

Piedmont Conservation Council, Inc.
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Alamance Community College
Thursday, June 4th

Members Present: Gail Hughes (Chair, Orange), Norton Webster (Vice Chair, Chatham), Janet MacFall (Secretary, Alamance), Alex Ashton (Guilford), Bo Rodenbough (Guilford), Rudy Langley (Alamance), Eddie Culberson (Durham), Hazel Puckett (Rockingham), Frank Green (Rockingham), Claudia Berryhill (Person)

Staff Present: Elizabeth Zander

Guests Present: Erin Crouse

Call to Order: Gail Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:13pm.

I. Review of February and May minutes. Eddie Culberson made a motion to approve the minutes pending revisions; Claudia Berryhill seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

II. Cultivator Farms Project. Alex Ashton made a motion to work with the Conservation Fund and other partners to submit a proposal to the town of Cary for actively farming and maintaining the proposed site in a lease amount of up to \$400 per acre with the goal of obtaining lease for \$100 or less per acre; Janet MacFall seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

III. FY 2016 Budget. The Board requested a more detailed breakdown of expenses and income, including the project manager's time for each project, prior to voting on the budget.

IV. Southeast RC&D Annual Meeting. Norton Webster made a motion to approve the SE Meeting expenses of up to \$500; Rudy Langley seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

V. Council Membership Applications. Norton Webster made a motion to approve applicants Jacob Leech & Susannah Goldston; Eddie Culberson seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

VI. Upcoming Clean Water Project Funding through National Fish & Wildlife Fund. Consensus reached for Elizabeth Zander to pursue funding opportunity further.

VII. Mount Olive Farm Transition Workshops. Consensus to host three workshops that serve farmers in these County areas: **Person/Durham**, **Chatham/Randolph** and **Guilford/Alamance/Rockingham**. Sponsorships will be sought from Biscuitville, the Farm Bureau, Cattlemen's Associations and Carolina Farm Credit.

VIII. Durham Green Roof. NFWF/Wells Fargo Grant was denied. In partnership with American Rivers, PCC will pursue funding through the CWMTF and Coca Cola in order to complete the project.

IX. Troy Dam Removal. RFP's for dam removal design were released and are due on July 10th.

X. Quilt Trails. Rockingham County's Quilt Trail application has been released and Person County will release their application on June 15th.

XI. Boling Creek Restoration. PCC submitted 319 grant for \$150,000. The PCC has been budgeted 10% of the grant.

XII. Tobacco Barn Preservation Trail. LOI for \$150,000 has been submitted to Golden LEAF for barn rehabilitation in Rockingham and Caswell Counties.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm.