



Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D
Executive Board Meeting
November 15, 2010
Minutes

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

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

Motion was made by Larry, 2nd by Lewis to approve the October 18, 2010 minutes as distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Ongoing Program Updates

- Wheels-to-Work – A written report was reviewed. Tina will continue to follow up on delinquent clients.
- Revolving Loan – The existing loan was discussed. Future opportunities to expand the Revolving Loan Program through Rural Development were discussed. An invitation was extended to a representative from Rural Development to meet with the Executive Board to review specific requirements/guidelines of additional funding opportunities.

General Updates/New Business

- The next quarterly meeting will be held December 9 at the Franklin County Ag Center at 10:30 a.m. with the Executive Board meeting at 9:30 a.m. Dr. Kent Wolfe, Marketing/Financial Specialist with UGA's Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development will present a program on Agritourism.
- As Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Larry reported that the slate of nominees will be presented to the full Council on December 9.
- The 2011 budget will be developed in December following the Council meeting. Susan will provide Larry will all necessary financial records.

Special Projects Report – written report provided by Josh

- Broiler House Energy Audits – Josh continues to perform energy audits through Rural Development's REAP program.
- WAE – About sixteen hours/week are being spent working WAE.
- North Georgia Tree Planting Initiative (ARRA Project) –
 - ❖ All site plans have been approved and bid packets are available on the Council's website at chestchattrcd.org
 - ❖ Bids are due by COB Friday, November 19
- Mud Creek 319(h) – Phase 2
 - ❖ The GAEPD contract is still pending
 - ❖ Josh has begun contacting steering committee members
- Soque River 319(h) –
 - ❖ Water sampling throughout the watershed has resumed
 - ❖ Josh assisted with a Soils Day at South Habersham Middle School on November 1, 2010 attended by approximately 250 students
 - ❖ Another Soils Day is scheduled for North Habersham Middle School on November 16
- Georgia CIG – Payment is pending for the October 7 invoice. UGA continues to monitor energy usage on the poultry houses that have installed the recommended improvements.

Coordinator's Report – written report provided by Chris

- Several of the topics in the written report were covered earlier in the agenda
- USF&WS
 - ❖ Payment is still pending for the invoice submitted for the Shaw Park Demonstration Project in Cobb County
 - ❖ Lumpkin County has expressed an interest in a bridge replacement project in the Etowah River Watershed, but there is nothing new to report at this time
- Farmers' Market EBT –
 - ❖ Yearly totals are pending for the farmers' markets in Union and Rabun counties
- American Forests – Global ReLeaf – Northeast GA
 - ❖ The application was not funded; we can re-apply in January, 2011
 - ❖ Larry added there may be funds available through the US Forest Service re-establish the long leaf pine
- Georgia Agritourism –
 - ❖ A statewide conference was held November 3rd – 5th at the Dillard House. Approximately 125 people registered for the conference and 175 attended the legislative dinner
- Legacy Tree Project –
 - ❖ The project summary was distributed
 - ❖ This information will be presented at the upcoming Georgia Mountains RC meeting
 - ❖ UGA Entomology and Extension recently endorsed the project
 - ❖ Links to both the project information and the website for Adelrid can be found on the Council's website at chestchattred.org
- Master Equine Management Course – The first steering committee meeting is scheduled for November 29 at 2:00 p.m. at the Habersham EMC building
- A sample newsletter was distributed for review. A motion was made by Larry, 2nd by Lewis for the Council to begin producing a newsletter. Motion carried unanimously. This will be an outreach effort – frequency and content to be determined.
- NRCS Update:
 - ❖ FY-2009 APIG invoice in the amount of \$19,700 has been submitted and payment is pending
 - ❖ The Council is co-hosting a Farmbill training workshop November 30 at the Franklin County Ag Center. While this is targeting the Vietnamese population (an interpreter will be on-site), the workshop is open to all interested parties.

Upcoming Dates:

Council meeting – December 9th – Franklin County Ag Center

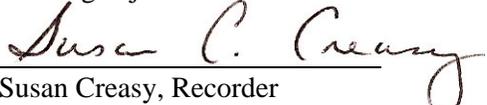
GACDS Annual Meeting – January 21 - 23, 2011 at the Hyatt in Savannah

Georgia RC&D Meeting – January 21, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in conjunction with GACDS in Savannah

NACD meeting – January 30 – February 2, 2011 in Nashville, TN

The next Executive Board meeting will be December 9th at 9:30 a.m. at the Franklin County Ag Center.

Meeting adjourned.


Susan Creasy, Recorder