

Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D Executive Board Meeting October 28, 2011 Minutes

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

Jeanette called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Larry, 2nd by Dennis to approve the September 19, 2011 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 ó There are four active cars in the program. Two payments were received in October, one for \$25 and one for \$60.
- ➤ Revolving Loan ó A \$100 payment was received 10/6/11.

General Updates/New Business

- ➤ A 319(h) application is being submitted for the Tesnatee & Town Creek Watershed in White County.
- A motion was made by Dennis, 2nd by Larry to pay the 2012 National RC&D dues invoice in the amount of \$450. Motion carried unanimously.
- ➤ The 2012 Circle of Diamonds application was discussed and it was noted that it is still a requirement to have an Area Plan and an Annual Plan of Work on file to qualify.
- > The Earth Resources Foundation was discussed. Jeanette will follow up with Susan regarding the officer request from the Secretary of State.
- ➤ The status of the ARRA grant was discussed. Another certified letter will be sent to Level Landscaping stating that if the trees in question have not been replaced by November 20, the contract is forfeit. The Council will use the remaining funds to contract with a different contractor to remedy the situation.
- ➤ The 2012 Council dues invoices will be mailed out in early November.
- A request was received from the Blue Ridge Mountain SWCD for a page in their 2012 calendar along with a \$50 ad sponsorship donation. A motion was made by Angela, 2nd by Larry to make the donation and to dedicate the page in memory of Jim Dobson. Motion carried unanimously.
- Angela agreed to chair a nominating committee. The offices up for consideration are Vice-President (Edsel), Treasurer (Larry) and Member-at-Large (Lewis).
- > Susan reported that the CIG grant was closed out and final payment was received.

Special Projects Report ó Written report provided by Josh

The Mud Creek Steering Committee approved all applications. Josh is working on securing contracts for the landowners and working with NRCS to create conservation plans. The first payment was received from EPD in the amount of \$17,462.43.

- ➤ The Council is continuing to pay maintenance invoices for the Northeast GA Tree Planting Initiative. As stated above, another certified letter will be sent to Level Landscaping. The other contractors are planning to replace dead/dying trees around the second week of November.
- > There is a possibility of working with The Nature Conservancy to implement the USF&W project in Lumpkin County. A decision is still pending.

The next Executive Board meeting will be held Monday, November 21, 2011.

The Executive Board then went into executive session and voted to continue the \$2,000 annual retirement contribution for Susan Creasy.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Susan Creasy, Recorder