



Rockdale Soil and Water Conservation District

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2023

Meeting via Zoom

**Time and Place of the Meeting:**

Rockdale Soil and Water Conservation District regular monthly meeting was scheduled for Friday, February 24, 2023 via Zoom.

**Attendance:**

Supervisor present:

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson,  
Level 1B & Level 2 licensed  
Supervisor Timothy Glenn,  
Level 1B licensed  
Supervisor Douglas John Colon

Other Attendees

The Community - Ms. Sylvia Gholson  
The Community - Monica Craft  
Rockdale County, Orlando Robinson

**Call to Order**

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson welcomed and thanked all attendees. **Supervisors absent:** George Kelecheck and Jason Bailey

**Minutes**

There were no minutes read.

**Treasury**

\$15,625.87

## **USDA/NRCS Report**

Mr. Terrance Rudolph was not present and there has not been a report submitted from this office in over a year. Therefore, there was no report read. **No February 2023 report was sent** to Chairman Kenny A. Johnson via email. Nevertheless, it should be well noted that Chairman Johnson is the first Black man to write a successful grant for his district as Chairman of Rockdale Soil and Water Conservation District. Chairman Johnson designed grant NR2040310XXXC022 and has 129K+ remaining to spend for the benefit of the community. Moreover, Mr. Rudolph promised Chairman Johnson that additional grant funds will be earmarked for the year 2024. Chairman Johnson sits on International Boards and he will be connecting with schools overseas to schools here in Rockdale County to enhance the conservation program that he designed for the district.

## **LIA Reports**

Mr. Orlando Robinson, of Rockdale County Environmental Division, spoke about the development around Rockdale County, for which Chairman Johnson asked about Avondale's Lake Development. Mr. Robinson stated that Avondale's Lake is fine but there were just problems with the runoff from the pond. Chairman Johnson suggested that polymer be used to control the runoff. Chairman Johnson wants the citizens to know that Rockdale County is the Water Authority and they are under Federal sections 402 and 404 of the Clean Water Act, not the City of Conyers. The City of Conyers is not relevant under the Federal EPA laws.

## **Community Report**

Monica Craft, Community Representative, asked about the contaminated water that is running down Lenox Drive. Mr. Robinson said that he will look into it; in addition to stating that the majority of the area that is being developed has been indexed by the City of Conyers. Chairman Johnson said that it sounded like a back door deal because it was put in before the public was aware. Henceforth, a deal was worked out among Rockdale County, the City of Conyers, the developers and the engineers without the public being notified first. Ms. Craft also asked about the two sinkholes on the lead contaminated development property, for which Mr. Robinson stated that he did know anything about it. Chairman Johnson said it was a cover-up and there will be a Federal investigation against the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission, the City of Conyers; along with their engineers, Fran Jones and Tony Lucas.

Ms. Sylvia Gholson, Community Representative, inquired about the right away at Weatherstone, for which Mr. Orlando Robinson stated that parts of it are in the City of Conyers and the other parts are in Rockdale County. Ms. Gholson also wanted to know how the community can get more information, for which Mr. Robinson said that she would need to go on the Rockdale County website.

### **Districts Supervisor Report**

On February 24, 2023, RSWCD Supervisors, leaders from the community and one representative from Rockdale County were present. Chairman Johnson opened the meeting greeting everyone at approximately 8:30 a.m. Mr. Douglas John Colon was sworn in as the newly appointed District Supervisor for Rockdale Soil and Water Conservation District and the meeting proceeded.

District Supervisor Colon inquired about the road connected to the Knob Hill community. Mr. Robinson indicated that Brian Kelly of Rockdale County DOT may have more information. Chairman Johnson said he talked to Brian Kelly and informed him not to build a road for the City of Conyers. The City of Conyers and the developers will be in violation of the law and the engineers licenses could be taken away, if this road is built. Chairman Johnson went on to say that there are a lot of engineers in Rockdale County and in the City of Conyers who are illegally signing permits. Chairman Johnson has informed the Federal investigators and this is why there are clear cut trees and no soil tests. It's illegal what Rockdale County and the City of Conyers are doing as there are lots of contaminated run-off and lead contamination in the land. Chairman Johnson has been trained in lead abatement and therefore knows what is happening.

Chairman Johnson also said that the development in the Weatherstone community is destroying property value. They will find out who illegally signed permits as it appears that it was either the engineers or the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission. However, the illegal signing of permits can be stopped by Judge Nancy Bill or Judge Mumford but both judges are pro developers. Moreover, both judges can sign the stop work orders or an injunction to stop the clear cut trees that are destroying the community. The concern is about the citizens of Rockdale County's quality of life. Chairman Johnson informed District Supervisors Douglas Colon and Timothy Glenn that they will work on new By-laws in an executive session. Chairman Johnson also said they will send a cease and desist letter to the Georgia State Attorney General's Office to the attention of Peggy Eckrote; in addition to the City of Conyers and the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission in order to stop the harassment as well as threats of Sunshine Laws. What they are doing is racist toward the District and Chairman Johnson. Moreover, there will be a cease and desist letter coming from the community against Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

Chairman Johnson went on to say that there should not be any outside groups, such as the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission and those in Milledgeville, Georgia writing the agenda for Rockdale Soil and Water Conservation District. The agendas for Rockdale Soil and Water Conservation District should come from Chairman Johnson, who the citizens of Rockdale County voted for and gave him the most votes. In addition, no outside groups should

be in control of the funds. Rockdale County did not vote for the Georgia Solid and Water Conservation Commission who does not live in Rockdale County. Moreover, the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission did not elect Chairman Johnson. The Chairman continued to state that the illegal MOA that's causing the clear cut of trees in all of Rockdale County will be removed as the Federal investigators are working to stop the illegal building, etc. in Rockdale County.

Finally, Chairman Johnson said that he's going to work with the community about the heavy trucks coming in and out on Farmer Road and over by Miller Bottoms as well as stop the City of Conyers plans to try to reopen landfill by Miller Bottom. Citizen of Rockdale County do not want a ghetto cement or asphalt Polluted community. The community wants a golf cart community with green trees. Rockdale County is the second smallest county and should not be turned into a ghetto cement or asphalt community. The citizens of Rockdale County deserve a better quality of life. Chairman Johnson also wants the citizens of Rockdale County to know that Rockdale County was fined by the DNR in February 2023 and therefore Chairman Johnson is working on a consent decree in order to get control of the environmental problems here in Rockdale County!

The next meeting will be March 24, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom.

### **Erosion and Sediment Control Plans**

There was not a report read. Additionally, there were no developing plans sent to Chairman Johnson Rockdale Soil and Water Conservation District mailboxes. Therefore, there are no outstanding developing plans due nor are there any Developing plans late (35 days). However, the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission And the City of Conyers also Rockdale County Chris Carr Attorney general office Governor Brian Kemp office is in violation of O.C.G.A. 12-7-10. Chairman Kenny A. Johnson is the only District Supervisor with a Level 2 license. A level 2 license holder can review development plans. Both Chairman Kenny A. Johnson and District Supervisor Tim Glenn have Level 1 B licenses. This is how the clear cutting of Rockdale County Community will stop immediately !!!

### **Adjourn**

Chairman Kenny A. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting has been set for Friday, March 24, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom. There was no mandate in place by the Governor's office to have meetings in brick and mortar. The next meeting will be to empower the citizens of Rockdale County to stop the clear cutting and stop the sewer backup contamination!

**Submitted by: Chairman Kenny A. Johnson**