



**ANNUAL MEETING - ALABAMA CHAPTER
Soil and Water Conservation Society
Minutes - Business Session
Mobile, Alabama
June 25, 1998**

CORRECTED COPY

The business session of the annual meeting was called to order by President Randall East. Randall welcomed all the members and guests present. He also thanked all of the sponsors of the meeting.

Randall announced that the tour bus would be ready to board at 9:30 and depart at 9:45 for the trip to the Dauphin Island Sea Lab. Lunch will be on your own when the bus returns at noon.

Randall also reported that 51 people attended the cookout on Thursday night.

Randall presented the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Cam Loerch. The Society has a balance on hand of \$1,794.87. Shirley Brown made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report with a second from Philip Abney. The motion carried.

Randall presented the Minutes. Philip Abney made a motion to accept the Minutes as printed with a second from Bobby Fox. The motion carried.

Paul Kennedy gave a report on the "dirt shirt" project. All of the first order of 37 shirts have been sold at \$12.00 each. A second order for shirts has been completed.

Shirley gave a report of the newsletter. Shirley is the Editor and Julie Best sets up the information and prints the newsletter. Each newsletter has a theme and members are asked to provide articles.

Carl Pennington gave the Membership Committee report. We have three new members at the meeting and our total membership is currently 120. The Chapter had 20 new members in 1998. The South Central Region has 709 members and Alabama has the greatest number in the Region. Also, there are 9,740 members worldwide. Earl Norton was the Alabama Chapter senior member present at the Annual Meeting.

Randall then recognized a four-member delegation from the Mississippi Chapter. They will host the National Meeting at the Grand Casino Hotel in Biloxi, Mississippi, in 1999 and are asking for volunteer help from the Alabama Chapter. The theme for the 1999 meeting will be a "Walk on the Wildside." The Mississippi Chapter will have their annual meeting on December 2 in Starkville, and will have a fun meeting in the spring to organize the volunteers for the National Meeting. They would like some representation from the Alabama Chapter at these meetings.

Forestry and Wildlife Committee - No report.

CCA Committee - Ben Moore reported on the CCA session. Eighteen people attended the training session and fourteen participated in the tour. Those in attendance earned 6 CCU's.

CPESC Committee - Earl Norton reported that 20 people attended the CPESC exam review and tour. Thirteen people will take the exam which begins after the business session adjourns. The committee has been providing on going training activities by partnering with T-Square and ICEA. Four workshops were conducted with 237 people attending. Earl made a motion for the committee to keep up its existing training activities and develop a course for professional Planners and explore possible funding sources. The motion was seconded by Robert Berry. The motion carried.

Auburn Student Chapter - Mary Miller-Goodman gave the report on the Student Chapter activities at Auburn. She is the faculty advisor and Katie Richburg is Vice-President. The Student Chapter has 15 charter members with 5 officers on the Executive Committee. Katie Richburg reported on some of the Chapter's activities. They worked on the Dean Road Elementary School Earth Day event and nature trail. They are also working on a sign design for the riparian area on campus. They plan to have a fall kickoff for new members. They also plan to attend the National meeting in 1999 in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Awards Committee - Randall East presented two awards. The outstanding Service Award was presented to Wallace Pump and Supply. Ben Moore accepted the award on their behalf. The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Robert Berry. The National Board of Directors is presenting Earl Norton with a 1998 Service Award at the National Meeting I San Diego, California. Paul Kennedy has the Awards Handbook. Any award requires a minimum of 25 signatures and must be presented to the Executive Committee. There are six different awards available, and the deadline for their submission is December 12, 1998.

Old Business - None

New Business: Nominating Committee Report. Robert Berry gave the report for the Committee Chairman Steve Musser and stated that very few people voted in the Selection process. Robert made a motion to change the bylaws to allow the nominating committee to provide a slate of officers to the business meeting at the Annual Meeting and ask for nominations from the floor. This process will require a vote of the Chapter membership. Shirley Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The election results were: Paul Kennedy - President; President Elect - Mary Miller-Goodman; Treasurer - Rick Zellmer; Secretary - Julie Best; Area 2 Vice President - Heidi Janes; and Area 4 Vice President - Shirley Brown.

Robert Muncaster gave a report on the Erosion Control Task Force. He made a motion for the Alabama Chapter to adopt a policy statement that CPESC Committee adopt a pro-

forma BMP ordinance requiring CPESC approval authority. The motion was seconded by Paul Kennedy. The motion carried.

Grant Mattox made a motion that the Chapter write a letter of thanks to Deborah Sloat and April Griffin for their assistance with the Annual Meeting and also give them a dirt shirt. The motion was seconded by John Richburg. The motion carried.

Grant Mattox made a motion that Earl Norton be the Alabama Chapter's delegate to the National Meeting in San Diego, California and the Chapter provide him \$300.00 for expenses. Robert Berry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

John Richburg made a motion for the Alabama Chapter to assist the Mississippi Chapter with the Annual meeting in Biloxi in 1999. Philip seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Chapter needs to request official approval for NRCS employees in Alabama to assist with the meeting. Paul Kennedy will appoint an ad hoc committee to work on this project.

Randall East recognized the arrangements committee that planned the Annual Meeting. Those members were Shirley Brown, Grant Mattox, Carl Pennington, Sandy Page, Ben Malone, April Griffin, and Larry Morris. He also requested that the Chapter send a thank you letter to the Mobile Field Office for their assistance.

Randall then turned the meeting over to new president Paul Kennedy. Paul made some remarks concerning the good shape that the Chapter was in. He asked members for National Award nominees. He asked the Mississippi delegation for a letter requesting the Alabama Chapter's assistance with the National Meeting in 1999. He stated that he had received a request for assistance from the Birmingham Botanical Society with the new children's garden. Paul then adjourned the meeting and asked those planning to go on the tour to board the bus.

Respectfully submitted,

Rod Goode
Secretary 1997-1998

[Return](#) to AL Chapter SWCS Homepage