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**ANNUAL MEETING - ALABAMA CHAPTER**  
**Soil and Water Conservation Society**  
**Minutes - Business Session**  
**Huntsville, Alabama**  
**June 18, 1999**

President Paul Kennedy called the business meeting to order and welcomed all members and guests present. He extended a special welcome to students from Alabama A&M University.

**Minutes of the 1998 Annual Meeting** were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's report** was corrected to read 1999. The Treasurer's Report shows a balance of \$2,850.52 as of 6/15/99.

**MOTION: Ben Moore** moved approval of the Treasurer's report as corrected; Second by **Bobby Fox**. Motion carried.

**SWCS Annual Meeting: August 8-11, 1999**, are the dates of the SWCS Annual Meeting, Biloxi, MS. Several Chapter members have volunteered to assist Mississippi with the meeting. Paul encouraged Chapter members to attend.

**Student Chapter Report: Mary Miller-Goodman** reported for the Auburn Student Chapter of SWCS. There is a good mix of students from various disciplines involved in the Chapter. Officers for the coming year have been elected. **Katie Richburg** is the new President. **Dr. James W. Baier**, Agriculture Engineering, has agreed to be a Co-Advisor with Mary for the Chapter. The Chapter needs funds to assist students with dues. Some type of fundraiser will be a priority for the coming year.

Paul indicated that we would like to see a Student Chapter established at Alabama A&M University. The Alabama Chapter is willing to give support if there is interest in this area.

**Outreach Report: Sylvia Long** gave the Outreach Report. Outreach coordinators throughout the state have been appointed. Andrew Williams coordinates the program; Angie Billups is the Assistant Outreach Coordinator. Various projects are underway to reach the underserved in the state. The Alabama Chapter of Professional Black Natural Resources Conservation Service Employees will have their 4<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in Mobile, July 22-23, 1999. Alabama will host the Southeast Regional Meeting of Professional Black Natural Resources Conservation Service Employees in Birmingham, August 18-20, 1999.

**Strategic Plan:** In the absence of **Randall East, Ben Moore** presented the proposed Strategic Plan. Ben indicated that Earl Norton and Randall East attended the Chapter Development Workshop at last year's SWCS Annual meeting in San Diego. They came away from that meeting with a strong desire for the Alabama Chapter to have a Strategic Plan. Randall drafted a document, and members of the Executive Committee meet on June 3, 1999, to develop ideas for this plan. Ben emphasized that this is a working document; it is a place to begin developing some goals and strategies for the Chapter. He encouraged members to read the document and to send comments to any member of the Executive Committee. More importantly, he encouraged each member to identify how they can be an active part of this plan.

**MOTION:** In order to begin developing the Strategic Plan, **Ben Moore** made a motion to accept this Strategic Plan as a working document for the Chapter; Second by **Steve Musser**. Motion carried.

**Nominating Committee Report:** **Robert Berry** reported for the Nominating Committee. Based on the revision to the by-laws, the Nominating Committee recommends this slate of officers for 2000:

President Elect - **Rod Goode**, 1-year term

Area Vice Presidents:

Area I - **Stan Franklin**, 2-year term

Area III - **Ben Malone**, 2-year term

Area V - **Steve Musser**, 2-year term

Paul asked for nominations from the floor.

**MOTION:** **Bobby Fox** moved that nominations cease and that the slate of officers be elected as presented; there was a second. Motion carried.

Awards Committee: In the absence of **Rick Zellmer, Paul Kennedy** presented the awards for the year.

**Randall East** - For outstanding leadership in Chapter Development

**Earl Norton** - For leadership in CPESC

**Ben Moore** - For leadership in CCA

**Heidi Janes** - For coordinating the Alabama Chapter meeting

**Sylvia Long** - For coordinating local arrangements for the Chapter meeting

**New Business:**

**2000 Chapter Meeting Format:** **Robert Berry** presented a proposal for the format for the 2000 Chapter meeting. He suggested that the meeting focus on the products that are available to aid in erosion control. The idea is to invite numerous vendors to present exhibits and demonstrations of products that are available. Sunshine Supplies has agreed to help identify vendors who might like to participate.

**2000 Chapter Meeting Location:** The Executive Committee recommends that the 2000 Chapter meeting be held in Auburn, June 15-16, 2000, at the Quality Inn.

**MOTION: Robert Berry** moved that the Chapter support the recommendation of the Executive Committee and that the format for the meeting focus on products and services available to aid in erosion control; Second by **Joe Patridge**. Motion carried.

**SPONSORS:** Paul expressed appreciation to the sponsors of this year's meeting:

**International Erosion Control Association, Southeast Chapter**  
**Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.**  
**Norton and Associates**  
**Sunshine Supplies, Inc.**  
**Wallace Pump and Supply, Inc.**  
**USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service**

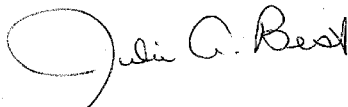
Paul turned the meeting over to Mary Miller-Goodman, President for 2000. Mary presented Paul with a plaque for Chapter leadership and thanked him for his good work.

Mary indicated that as the President-Elect, she, along with a committee comprised of Julie Best, Robert Berry, and Earl Norton, was responsible for developing the Annual Chapter Report. This was the first year that annual reports were submitted on-line. This form of submitting reports ensures a uniform response to questions. As a result of the work of the Alabama Chapter and the Annual Report that was submitted, the Chapter was recognized as the Outstanding Chapter for the South Central Region. The award will be presented to the Chapter at the SWCS meeting in Biloxi. Mary thanked everyone for his or her work in helping make the Alabama Chapter outstanding.

**MOTION: Jim McCullough**, made a motion that the Alabama Chapter send a delegate to the SWCS meeting; Second by **Steve Musser**. Motion carried.

Mike Roden informed the group of the tour plans. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 to go on the reciprocating wetlands tour.

Respectfully submitted,



JULIE A. BEST  
Secretary for 1999-2000

Attachments:

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