

**RICHMOND SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING of the BOARD of SUPERVISORS**

RICHMOND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SERVICE CENTER

COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE BOARDROOM

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY, March 13, 2015 @ 10:00 AM

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Jeff Joyner, Chairman
Jared Gainey, Vice Chairman
Pat D. Dial, Secretary/Treasurer
Cecil Robinson, Member (absent)
Tommy Deese Sr., Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jackie McAuley, Administrative Assistant
Matthieu Quick, Natural Resource Conservationist I
Vilma Mendez, District Conservationist, NRCS
Lori Tadlock, County Liaison (absent)
Louise Hart, Central Regional Coordinator (absent)

CALL to ORDER

Chairman Joyner called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**ITEM NO. 1 – APPROVAL of MARCH AGENDA, FEBRUARY
MINUTES and YTD FINANCIAL REPORT**

On a motion by Gainey, seconded by Deese, the board unanimously approved the minutes of February 2015, the year to date treasurer's report and the March 2015 agenda as presented.

ITEM NO. 2 – OPEN FORUM for PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no appearances during the board's open forum.

**ITEM NO. 3– VISIT from NC ASSOCIATION of SOIL and WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

Dick Fowler, Executive Director

Fowler informed the board of a new project the Foundation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts is exploring. The Foundation obtained a USDA National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) in 2013 entitled "Determine Certainty Program Framework of a Market Based Conservation Initiative for Longleaf Pine Habitat Improvements in Eastern North Carolina."

Fowler explained the program, answered questions and left a survey for the board to complete at the April board meeting.

**ITEM NO. 4 –AGRICULTURAL COST SHARE PROGRAM (ACSP)
MONTHLY REPORT**

Matthieu Quick, Natural Resource Conservationist

Quick updated the board on two ACSP open current contracts:

- #77-2015-001-16, Waste Storage Structure (2 chicken houses).
- #77-2015-002-16, Waste Storage Structure (4 chicken houses with incinerator).

Quick has received requests of assistance from several local landowner experiencing problems that are not covered under the District's services. He was able to direct them to other avenues of possible assistance. Currently Quick is working on two possible contacts - ag road repair/re-stabilization and cover crop/livestock exclusion.

Quick presented the board with a reference list of Ag Cost Share Best Management Practices, including short description. Quick and Supervisors discussed upcoming spot checks and schedules visitation dates.

Quick asked the board to review an informational pamphlet which he designed to hand out to local farmers.

ITEM NO. 4– NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE
MONTHLY REPORT

Vilma Mendez, District Conservationist

Mendez has a total of 23 EQIP applications – 17 are in Richmond County. We have a total of 14 preapproved applications - 8 of which are in Richmond County.

Long Leaf Pines pool – two applications in Scotland County.

Beginners’ pool – one application in Richmond County

Confined Animal pool – one in Richmond County

Forest Area Two-Loblolly Pines - two in Richmond County and three in Scotland County

Cropland pool – 4 accepted applications in Richmond County and one in Scotland County

The last day to except applications for the next batching pool is March 20th.

ITEM NO. 6 – DIVISION of SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION
MONTHLY REPORT

Louise Hart, Central Regional Coordinator

Hart is not in attendance. She is attending the Cumberland SWCD board meeting.

McAuley directed the board’s attention to the Central Regional Coordinator report.

ITEM NO. 7 – DISTRICT OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT

Jackie McAuley, Administrative Assistant

McAuley asked board members if they have any questions or concerns pertaining to the current financial balance sheet. McAuley listed any upcoming events and appointments for office staff and board members. The calendar lists deadline dates and reminders.

McAuley announced that the new county website is up and running. Martie Butler, Economic Development Director, has arranged a time to meet with Quick and McAuley to learn to update the Soil and Water page.

ITEM NO. 8 – DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM
MONTHLY REPORT

Jackie McAuley, Administrative Assistant

McAuley provided the Board with a complete report of the District’s Environmental Education Program. Joyner requested information on length of time of each class, preparation time, and number of schools and classes that McAuley will be teaching per year. McAuley said can provide a list of programs that she would like to offer programs but depends upon the teachers to contact her to schedule classes.

ITEM NO. 9 – Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Proposed Budget

Jeff Joyner, Chairman

Joyner reported that he met with Secretary/Treasurer Pat Dial last week in the District office to develop a budget proposal to present to the board. They agreed on the following suggestions: The board will continue the no-till drill program for one more year, at which we will reevaluate the program this time next year.

Estimate to replacement of current administrative copier – lease and service contact.

Gainey requested hat McAuley obtain a quote for a color copier and service agreement.

ITEM NO. 10 – ANYTHING for the GOOD of the DISTRICT

No comments.

MOTION to ADJOURN

There being no further business for discussion, Chairman Joyner called the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Jackie McAuley
Administrative Assistant for Board of Supervisors

Jeff W. Joyner, Chairman
Richmond SWCD Board of Supervisors

Next Scheduled Meeting: April 10, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Place: Richmond County Extension Services Boardroom