

**Piedmont Conservation Council, Inc.**  
**Executive Board Emergency Meeting Minutes**  
**Via Teleconference**  
**March 3, 2015**

**Members Present:** Gail Hughes, Frank, Alex Ashton, Norton Webster, Claudia Berryhill, Bill Alston, Joanna Lelekacs, Rudy Langley, Janet MacFall, Brian Grogan, Bo Rodenbough

**Staff Present:** Jacob Leech

**I. Discussion/ Decision Items**

- a. Dues from Alamance Co. have not been received for 2014. They have been billed for 2015.
- b. **The N.C. Association of RC&D annual meeting is April 22–23.** A dinner is planned in Steve Troxler’s barn on April 22. It will be hosted by the Piedmont Conservation Council under the direction of Rudy. All hands on deck to assist. Please confirm with Rudy if you will be able to help. You will need to be there by 4:30. Volunteers to date: Hazel, Frank, Janet, Brian, Alex.
- c. **Financial Report:** national dues (\$225, ½ amount) have been sent in.
- d. **Hiring:** Between 35 and 40 applications have been received, including an excellent selection of candidates. Phone interviews have been scheduled for 10 candidates, with 5 completed at this time. GIS skills are desirable but not required. A day for interviews will be scheduled at the Durham office. It is anticipated the position will begin mid-April.
- e. **Washington Park:** Bill reported that he will do a follow up to determine project status.
- f. **Regional Food Hub:** The grant from the N.C. Dept. of Commerce to Elon University (Janet MacFall) was funded. There is funding to pay the PPC project manager to support the project part time for the next year. It was suggested to connect with the CFSA and the Renaissance Food Cooperative. Also to get in touch with Brenda Sutton. The project will focus on Alamance & Rockingham counties.
- g. **Quilt Trails:** This was also funded through the N.C. Dept. of Commerce. A meeting is scheduled in Person Co. on March 4. Interested parties include the Person Co. Dept. of Tourism, Ag. Extension and others. In Rockingham Co. initial contacts are being made through the Farm Bureau.
- h. **Biocenosis:** Sent a recent invoice
- i. **Person County Farmland Preservation:** Meeting scheduled for March 10th with Jerry Dorsett
- j. **Dry hydrants:** Nothing new, Wake Co. is exploring an Americorp Volunteer
- k. **Durham Green Roof :** Pending Soil & Water moving to a new building

**l. Potential Projects**

- 1. REAP: Energy audits for businesses such as Mapleview Farm (Orange) and Calico Farms (Guilford)
- 2. Tobacco Trust Funds: Additional quilt trail projects
- 3. Goldenleaf Foundation: Funding for quilt trails and tobacco barn restoration/preservation

**II. Next meeting for the Council: April 16 at 6:00 in Hillsborough**