

**Soil and Water Conservation Society**  
**Alabama Chapter**  
**Minutes of the Annual Meeting**  
**June 10, 2005 – Birmingham Botanical Gardens**

President Ben Moore called the meeting to order.

Members reviewed the minutes from last year's annual meeting. A motion and second were made to approve the minutes. It passed unanimously.

Zona Beaty gave the treasurer's report. The bank balance as of 6/6/2005 was \$55,215.43. General Revenue balance is \$16,721.09 and the Erosion Control Project balance is \$38,494.34. A motion and second were made to approve the minutes. It passed unanimously.

Ben Moore gave the president's report that included a slide show of activities that SWCS has been involved in the past year.

Rod Goode, Regional Director of the South Central Region, reported that SWCS's National Meeting will be held in Rochester, NY July 30- August 4. Alabama is the largest chapter in the south central region. We are also the only chapter in our region with student chapters. There will be a cost of living increase in membership dues that will take place. Any members that have any comments they would like shared with the executive board should talk to Rod.

Earl Norton gave a report on the Erosion and Sediment Control Program. There have been several seminars and field days held throughout the year. Also, the Handbook for Erosion and Sediment Control is currently undergoing a revision and Field Guides of the Handbook will be distributed to all of the soil and water conservation district offices. Tuskegee University has also sought our help for training in erosion and sediment control for disadvantaged business enterprise operators.

Skip Ragsdale gave the membership committee report. New members to the society since the last annual meeting were recognized. We currently have 153 members.

Bill Hughes gave the chapter development report. The leadership manual that has been created is an internal tool for incoming leadership to understand his or her role and duties. He asked members to look over the manual and give their input. He also presented the Strategic and Annual Plan. A couple minor amendments were made and Zona Beaty motioned to approve the plan. Rick Zellmer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Heidi James presented the Awards committee report for Eddie May. Three awards were given to the following:

1. Alabama Department of Transportation – James Horsley accepted the award

2. Perry Oakes – Distinguished Service Award for his part in revising the Alabama Best Management Practices Handbook
3. Ben Moore – Outstanding Leadership Award for his leadership during his term as President (2004-2005)

The Student Chapters were unable to attend the business portion of the meeting, but members were encouraged to be visible and to work with them as needed.

Joyce Nicholas gave a newsletter update. She has been working on producing 3 newsletters a year and any member can submit articles for publication to her.

Deana Mann gave a website update. Minutes from meetings and upcoming events are posted on the website. Anyone with information to be posted should email her with their request.

Earl Norton gave the CPESC report. Alabama was the first SWCS chapter with a CPESC committee. Exams will continue to be given; the next date will be Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 in Clanton. There are currently 65 CPESCs in Alabama. Later this year, plans are to have a 1 ½ day RUSLE2 training for about 40 students.

Detra Boutwell gave the CCA report. She mentioned the need to develop a CCA display for meetings. She encouraged the group to find ways to get more CCAs to join SWCS and to meet with student chapters and encourage them to become future CCAs.

Steve Musser presented the following slate of officers for 2005-2006:

President – Tracy Cole

President Elect – Kirk Iversen

Area I Vice President – Suzanne Baucom

Area II Vice President – Charles Love

Area III Vice President – Skip Ragsdale

Area IV Vice President – Charlie Ramsey

Area V Vice President – Delarrie Parmer

Secretary – Deana Mann

Treasurer – Zona Beaty

Rod Goode made a motion to close the nominations. A second was made and the presented group was approved by vote.

Ben Moore asked members to appoint Kirk Iverson as Alabama's delegate at the national meeting in Rochester. A motion was made by Jeff Holloway to pay Kirk's travel expenses and to designate him as Alabama's delegate. Winford Andrews seconded the motion. It passed by vote.

Perry Oakes made the announcement to the group that Earl Norton will be receiving a Fellow Award at the national meeting. Perry made a motion for the chapter to provide up to \$1000 to offset Earl's travel costs in attending the meeting. Skip Ragsdale seconded the motion; it passed by vote.

Ben Moore introduced Kirk Iversen as the new president elect. Kirk led Smithsonian Soils Exhibit campaign. So far \$13,000 has been raised towards the monolith of the Bama soil series that will be displayed at the Smithsonian.

Tracy Cole reported that he is looking forward to serving as president the coming year and thanked Ben for his leadership during the previous year.

With no further business, a motion and second were made to adjourn. It passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deana L. Mann  
Secretary for the Alabama Chapter of SWCS