

Piedmont Conservation Council, Inc.
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
306 Revere Rd, Hillsborough
Tuesday, May 5th

Members Present: Gail Hughes (Chair, Orange), Norton Webster (Vice Chair, Chatham), Janet MacFall (Secretary, Alamance), Alex Ashton (Guilford), Bo Rodenbough (Guilford), Rudy Langley (Alamance) and Millie Langley (Guilford)

Staff Present: Jacob Leech and Elizabeth Zander

Call to Order: Gail Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:54pm.

I. Review of March and April minutes. Alex Ashton made a motion to approve the minutes pending revision; Norton Webster seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

II. Review of NC RC&D Annual Meeting.

- A. Council members will cover the expense of the dinner.
- B. NC RC&D Meeting will be held in same location next year on April 6th and April 7th.

III. Southeast RC&D Annual Meeting. Janet MacFall made a motion to budget up to \$1,000 for Elizabeth to Zander to attend the Southeast RC&D; Rudy Langley seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

IV. Updates

- A. **County Dues.**
 - 1. Alamance County indicated that PCC dues would be included in their budget for next year.
 - 2. Invoices need to go out no later than September to County Members (sent in August last year).
- B. **Accounting Operations.** Flexible income outmatched by \$1,000 in spending. Biocenosis income helps us to break even.
- C. **Project Manager Contract.** Elizabeth will review.
- D. **Beyond Farmers' Markets.** Janet MacFall made a motion to approve request to pursue LFPP grant in amount of \$100,000; Norton Webster seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- E. **Troy Dam RFP Review.** Alex Ashton made a motion to approve RFP pending revisions; Janet MacFall seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- F. **Boling Lane Park Project.** Consensus for Elizabeth Zander to spend time on potential Boling Lane Park restoration project in Siler City.
- G. **Cultivator Farms Project.** Renamed from Ag Landlord Project. Continuing preliminary research.

V. New Business

- A. **Farm Transition Workshop Project.** Pending ability to secure sponsors, Janet MacFall made a motion to approve collaboration with Mount Olive Agribusiness Center to host workshops regarding farm transition; Bo Rodenbough seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
 - 1. **Details:** All workshops must be completed by March 2016. Workshops require a minimum of 10 to 15 registrants. PCC would assist with direct mailing, marketing, securing food and securing locations.
- B. **Tobacco Barn Preservation Trail Project.** Project already received approval. Elizabeth Zander will submit letter of interest to Golden Leaf Foundation.
- C. **Solarize North Carolina.** PCC could be a partner for hosting workshops in PCC Counties. (They have already covered Orange, Wake and Chatham Counties.)
 - 1. **Details:** Elizabeth Zander & Alex Ashton will investigate Rural Energy American Program grants and Duke Energy grants surrounding potential energy and solar projects.