

***Piedmont Conservation Council, Inc.***  
***FINAL Executive Board Meeting Minutes***  
***September 2, 2014 – Alamance Community College***

**EB Members Present:** Gail Hughes (Chair, Orange), Norton Webster (Vice-Chair, Chatham), Janet MacFall (Secretary, Alamance), Alex Ashton (Guilford), Eddie Culberson (Durham), Bill Alston (Randolph), Claudia Berryhill (Person), Rudy Langley (Alamance), Hazel Puckett (Rockingham)

**Staff Present:** Jacob Leech

**EB Members Absent:** Hester Vernon (Caswell), Bo Rodenbough (Treasurer, Guilford)

**Call to Order & Chairman Comments:** Meeting was called to order at 6:10pm by Gail Hughes, Chair.

- I. **Minutes:** The minutes of the 8/5/14 Executive Board meeting were presented for approval (M: Berryhill, 2: Webster; approved unanimously)
- II. **Discussion/ Decision Items**
  - a. **Mayo River Trip:** Alex, Rudy, Jacob, and Brian Grogan all took a paddle trip down the Mayo River recently to scout out some potential projects. There are 2 dams, both roughly 20 ft. tall and 300-400 ft. wide. Alex noted a list of potential obstacles: community resistance, power generation, water intake, and railroads. Next step is to track down the landowner and gauge their interest. A motion was made to approve pursuit of these potential dam removals (M: Ashton, 2: MacFall; unanimously approved).
  - b. **Annual Report:** Jacob pulled up a copy of the draft and asked for input. Some general points of emphasis that were recommended include: money spent or projects pursued per county, emphasis on projects being actively pursued, wish-list of projects to pursue.
  - c. **Dam Removal Project Recon:** Following up from last month's conversation, there were a couple update on the recon assignments for dam removals. Claudia mentioned she knew the location of one of the dams, Norton did have some information on neighborhoods surrounding two others.
  - d. **Chatham Community Garden:** Jacob briefed the group on a potential community garden project that may be funded by NRCS. The project is in Pittsboro and Brenda Williams has been facilitating contact for Jacob. A motion was made to approve the project with a note from Alex that we should confirm secure ownership of the land and soil condition before committing. (M: MacFall, 2: Webster; unanimously approved)
  - e. **Boling Lane Park:** Gail briefed the board on the project, a potential stormwater/restoration project in Siler City. Other stakeholders are involved so

PCC will stay in the loop until a role is recognized. Norton will relay updates to Jacob.

- III. **Updates** – updates were kept brief in consideration of time. Claudia announced the Person County Farm Tour on September 13-14.
- IV. **Upcoming events/meetings:**
  - a. Next Full Council Meeting: October 16 at ACC.
  - b. Next Executive Board Meeting: November 4 at ACC.
- V. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.