

Piedmont Conservation Council, Inc.
FINAL Executive Board Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2014 – Alamance Community College

EB Members Present: Gail Hughes (Chair, Orange), Norton Webster (Vice-Chair, Chatham), Bo Rodenbough (Treasurer, Guilford), Janet MacFall (Secretary, Alamance), Alex Ashton (Guilford), Eddie Culberson (Durham), Bill Alston (Randolph), Claudia Berryhill (Person)

Guests Present: Scott Feder

Staff Present: Jacob Leech

EB Members Absent: Hester Vernon (Caswell), Hazel Puckett (Rockingham), Rudy Langley (Alamance)

- I. **Call to Order & Chairman Comments:** Meeting was called to order at 6:10pm by Gail Hughes, Chair. She introduced Scott Feder to the board. Scott is new to the area, residing in Guilford County with his wife. He has a background in environmental law.
- II. **Minutes:** There were no minutes presented for approval this meeting.
- III. **Discussion/ Decision Items**
 - a. **Dam Removal Recon:** Janet will follow up with Brian Baker. A new Haw River Coordinator was just hired. When that individual is in place she can set up a meeting.
 - b. **Grant Opportunities:**
 - i. **Creating New Economies Fund:** Jacob submitted an LOI for an Orange County Quilt Trail. Notification will be in January on invitation to submit a full proposal. A motion was made to adopt the project. (M: Ashton, 2: Alston; Unanimously Approved)
 - ii. **EEG:** In addition to the EEG proposal for the Hillsborough Public Works project, one will be submitted to EEG for the NC School of Science and Math stormwater project for construction funds – a motion was made to submit for up to \$200k (see next)
 - iii. **Duke Energy:** A proposal will be submitted to Duke Energy for design funding for the NCSSM project up to \$100k. A motion for this and the EEG proposal was made. (M: Ashton, 2: Rodenbough; Unanimously Approved)
 - c. **Conflict of Interest Policy Adoption:** Bo Rodenbough briefly described the changes made to the Conflict of Interest Policy draft presented in October, included changes how executive committee, council members, and contracted staff were referred to in the policy. Claudia Berryhill asked if we should make it a regular agenda item to ask if anyone was aware of any potential conflicts of interest, which was agreed to by consensus. A motion was made to adopt the COI Policy as drafted. (M: Claudia, 2: Bill; Unanimously approved)

IV. Updates

- a. **NARCDC Dues:** Jacob reported on the NC Association teleconference, during which he had asked other councils' experiences with the National Association. The responses were positive generally and all Councils who replied recommended maintaining membership with the National Association. Gail will contact Andy Gordon in the coming weeks to discuss the communication issues and report back to the board.
- b. **Madison/Mayodan STEP Projects:** Jacob had no luck with coordinating partners on a Duke Energy proposal. He attended a meeting with stakeholders and felt that there were no projects that the group was ready to pursue collaboratively. He will be following up with the town manager of Mayodan to discuss other project opportunities.
- c. **Dry Hydrants:** Jacob recently met again with Dale Threatt Taylor and Michael Wright about a Wake County dry hydrant initiative. They decided that since the federal grant options for such funding were not currently available they would pursue local and statewide sponsors.
- d. **Durham Green Roof:** Jacob has received a new draft of a poster for presentation for funders.
- e. **Troy 2 Dam Removal:** The Planning Director of Troy has left and we are trying to revise the agreement to identify a new contact within the Town of Troy.
- f. **Person County Farmland Protection Plan:** The advisory committee met last week and had a great kickoff. An RFP is being generated for a contract writer.
- g. **Hines Chapel Incubator Farm:** Janet has a meeting with Robert McNeice on the 12th and will report back.

V. Upcoming events/meetings:

- a. Next Executive Board Meeting: December 2 at ACC
- b. Next Full Council Meeting: January 15 location TBD.

VI. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.