

THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS held a Special Meeting on Monday, November 26, 2012 beginning at 6:00 P.M. at Cooperative Extension, McLaurin Street in Wadesboro, North Carolina.

Commissioners present: Anna H. Baucom, Chair
Bobby Sikes
Vancine Sturdivant
Jarvis Woodburn

Staff members present: Lawrence R. Gatewood, County Manager
Bonnie M. Huntley, CMC, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board

Chairman Baucom called the Special Meeting to Order, noting the purpose of said meeting was dinner and a presentation to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Soil & Water Conservation District.

Members of the Brown Creek Soil and Water Conservation Board present were Ronnie Morgan, Chair; Eddie Edwards, Vice Chair; Johnny Springer and Nicole Carpenter. Also present were Tina Rowell, District Administrator and Charles Dunn, Resource Conservationist.

Mr. Morgan told those present that on August 4, 1937, Brown Creek Soil and Water Conservation District was established as the first in the state and the nation. Mr. Morgan added that this was heralded into place by Anson County native Hugh Hammond Bennett. Mr. Morgan noted that Mr. Bennett was known as the "Father of Soil Conservation".

Mr. Dunn gave a very informative power point presentation for those attending. He pointed out that to date our nation has over 3,000 conservation districts across all 50 states and major U.S. Territories. All of these districts celebrate the same birthplace, Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District. Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District administers the North Carolina Agriculture Cost Share Program and its affiliated programs. They also provide assistance to several Federal programs such as EQIP and CRP. The purpose of these programs is to reduce nonpoint source pollution into our streams, lakes and rivers. This reduction is achieved by providing cost share assistance to agricultural landowners and operators who use Best Management Practices to reduce pollutants (sediment, animal waste, pesticides, nutrients, etc.) leaving the land and entering the waters. Performance for 2012 landed Anson County among the top 40% of state allocations for 2013 program year. Among the educational opportunities are the annual resource conservation workshop, Envirothon and the Anson County Conservation Contests. Brown Creek Soil and Water Conservation District is committed to providing continued technical assistance to any of those who seek support with soil and water needs. They address resource concerns

such as: erosion and drainage, soil analysis, stream protection, waste management and more.

Chairman Baucom offered thanks on behalf of the board for the delicious meal.

Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Bonnie M. Huntley, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

Meeting time: 1 hr. 15 min.