



# Anderson County SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## *Minutes of Meeting*

The board meeting for the Anderson Conservation District was held on **Friday, June 14, 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

### **Absent**

Alex Kostik  
Tom Garrison

### **Others Present**

Brian Stoddard, NRCS  
Robby Holcombe, NRCS  
Racquel Slaton, NRCS  
Pamela Richey, ASWCD  
Ann Marie Brooks, ASWCD

Commissioner Copeland called the meeting to order at 8:44 a.m.

The Board presented the McPhail-Major Scholarship to Judson Thomas.

### **NRCS Report**

Brian Stoddard provided a written NRCS report.

Local Work Group - The Board discussed holding an in-person meeting this year as well as sharing the resource concerns online for individuals to turn in. We will confirm Wednesday, July 17th with a meeting location.

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

### **Financial Report**

The Board reviewed the June 2024 financial report and took it for information. Commissioner Copelan made a motion to spend \$40 for Anderson County Farm Bureau Women's Committee annual membership, seconded by Commissioner Art Garrison, all approved. Commissioner James made a motion to vote via email for any non-budgeted item less than \$100 per occurrence, seconded by commissioner Art Garrison, all approved. The Board will send \$450 to the SC Governor's School of Agriculture for support of the summer program. The Kinder Morgan Grant for 2024 will be awarded in July 2024 and we will have until June 2025 to spend the funds.

### **Current Business**

District employee reports were provided in binders.

*No-till Drill* - Commissioner Art Garrison will meet with Amy Wilson, commissioner of Pickens SWCD, to discuss possibilities of purchasing one of their used no-till drills.

2024 Elections - Commissioner Copeland is up for reelection and will need to get his petitions for signature by July 15th at noon to be on the ballot.

Program Updates - Ann Marie presented all the programs that she has been involved in since being hired. This covered Riverside Middle School AG & Art Tour, awards presentation events, and partnered with Clemson Extension on a water quality program.

Upcoming Programs - June 17th - Quarterly Pickup w/ United Way , June 19th - Ag in the Classroom in Clemson, June 20th-21st - EEASC Climate Resilience Conference in Spartanburg, June 26th-27th - A5 June Program, and June 29th - Anderson Library 2nd Annual Volunteer Fair.

2024 Seed Library Update - The Seed Library closed on June 7th. Checkout slips are being tallied to see how many seeds were checked out and how many users visited this season.

SCDNR Monthly Reports - There was no report available at the time of the meeting.

2024 Barrels & Beer - We will discuss further with Commissioner Kostik about how to handle the reschedule of this event. It was discussed to revisit the idea of Barrels & BBQ or some sort of event that could be held on a local farm and family friendly, maybe around September 13th.

BioBlitz - This event is a citizen-science effort to record as many species within a designated location and time period as possible that would be held in September/October, with minimal financial costs, engaging the community.

**Public Comment:**

No comments

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 a.m. was made by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Art Garrison, none opposed.

The **next meeting will be August 9, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.** at the USDA Service Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela Richey, District Manager