

Piedmont Conservation Council, Inc.
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Alamance Community College
Tuesday, August 4th

Members Present: Gail Hughes (Chair), Norton Webster (Vice Chair, Chatham), Bo Rodenbough (Treasurer), Janet MacFall (Secretary, Alamance), Alex Ashton (Guilford), Eddie Culberson (Durham), Bill Alston (Randolph), Hazel Puckett (Rockingham), Larry Baker (Rockingham)

Staff Present: Elizabeth Zander

Call to Order: Gail Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:14pm.

I. FY 2016 Budget Update. Budget revised to reflect withdrawal of Bull City Cool Food Hub project and PCC's actual SE RC&D expenses.

II. Recreational Trails Program. Alex Ashton made a motion to approve submission of full application for the vault toilet project at Mayo River State Park; Janet MacFall seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

III. Beyond Farmers' Markets. Janet MacFall has requested funds from Healthy Alamance to pay for Project Manager NetSuite data entry. Norton Webster made a motion to approve pursuit of the Rural Business Development Grant Program and the Local Foods, Local Places grant; Bill Alston seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

IV. Oddfellows Cemetery Park: Board consensus to pursue a planning grant for this project. Ownership of land needs to be secured.

V. Durham Green Roof & Public Works Stormwater Project. Both projects were submitted as proposals for Duke Settlement funding, as well as the Troy #1 Dam Reservoir.

VI. Cultivator Farms Project. PCC and partners have been invited to an interview on Friday, August 14th.

VII. Love's Creek Restoration. PCC and Biocenosis interviewed for the 319 grants on Wednesday, July 29th.

VIII. Tobacco Barn Preservation Trail. If invited to submit a full application by Golden LEAF, Janet MacFall made a motion to approve submission; Norton Webster seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

IX. REAP Grants. Applications will be accepted in January. To be competitive, PCC needs to demonstrate through partnership or Council membership 5+ years of experience and secure a 25% match.

X. NRCS Collaboration with NC RC&D's. Outreach work will be focused on rural energy and organic farming. The Cape Fear RC&D will administer the MOU with NRCS.

XI. Upper Neuse Clean Water Initiative. Opportunities for BMP work funded through the Citizens of Raleigh.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:09pm.