

***Piedmont Conservation Council, Inc.***  
***FINAL Executive Board Meeting Minutes***  
***August 5, 2014 – Alamance Community College***

**EB Members Present:** Gail Hughes (Chair, Orange), Norton Webster (Vice-Chair, Chatham), Bo Rodenbough (Treasurer, Guilford), Janet MacFall (Secretary, Alamance), Rudy Langley (Alamance), Hazel Puckett (Rockingham), Claudia Berryhill (Person)

**Council Members Present:** Frank Green (Rockingham)

**Staff Present:** Jacob Leech

**EB Members Absent:** Hester Vernon (Caswell), Bill Alston (Randolph), Alex Ashton (Guilford), Eddie Culberson (Durham)

- I. **Call to Order & Chairman Comments:** Meeting was called to order at 6:20pm by Gail Hughes, Chair.
- II. **Minutes:** Meeting minutes for June 10, 2014 were reviewed and approved. (M: MacFall, 2: Langley; unanimously approved).
- III. **Discussion/ Decision Items**
  - a. **Council Member Application, Brian Grogan:** Brian Grogan from Rockingham County was approved as a council member (M: Langley, 2: Puckett; unanimously approved).
  - b. **FY 2015 Budget:** Jacob reviewed a revised version of the FY 15 budget, which had first been presented in July and was since updated. (M: MacFall, 2: Langley; unanimously approved).
  - c. **Project Management Contract:** Gail announced that Jacob was only proposing a 60 day extension of his existing contract, as several grant opportunities were pending and he felt it was more conservative to see what the financial projections beyond September were prior to making a longer-term commitment. (M: Langley, 2: Puckett; unanimously approved).
  - d. **Conflict of Interest Policy:** Jacob distributed the Conflict-of-Interest Policy draft and announced that he preferred to wait until Bo had time to provide a thorough review of the draft prior to a vote.
  - e. **Potential Dam Removal Projects:** Jacob reviewed a spreadsheet of potential dam removal contracts and discussed assigning the first steps of investigation to local PCC council members:
    - i. Hackney Millpond – Norton Webster
    - ii. Little River Park – Dale Threatt-Taylor
    - iii. Eno River – existing grist mill, no further action
    - iv. Ossippee – Brian Baker via Janet MacFall
    - v. Bowling Mill – Eddie Culberson

- vi. Baldwin Millpond – Norton Webster
- vii. Snow Camp Millpond – Eddie Culberson

f. **Fab Lab Assets:** Jacob announced that all Fab Lab assets had been sold for a total of \$2,000.

#### IV. Updates

- a. **Accounting/Ops:** still waiting on YE financials
- b. **NC Association of RC&D Teleconference:** the Southeast conference is proposed for Cherokee, NC in September 2015 with Southwestern RC&D organizing.
- c. **Madison/Mayodan STEP Project:** Jacob, Rudy, Brian, Norton and Alex are planning a paddle trip to do some recon on the Mayo River of potential river access and dam removal projects later in August.
- d. **Biocenosis/Natural Resource Planning:** An extension of the existing Urban Forestry contract was granted through December 2015.
- e. **Washington Park Project – Asheboro:** Jacob organized a stakeholder meeting in July and made some great progress getting stakeholder participation and outlining the parameters of the project.
- f. **Dry Hydrant Projects:** Contacts in Person and Wake Counties are polling fire stations to gauge interest in participation.
- g. **Durham Green Roof:** The design firm is putting together a rendering that can be used to solicit funds from potential donors.
- h. **Troy 2 Dam Removal:** Jacob is continuing to work with USFWS, American Rivers, and Troy to finalize agreements.
- i. **Person Co. Farmland Protection Plan:** The ADFP Trust Fund grant is still pending.
- j. **Town of Hillsborough/Eno River Restoration Project:** A grant with CWMTF is currently pending.
- k. **Hines Chapel Incubator Farm:** We are still trying to finalize a lease with Guilford County for the site.
- l. **Pending Grants:** EEG 2013, CWMTF, ADFP Trust Fund, BFRDP.

V. **New Business:** Rudy and Jacob visited a site earlier in the day next to Rudy's church where a potential community park/facility project could be executed. Funds are needed for land purchase and construction. There are several outstanding partners willing to participate. Also, Jacob announced that he needed approval for a Patagonia grant proposal for up to \$14,000 for a floating biodock at King's Hwy Park in Hillsborough (M: Rodenbough, 2: MacFall; unanimously approved). Gail gave the directive to the board to work on bringing back project ideas to upcoming meetings.

#### VI. Upcoming events/meetings:

- a. Next Full Council Meeting: October 16 location TBD.

- b.** Next Executive Board Meeting: September 2 at ACC
- VII. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.