that contingent upon award and receipt of the NACD TA2024 Grant, the District Manager position will receive a pay increase according to the Federal 2024 General Schedule at Grade 7, Step 5. All approved.

Learn to Burn Workshop - The event, SC Forestry Commission, will be on October 31, 2024. The District is supporting the event by handling ticket sales, receiving the funds, and advertising the event.

2024 West Piedmont Meeting - The Board received the details on the next West Piedmont Meeting. Attendance will be decided at the October board meeting.

Program Updates - Library Programs in discussion: Seed Bomb Activity at all branches with Traveling Totes, Nutrition with SNAP-ed in the Fall, Native Plants Tea Making in April near Earth Day, Powdersville Library Winter Seed Packing Party and a Spring Teens Program.

2024 Seed Library - Final numbers for the Spring Seed Library were shared (see attached). There was a drop in packets checked out so this will be discussed with the library as to how to keep the Seed Library moving forward. An update on the Fall Seed Library was given. There have been 884 seed packets checked out with 194 patrons visiting the Seed Library.

2025 Barrels & Beer - A preliminary meeting was held to discuss possible dates and location for the 2025 event. May 3rd at Magnetic South is being discussed and once confirmed will be shared.

Upcoming Programs - Quarterly Trash Pick-ups are scheduled for 9/25/2024 and 11/15/2024. The next monthly Seed Packing parties for volunteers are scheduled for 9/18/2024 and 10/2/2024. The Board Seed Packing party will be scheduled in December 2024. Ann Marie will be taking an Adopt-A-Stream training on 9/20/2024 for Freshwater Monitoring. Ann Marie will be volunteering at the Wood Magic Forest Fair on 10/3/2024 in Tamassee, SC. Pendleton Library Seed Preserving on Oct 17th, Birds & Bird Feeders on Nov 4th, and Paper Making on Jan 11th.

No-till Drill - Commissioner A. Garrison gave an update on the no-till drill with Pickens. They have agreed to sell the drill to ASWCD for no more than \$5,000 with yearly payments on it. A motion was made by Commissioner Kostik, seconded by Commissioner A. Garrison to proceed with contracting on the sale. Grant funds will be researched to help pay for the drill. Pamela will look into the Duke Energy grant and will contact area districts to get rental data to see the demand on a yearly basis.

NRCS Report

Brian Stoddard provided a written NRCS report.

Public Comment:

No comments

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. was made by Commissioner Kostik, seconded by Commissioner James, none opposed.

The **next meeting will be October 11, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.** at the USDA Service Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Richey, District Manager