

Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D Executive Board Meeting June 20, 2011 Minutes

Members present were: Jeanette Jamieson, President; Edsel Nix, Vice-President and Angela Whidby, Member-at-Large. Members absent: Dennis Brown, Secretary; Larry Nix, Treasurer and Lewis Canup, Member-at-Large. Others present – Susan Creasy Chris Groskreutz was present for a portion of the meeting

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

Motion was made by Edsel, 2nd by Angela to approve the May 16, 2011 minutes as distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Edsel, 2nd by Angela to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Susan reported that she had contacted Martin Daugherty with NRCS to determine why only one of the three months of past-due rent had been paid. Martin said they should have all been paid and he will look into it.

Ongoing Program Updates

- ➤ Wheels-to-Work No activity since the last meeting.
- ➤ Revolving Loan No activity since the last meeting.

General Updates/New Business

- ➤ There will be no Executive Board meeting in July. The next Executive Board meeting will be held August 15. A full Council meeting will be held in September. It was decided at the December meeting that counties would host the meetings on a rotating basis alphabetically. Therefore, Banks County will be asked to host the September meeting.
- An e-mail was received from Wayne Johnson with Allen and Furr Insurance and Financial Services. Mr. Johnson has recently relocated to Georgia from Tennessee and is very familiar with the RC&D program and the insurance needs associated with it. He will be contacted for an estimate when the current insurance policies are up for renewal.
- A notice from the National RC&D Association was reviewed regarding nonprofits whose tax-exempt status has been revoked. Listed on the printout is a Georgia organization titled "Chestatee Chattahoochee Resource" with a tax ID that differs from ours. This information has been forwarded to the Council's CPA for follow up.
- > The proposals received for the replacement of the telephone system were discussed. It was decided to go with the proposal from Windstream.
- There was discussion regarding the need to bring someone into the office on a part-time basis to help with the administration of the grants as well as other needs the Council may have (i.e. networking, promoting the Council, searching for future projects).

Special Projects Report -

- > Susan provided an update on the ARRA grant. Several of the trees that have been planted are dead or dying. A certified letter was sent to the appropriate contractors reminding them that the trees are guaranteed for a year and that it is their responsibility to replace them at no cost to the grant. If no response is received a follow-up letter will be sent explaining the consequences of fraudulently receiving federal funds.
- A notice was received from EPD that the 319 application for Cold Water Creek has been recommended for funding. Chris explained the background of the grant and reviewed the budget and deliverables with the Board.
- The status of the CIG grant was discussed. Susan is to follow up with Jimmy Bramblett and John Worley about the status of the standardized specs as well as the required field days.

The next Executive Board meeting will be held Monday, August 15, 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Susan Creasy, Recorder