STEPHENS COUNTY

**SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# M I N U T E S

**OCTOBER 17, 2011**

## EASTANOLLEE, GEORGIA

 The Supervisors of the Stephens County Soil and Water Conservation District met on Monday, September 10, 2011 at the Kimsey Environmental Center in Eastanollee, Georgia.

 Supervisors present were: Roger Sheppard, Evan Hellenga and Jeanette Jamieson. Supervisor absent was: Willard Kimsey. Others present were: Robert Amos, Alan Smith, Russell Biggers and Jonsey Haygood.

Chairman Sheppard gave the welcome and invocation. The minutes of the September meeting were approved on a motion by Jamieson and seconded by Hellenga. The motion passed.

District Treasurer Hellenga gave the treasury report. Smith reported four paid meetings are scheduled at the Kimsey Center for November and one for December. Smith also reported on the estimates that were given to install new carpet, tile or hardwood flooring in the meeting room. After discussion the item was tabled until the next district meeting.

Regional Representative Amos gave the State Conservation Commission report. Amos reported that the GACDS Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 6-8, 2012 at the Chateau Elan in Braselton, Georgia. Amos also reported that some of the maintenance solutions the State Conservation Commission have performed on some of the watershed structures that the district might be able to explore.

District Conservationist Biggers gave the NRCS report. Biggers reported the cutoff date for EQIP applications was September 30th and they will now begin ranking the applications but the amount of EQIP funding that Georgia will receive has not been made public. Jamieson reported on the proposed 23 billion cut in Agricultural programs that is being debated.

Supervisor Jamieson gave a report on RC&D activities. She reported that there will be a full council meeting on October 28, 2011 in Banks County and there will be a discussion on maintaining the watershed structures.

County Commissioner Haygood reported on activities in Stephens County. He stated that County Administrator John Rutan has given his resignation and Phyllis Ayers is the acting County Administrator and Finance Director. Haygood also reported a final decision on the county administrator’s position will be made in January.

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In other district business: Jamieson reported that reservations have been made at the Dillard House for the District’s Christmas meeting.

The next district meeting will be **Monday, November 21, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at the Kimsey Environmental Center** in Eastanollee, Georgia.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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 Robert Amos

 Regional Representative

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