



Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D
Executive Board Meeting
August 10, 2009
Minutes

Members present were Jeanette Jamieson, President; Edsel Nix, Vice-President; Larry Nix, Treasurer; and Lewis Canup, Member-at-Large. Members absent: Dennis Brown, Secretary and Jim Dobson, Member-at-Large. Others present – Chris Groskreutz, Josh Crozier and Susan Creasy.

Jeanette called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Larry, 2nd by Lewis to approve the June 29, 2009 and July 23, 2009 minutes as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Edsel, 2nd by Larry to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Ongoing Program Updates

- Wheels-to-Work – A written report was reviewed
- Revolving Loan – No payment has been received since 7/2/09

Special Projects Report

- Mud Creek 319(h) – An update was included in Josh's written report
 - ❖ Almost all of the funds have been allocated. There is a potential project in Hall County for the remaining funds.
 - ❖ The grant has been extended to 1/31/10.
- Soque River 319(h) –
 - ❖ An invoice has been submitted and payment is pending
 - ❖ Josh participated in the Water Quality Summer Camp last week
- USF&W – An update was included in Chris' written report
 - ❖ A project is pending in Cobb County
 - ❖ There is a potential for "Landscape Level" projects
- Georgia Better Back Roads – Lewis reported that work should be completed next week
- NRCS Projects – An update was included in Chris' written report
 - ❖ Farm Bill Workshops – All workshops should be completed by the end of August
 - ❖ Area Plan Implementation Grant – Most of the requirements have been satisfied. New proposals are due 8/27/09.
- CIG application for Hillside Orchards was not funded
- Statewide CIG project for Broiler Energy Conservation Planning – This Council is acting as the grant administrator and work has been progressing in both Seven Rivers and Rolling Hills RC&D council areas.

General Updates/New Business

- The 2009 annual dues status was discussed. All sponsoring organizations have paid except Hart County.
- Community Outreach Grants –
 - The Council sent a letter to the overseers of Liberty Hill Baptist Church stating that the agreement was being closed out
 - A decision regarding the Dae's Chapel agreement will be reached September 1

- New requests for assistance were reviewed. Due to budget constraints, it was decided to donate \$1,000 to two regional food banks. These food banks cover every county in the Council area. Susan is to contact the food banks to invite a representative to the September 17 meeting.
- The details of the September 17 meeting were discussed:
 - The meeting will be held at the Willard Kimsey Environmental Center in Stephens County from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m. followed by lunch
 - The meeting will be sponsored by Stephens County and about 40 people are expected
 - The agenda will consist of discussion of the proposed Action Teams as well as the presentation of awards to the regional food banks
 - There will be no guest speaker but all partners will be invited

Other

Jeanette reported on the status of the RC&D funding. The Conference Committee will meet in September, after the congressional break, to determine the language for the budget. The Senate language could have a negative impact on the RC&D program. Therefore, a concerted effort is being made to contact senators and representatives asking for support of the House language.

Upcoming Dates:

September 17 - 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Kimsey Environmental Center in Stephens County
September 20 – 26 National RC&D week
October 22 – 23 Georgia RC&D meeting – hosted by Two Rivers RC&D
November 5 – 6 North Georgia Agritourism workshop
December 8 - 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Dillard House

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 17 at 9:00 a.m. immediately preceding the full Council meeting in Stephens County.

Meeting Adjourned.

Susan Creasy, Recorder