

Alabama Chapter – Soil and Water Conservation Society
Annual Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2006
Huntsville, AL – Holiday Inn Research Park

President Tracy Cole called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

Minutes from the June 2005 meeting were handed out to those in attendance. Members were given an opportunity to look over the minutes and suggest any changes to them. A motion and second were made to approve the report. The motion passed unanimously.

Zona Beaty gave the treasurer's report. Copies of the financial report were distributed to members. The bank balance as of 6/6/06 was \$74,504.09. General Revenue balance is \$15,794.65 and the Erosion Control Project is \$58,709.44. A motion and second were made to approve the report. It passed unanimously.

Tracy Cole gave the president's report. The Alabama Chapter won 3 national awards for the previous year: Chapter Achievement Award, Professional Development Award, and Outstanding Chapter Award. Tracy mentioned all the activities that SWCS had been involved in during the past year and told the members about partnering with the Professional Soil Classifiers of Alabama to construct soil monoliths to place at state parks.

Suzanne Baucom gave the Area I vice president's report. There is a mid-year meeting planned for the members in Area I. Skip Ragsdale in Area III has been contacting previous members in his area and trying to get more awareness of SWCS in the central Alabama area. Tracy Cole reported for DeLarie Parmer, Area V, about Earth Day activities that took place at Fort Rucker.

Rod Goode gave the regional director's report. When Rod's term as regional director expires, he will become the liaison between SWCS and CPESC. SWCS's national meeting will be held in Keystone, Colorado later this summer. Ira Lindville from Kentucky will be the new South Central director. The national office has hired someone to assist the chapters in professional development matters.

Earl Norton gave a report on the erosion and sediment control program. Several field days and seminars were held throughout the year. There will hopefully be RUSLE2 training within the next year. Earl is finishing his term as chairperson of CPESC, Inc. Billy Bullard is the State Representative for Alabama in the CPESC, Inc. organization. The Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook's revision was completed in February 2006. There will be 2 Red Water Blues Field Days held in 2006 - Auburn and Tuscaloosa. There is money in the budget to produce a brochure on sediment and for the translation of the Field Guide into Spanish.

Training was held at Tuskegee University for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, with the possibility of more sessions in the future. There will be research initiated by Auburn

University at the E.V. Smith Research Center evaluating erosion and sediment control techniques.

Skip Ragsdale gave the membership committee report. The chapter has lost 5 members since last year.

Steve Musser gave the chapter development report. The Leadership Development Internship program was announced. The program will give new members the opportunity to learn about SWCS and help prepare them for future leadership positions. Applications for 2006- 2007 are due July 14.

Monday Mbila gave the student chapter report from Alabama A&M. The chapter which is now recognized by the American Society of Agronomy, placed fourth in the national poster contest in fall of 2005. There was an Alabama Water Watch workshop held for the students during the year. The recycling program is still continuing for the chapter.

Joyce Nicholas requested articles from members for publication of the newsletter. Deana Mann advised members of the things available on the SWCS website.

Detra Boutwell, CCA Chairperson, thanked the chapter for its sponsorship of the CCA/TSP training held in December in Auburn. Work is continuing for the construction of a CCA display.

Heidi Janes presented awards to the following people:

Dr. Doug Phillips – for his role in educating the people of Alabama about natural resources

Tracy Cole- for his leadership as president during the 2005- 06 year

Randy Raper and the Conservation Tillage Research Team – for the research done relating to the adoption of conservation tillage in Alabama

Julie Best – for her assistance with the annual meetings, design, media, and printing of material needed by the chapter

Allison Jenkins – for her leadership as the coordinator of the Alabama Clean Water Partnership

Monday Mbila announced the winners of the poster contest. First place went to Saini Monika of Auburn University. Second place went to Sri Kuppiedy of Alabama A&M University.

Stan Franklin presented the following slate of officers for 2006 – 2007:

President: Kirk Iversen

President Elect: Steve Musser

Secretary: Anne Cross

Treasurer: Zona Beaty

Area II Vice President: Francisco Arriaga

Area IV Vice President: Joyce Nicholas

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

Don Kimbrell, from the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, spoke to the group relating to certified pesticide applicator re-certification.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Deana Lasater Mann
Secretary for the Alabama Chapter of SWCS