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[EXECUTIVE BOARD DRAFT MINUTES]

Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts

Executive Board Meeting

1:00pm Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Arkansas River Room, Little Rock, AR

A. Agenda

(Handout #1)

B. Meeting called to order by Charles Glover, 1st Vice President at 1:00pm

C. Members present:

Charles Glover, 1st Vice President

Randy Young, ANRC

James Widner, NW Area President

Steve Whitehead, SW Area President

Roy Reaves, WC Area President

Eric Stagg, Central Area President

Rocky Harrell, 2nd Vice President

Andrew Wargo III, NACD Delegate

Bill Bailey, EC Area President

Neal Ward, SE Area President

Martha Manley, NE Area President

Debbie Moreland, AACD

Members absent:

Troy Odom, Jr., President

Eddie Scherm, Sec/Treasurer

Guests:

Carolyn Holcomb, AACDE President

Ruth Cunningham, Arkansas Co. CD

Adrian Baber, ANRC

Cynthia Bearden, ANRC

Crystal Phelps, ANRC

Steve Jacks, NRCS

Dr. Corbet Lamkin, ANRC

Bob Fowler, ANRC

Blake Walters, ANRC

Clay Durham, ANRC

- D. **Minutes** – June 27, 2012 emailed to AACD Executive Board. (Handout #2)

Andrew Wargo III made the motion to accept, seconded by Rocky Harrell. Motion passed.

- E. **Treasurer's Report** (Handout #3)

- a. FY11 – FY12 End of Year Report

Rocky Harrell made a motion to approve, seconded by Roy Reaves. Motion passed.

- i. FY11 – FY12 Tax Return

- ii. Audit

Roy Reaves made the motion to employ Denman and Associates to do the audit, seconded by Bill Bailey. Motion passed.

- b. **Funding Request – Nedra Turney**

She is asking for her registration (\$455) to be paid for the NACD 2013 Annual Meeting

Steve Whitehead made the motion to pay registration for one year to be followed up with a report to the Executive Board at a later date, seconded by James Widner. Motion passed.

- F. **Old Business: Project Reports**

1. **Specialty License Plate** (Handout #4)

Roy Reaves made a motion to send the checks to districts twice a year due to the volume of checks, seconded by Andrew Wargo III. Motion passed.

2. **NRCS Grants** (Handout #5)

Review of the current grants with NRCS and their status

3. **CIG – Drought Initiative**

Andrew Wargo III made the motion to approve, seconded by James Widner. Motion passed.

4. **District Director Training Application**

James Widner made a motion to approve, seconded by Andrew Wargo III. Motion passed.

G. Other Business:

1. Field Office of the Future – Steve Jacks

Arkansas has completed our report and turned it in to NRCS HQ

2. AR/OK Pollinator Meeting – October 30, 2012 in Fort Smith, AR

Randy Young invited the board to participate.

3. Quickbooks & Computers

- Districts have to remove Quickbooks from any NRCS equipment including the server
- Districts need to secure their own computer/get one from ANRC and restore their backup to the new computer
- Quickbooks does not need to be connected to the internet and districts can load the 2009 version they have in their office
- IT will remove Quickbooks by Sept. 30, 2012
- IT may remove them remotely so they may not come to the offices prior to removal
- Districts need to save their Quickbooks to a flash drive weekly if not daily to prevent the loss of information

4. AACDE Report – Carolyn Holcomb (Handout #6)

- a. She provided a copy of the agenda and invited the board to participate.

5. Annual Meeting – December 11 – 12, 2012 at the Wyndham Hotel, NLR

- a. Steve Jacks reported that District Conservationists will not be able to attend due to new travel regulations

6. District Director Training 101 (Handout #7)

Roy Reaves made the motion to move forward with planning the new district director training to be held on Monday, December 10, 2012, seconded by Bill Bailey. Motion passed.

7. Outreach Materials

Debbie Moreland provided an overview of some outreach materials she saw at the Executive Directors Retreat on NPS for our urban areas

She will work to revise the materials to be applicable to Arkansas

8. Conservation Delivery System Discussion (Handout #8)

Randy Young provided the group with the September 4, 2012 draft of the proposed legislation regarding districts in distress.

Andrew Wargo III made the motion to accept the September 4, 2012 draft legislation, seconded by Roy Reaves. Vote is 5 – 4

For: Andrew Wargo III, Roy Reaves, Eric Stagg, Rocky Harrell & Bill Bailey

Against: Steve Whitehead, Martha Manley, Neal Ward and James Widner

Motion passed.

ANRC will make some additional changes and get back with the board in a few weeks. It was also determined that the final draft would be sent to every district director statewide for their input. The AACD Executive Board will meet with ANRC after that time to determine what action should be taken.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Moreland, Acting Secretary