



Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D
Executive Board Meeting
April 19, 2010
Minutes

Members present were Jeanette Jamieson, President; Edsel Nix, Vice-President; Larry Nix, Treasurer; and Dennis Brown, Secretary. Members absent: Lewis Canup, Member-at-Large 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 Edsel, 2nd by Larry to approve the March 30, 2010 minutes as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Ongoing Program Updates

- Wheels-to-Work – A written report was reviewed
- Revolving Loan – On a motion made by Dennis, 2nd by Edsel, the default letter was approved and will be sent certified, return receipt requested. Motion carried unanimously.

General Updates/New Business

- The status of the 2010 annual dues was reviewed. At the county's request, another copy of the dues invoice was sent to Dawson County. All other organizations have paid their 2010 dues.
- Sponsors for 2010 meetings:
 - ❖ June 22 – Habersham County at the Aquatic Center in Clarkesville
 - ❖ September – TBD
 - ❖ December – Franklin County - The best date for the December meeting was discussed. It was determined that Thursday, December 9 would be first choice followed by Thursday, December 2. Franklin County will be contacted to finalize the date.
- Susan and Leslie will be attending an Agritourism follow-up meeting April 22-23 in Savannah.
- A motion was made by Dennis, 2nd by Edsel to cancel the Umbrella liability insurance policy. Motion carried unanimously.
- A list of criteria for the Enhanced Level Circle of Diamonds was reviewed. Jeanette will meet with Chris and Susan to follow up on this.
- A motion was made by Dennis, 2nd by Edsel to set up a PayPal account in order for the Council to begin accepting debit/credit card payments for various reasons. In order to offset the associated costs, the Council will charge a 4% convenience fee to anyone using this service.
- Duane Schlereth, Bates, Carter & Co, presented the 2009 financial audit.

Special Projects Report – written report provided by Josh

- Mud Creek 319(h) –
 - ❖ A field day attended by approximately 50 people was held April 7.
 - ❖ The status of the Phase 2 request is still pending.
- Soque River 319(h) –
 - ❖ Assistance is being provided as needed
 - ❖ A Water Day will be held May 5 at Pitts Park
 - ❖ Water Camp will be held July 26-30
- Josh is currently spending about two days a week working WAE in the Commerce field office.

- North Georgia Tree Planting Initiative –
 - ❖ Chris and Josh are working to finalize contracts
 - ❖ Josh attended Council meetings of both Upper Ocmulgee River and Oconee River RC&Ds to announce the program
 - ❖ Two projects have been completed in Hart and Gwinnett counties. Others will begin in the fall.
- Broiler House Energy Audits –
 - ❖ Eight audits have been completed in Forsyth, Dawson and Hart counties. More are pending.
- Georgia CIG – Susan reported that all of the work has been completed by the land owners. Some invoices are pending payment from NFWF.

Coordinator's Report – written report provided by Chris

- Several of the topics in the written report were covered earlier in the agenda.
- North Georgia Agritourism Workshop – A meeting was held on April 14 to critique the 2009 conference and begin planning for 2010. The next meeting is scheduled for May 18.
- Scrap Tire Baler Program – The company is hoping to purchase an existing facility in the Council area. More details will follow as they become available.
- USF&W
 - ❖ A project in Cobb County at Shaw Park is expected to be completed in May
- Some information on the Tree Planting Initiative was included in Josh's written report. There is a meeting scheduled on April 27th in Jefferson to discuss further details.
- Farmer's Market EBT –
 - ❖ Union County and Rabun County are in the application process.
 - ❖ We plan to hold a farmer's market/alternative crops workshop this summer.
 - ❖ Chris will be attending a workshop in Loganville on April 22.
- A tour of the Stormwater Systems facility in Cleveland is tentatively scheduled for the first week in May.
- NRCS Update:
 - ❖ A rapid assessment was successfully completed on April 12 – the FY11 assessment will be performed using POINTS data
 - ❖ Annual Plan of Work is due to the State Office by July 1
 - ❖ The Area Plan Implementation Grant will, hopefully, be awarded in the same amount as last year

Upcoming Dates:

Georgia RC&D Meeting – April 28th – 29th – Berry College

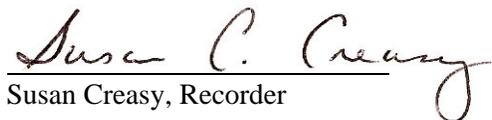
Better Back Roads Training – May 15th – Cartersville

Council Meeting – June 22 – Aquatic Center in Clarkesville

Southeastern RC&D Meeting – September 22nd – 25th – Biloxi, MS

Meeting adjourned.

The next Executive Board meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. May 17, 2010 at the Council's office.


 Susan Creasy, Recorder