

**Minutes**  
**2000 Alabama Chapter**  
**Soil and Water Conservation Society Meeting**  
**June 16, 2000**  
**Best Inn and Suites - University Center**  
**Auburn, AL**

President **Mary Miller-Goodman** called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. There were 45 members in attendance. The Minutes of the 1999 meeting were distributed.

**MOTION: Rod Goode** moved approval of the minutes as presented; second by **Philip Abney**. The motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

**Julie Best** gave a brief report of the activities at the 1999 National Meeting in Biloxi, MS. As a sister chapter, the Alabama Chapter helped the Mississippi Chapter with meeting logistics. This was a beneficial learning experience for all of us.

**Mary Miller-Goodman** talked about the upcoming 2000 National Meeting in St. Louis, MO, July 8-12. Mary will serve as the official Chapter delegate. Specific events she plans to attend include the Chapter Development Workshop, the South Central Regional Breakfast, and the Student Activities Workshop. There is a Silent Auction at the meeting. Items typical of Alabama would be nice to include.

**Rick Zellmer** gave the treasurer's report. As of 6/15/2000, the balance is \$10,678.23. There are still outstanding meeting expenditures.

**MOTION: Steve Musser** moved approval of the treasurer's report; second by **Randall East**. The motion passed.

**Mary Miller-Goodman** talked about the activities of the Student Chapter. She expressed appreciation for the support of the Alabama Chapter in getting the Student Chapter established. The students sold bulbs as a fundraiser; proceeds from the sale amounted to approximately \$2,000. The chapter gets half of the proceeds. These funds were used to subsidize student membership fees and they contributed \$50 toward annual meeting expenses. **Katie Richburg** has received an SWCS scholarship. The scholarship is awarded based on leadership and scholastic abilities.

**Rod Goode** commented on the annual report for 1999. The Chapter had a good, productive year. The annual report is the responsibility of the President-Elect. Goode offer assistance to Foy Kirkland, the new President-Elect, in completing the 2000 report.

**Steve Musser** reported for the CCA group. There were 17 participants in the CCA session at the annual meeting. He solicited ideas for ways that the Society can get CCU credit for members.

**Earl Norton** gave the CPESC report. The Chapter was one of the sponsors in a recent training course for those who are interested in taking the CPESC exam. Several individuals have taken the exam this year. The group had a meeting to discuss plans and concerns. **Mike Mullen** on behalf of ADEM wants to use the tour sites established for this meeting to develop a workshop targeted toward district supervisors and city officials.

**MOTION: Robert Berry** made a motion that the Chapter cooperate with **Mike Mullen** to develop a workshop targeted toward district supervisors and city officials. Perhaps this workshop would be held in September. Second by **Mike Cornett**. The motion carried.

One of the suggestions for future plans was to have technical session throughout the year to provide training opportunities.

**MOTION: Earl Norton** made a motion that the Chapter sponsor technical sessions for selected groups at various times throughout the year; second by **Tyler Hunt**. The motion carried.

Earl reported that there would be changes in the way CPESC is administered. The administrative part will be moved from SWCS to IECA. The advantage of this move is that IECA has a training program in place and the activities of CPESC will be incorporated into the program.

**Randall East** reported on Chapter Development activities. Last year a five-year strategic plan was distributed to the Chapter. The plan included items that the Chapter hopes to concentrate on at some point. This year, the goals were to produce an officers' handbook and to develop a wetland symposium program. Neither goal was accomplished, but work has begun.

**Julie Best** commented on Chapter newsletters. She indicated that a newsletter is only as good as the material submitted. She expressed appreciation to all those who contributed articles this year. The newsletter is an important way to keep members informed as well as a means to enhance Chapter visibility.

In the absence of Billy Bullard, Membership chair, **Mary Miller-Goodman** commented on Membership activities. SWCS has a new membership database. The national office is making a concerted effort to keep Chapters informed of new and expiring membership information. The most recent records indicate that there are 122 Alabama Chapter members and 17 Student Chapter members.

**Rick Zellmer** reported for the Awards Committee. The Distinguished Service Award was presented to **Julie Best**; Outstanding Leadership awards were presented to **Bob Jones** for serving as Program Chair for the 2000 Annual Meeting Program and to **Mary Miller-Goodman** for coordinating the Chapter activities for the year.

**Robert Berry** gave the Nomination Committee report. The committee was composed of Steve Musser, Roy Kendrick, Randall East, and Robert Berry, chair. The committee submitted the following slate of officers for 2001:

President-Elect:	<b>Foy Kirkland</b>
Treasurer:	<b>Bill Puckett</b>
Secretary:	<b>Julie Best</b>
Area II Vice President:	<b>Wayne Reeves</b>
Area IV Vice President:	<b>Amy Bell</b>

Nominations from the floor were solicited.

**MOTION: Philip Abney** made a motion that nominations cease; there was a second. The motion carried.

**MOTION: Mike Cornett** made a motion that the slate of officers as presented be elected; second by **Philip Abney**. Motion carried.

**Rod Goode**, as President-Elect, will serve as President in 2001.

To help the Nominating Committee compile a slate of officers, Robert Berry asked that anyone interested in serving as an officer let him know. The committee will keep that information on file for future use.

Mary thanked the sponsors for their support in making the 2000 Alabama Chapter Annual Meeting such a success. She turned the meeting over to Rod Goode.

Rod expressed appreciation of those attending this year. He recognized this year's Annual Meeting Planning Committee, and he thanked Bob Jones for the support of NRCS. He indicated that next year's annual meeting is scheduled for the Birmingham area.

The business meeting was adjourned at 9:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIE A. BEST  
Secretary for the Alabama Chapter

Attachments:  
Treasurer's Report