

Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts

9:00am Wednesday, June 27, 2012

AACD Office, Little Rock, AR

Agenda

(Handout #1)

Meeting called to order by Charles Glover, 1st Vice President

Members Present:

Charles Glover, 1 st Vice President	Andrew Wargo III, NACD Delegate
Eddie Scherm, Secretary/Treasurer	Rocky Harrell, 2 nd Vice President
Martha Manley, NE Area	Roy Reaves, WC Area
Bill Bailey, EC Area	James Widner, NW Area
Neal Ward, SE Area	Eric Stagg, Central Area
Michael Sullivan, NRCS	Steve Jacks, NRCS
Adrian Baber, ANRC	Jeanette Hale, AACDE & NACDE
Debbie Moreland, AACD	

Minutes from April 6, 2012 – Motion made by Andrew Wargo III, seconded by Martha Manley. Motion Passed.

(Handout #2)

Treasurer's Report by Eddie Scherm

General Account – To be sent after June 30, 2012

Funding Request – Nedra Turney, NACDF Failed for lack of a motion.

Old Business

Specialty License Plate

Roy Reaves made the motion to send the first checks to districts after June 30th then quarterly thereafter, seconded by Andrew Wargo III. Motion passed.

(Handout #3)

Bi-Lingual Technican

Progress continues but waiting on video development from the NRCS Staff. Mike Sullivan will follow up.

MRBI

Mike Sullivan talked about the success of the MRBI project proposals with nine funded. (Handout #4)

Conservation Delivery Committee Update

Committee talked about the legislation that is to be developed. The legislation has been modeled after the banking model which deals with distressed banks.

Rain Gauges

(Handout #5)

Each area will have one district follow up with the others to collect the names of those individuals/location receiving rain gauges

Envirothon

Scheduled for November 18 – 19, 2012 at UCA, Conway, AR

2013 T-shirt design was presented (Handout #6)

Field Office of the Future

Mike Sullivan reported on the progress of the Core and Review Committees. This will allow us to determine where we need to place staff, workload, etc.

Area Re-Alignment – Maps

(Handout #7)

Rationale is to allow all of the AACD, state and federal agencies to be aligned the same for the purposes of training, supervision, etc.

Discussion will continue about re-alignment but a bylaw change will be required for AACD to change their area lines.

District Director Training Applications

12 districts have applied for funding for training

Arkansas Conservation Partnership – CMT will meet to determine who receives the funding and how much based on each application.

Partners included in funding this activity

ANRC - \$5,000

NRCS - \$5,000

Water Resources Tour – July 10-11, 2012 in Jonesboro, AR

AACD will provide the coordination for the annual water resources tour for elected officials and conservation partners.

Tour will include the Discovery Farms in Cherry Valley, MRBI on-farm water monitoring sites and it will cover topics such as the State Water Plan.

NACD Summer Board & Legislative Meeting – July 15-17, 2012

Members will visit congressional offices as part of the board meeting. Those attending are:

- Andrew Wargo III, NACD Board Member
- Charles Glover, 1st Vice President
- Martha Manley, NE Area President
- Debbie Moreland, AACD Program Administrator

Arkansas Grazing Lands Coalition Annual Meeting

Scheduled for August 21 – 22, 2012 at the Wyndham Hotel in North Little Rock. AACD will provide coordination for registration, etc.

Discovery Farm Tour

Tour is scheduled for September 18 – 20, 2012 with site visits in Dumas and Stuttgart.

ANRC will hold their quarterly commission meeting in conjunction with the Discovery Farms Tour at the Five Oaks Duck Lodge.

Quickbooks

All Districts must remove their Quickbooks from NRCS computers and/or server. Some districts have their own computers so they may not be affected but Quickbooks cannot be connected to the USDA server.

NRCS may have 50 computers available – Steve Jacks is checking

Annual Meeting

Meeting is scheduled for December 11 – 12, 2012 at the Wyndham Hotel in North Little Rock.

Agenda Items – Debbie Moreland asked the board to provide any suggestions for speakers, workshops, etc.

SC NACD Regional Meeting – August 5 – 7, 2012

Debbie Moreland reported on the registration and activities for the SC NACD Regional Meeting

Executive Session

Reconvene from Executive Session

Rocky Harrell made the motion to give Debbie Moreland a \$3,000 bonus, seconded by Andrew Wargo III. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Moreland, Acting Secretary