

August 28, 2019

**Minutes
Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District
971 West King Street, Boone NC
August 28, 2019 Meeting # 1**

Present:

Denny Norris – Chair
Jimmy South
Bill Moretz
Todd Combs
Chris Hughes-
Rick McSwain

Janie Poe- Admin
Graham Fox- Tech
David Tucker-NRCS
Rosie Grajales-NRCS
Jessica Janc- RC&D
Derek Goddard - BREC
Christine Vance- NRCS

Denny Norris called the meeting at 8 am

Approval of the minutes – Chris Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bill Moretz seconded; all were in favor.

Chris Hughes made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Jimmy South seconded all were in favor.

Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Reminder:

In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict. Does any board member have any conflicts of interest or appearances of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the board today? If so, please identify the conflict or appearances of conflict and refrain from any undue participation in the particular matter involved.

No conflicts presented.

BREC- Derek Godard

Robert (Bobby) Greene EQIP #7474 stream project is complete. USDA has inspected, everything looked good. Derek Godard asks the Board to sign the request for reimbursement letter in the amount of \$111,689.97. An administrative fee of \$2,000 will go to the Watauga SWCD Board.

Chris Hughes made a motion to approve the signature on the request for reimbursement in the amount of \$111,689.97. Bill Moretz seconded; all were in favor.

Janie Poe informed the Board that Jonathan Hartsell was enquiring about the RC&D board seat held by a SWCD member. Janie Poe stated it was Todd Combs who had agreed to sit on that board. Now that Todd has taken on the Vice Chair / Department Head he might not want that responsibility also.

Chris Hughes agreed to take the RC&D seat off Todd Combs.

Applications Submitted for August 15th batching period.

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- **Matthew Duval** – submitted an application for a supplement to contract # 95-2019-005 for a spring development, cattle crossing and 700ft of fencing for the cattle crossing. Chris Hughes made a motion to approve the supplement application for Matthew Duval. Bill Moretz seconded all were in favor.
- **Jeff Brown** submitted an application for a supplement to contract #95-2018-005 for filter cloth, gravel, grading etc. After Board discussion, it was decided to get the access road stabilized. Chris Hughes made a motion to approve the supplement application to stabilize and correct the access road. Todd Combs seconded; all were in favor.
- **Rodney Presnell** submitted an application for drinkers, road repair and a heavy use area. Chris Hughes made a motion to approve the application for Rodney Presnell. Jimmy South seconded; all were in favor.
- **Robert Hardy** submitted an application livestock exclusion, drinkers, and heavy use area. Chris Hughes made a motion to approve the application for Robert Hardy. Bill Moretz seconded; all were in favor.
- **Horse Helpers** submitted an application for livestock exclusion, well, and drinkers. Chris Hughes made a motion to approve the application for Horse Helpers. Jimmy South seconded; all were in favor.
- **David Stephens** submitted an application for a supplement to contract 95-2019-003 for culverts. Bill Moretz made a motion to approve the supplement application for David Stephens. Chris Hughes seconded; all were in favor,
- **Elaine Pritchard** submitted an application for drinkers, well, pump, and livestock exclusion. Chris Hughes made a motion to approve the application for Elaine Pritchard. Bill Moretz seconded; were in favor.

RFP's generated between SWCD meetings

- RFP for contract # 95-2019-501 CCAP Valle Crucis Park was submitted June 27, 2019 in the amount of \$7,546 this will complete the contract.
- RFP for contract # 95-2019-003 Davis Stephens was submitted August 13, 2019. The original amount was \$18,307. Christine Vance went out and had to adjust a couple bmp's there for it changed the contract amount to \$13, 217.
- RFP for contract# 95-2019-005 Matthew Duval was submitted August 5, 2019 for fencing in the amount of \$8,057.
This RFP is a partial payment

Contract updates

- **Doug Carson 95-2019-801 AgWRAP** for well and pump for cattle. Drillers went 640 ft. it was a dry hole. Mr. Carson is checking on the expense of getting power to another possible site. David Tucker requested RFP approval for \$4,500.

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Chris Hughes made a motion to approve the RFP for contract #95-2019-801 AgWRAP for Doug Carson in the amount of \$4,500. Todd Combs seconded; all were in favor.

- Justin Eggers 95-2019-006 technical assistance has been requested.
- Matthew Duval 95-2019-006 fencing completed Christine Vance and Rosie Grajales has been out to check on the work.
- David Stephens 95-2019-003 has applied now for a supplement to this contract for culverts.
- Jeff Brown 95-2018-005 Christine Vance and Rosie Grajales went out and met with Jeff about his access road.

NRCS Report- David Tucker

David Tucker reviewed the Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners with the Board. Also updated them on projects.

Division Report- Rick McSwain

- Discussed MOA's, trainings, update on CET and Farm Act.
- JAA through the Commission
- Area 2 fall meeting October 10th Wilkes.
- Certified Well Drillers have responsibility for JAA on wells now.

RC&D Report- Jessica Janc – nothing to report.

Administrative Report – Janie Poe

- Area 2 fall meeting in Wilkes October 10, 2019. Request approval for time and travel for Staff to attend.
Chris Hughes made a motion to allow time and travel for staff to attend fall meeting in Wilkes October 10, 2019. Bill Moretz seconded; all were in favor.
- Wilkes requested help for field days. Janie Poe can help September 18 & 19 if approve for time and travel.
Chris Hughes made a motion to approve time and travel for Janie Poe to help Wilkes with field days. Bill Moretz seconded; all were in favor.
- Alleghany requested assistance with County Envirothon October 24, 2019.
Chris Hughes made a motion to approve Janie Poe to assist Alleghany with their County Envirothon October 24, 2019. Bill Moretz seconded; all were in favor.
- Annual meeting will be January 5-7 at Charlotte NC. Janie Poe request approval for Staff to attend.
Chris Hughes made a motion for both Janie Poe and Graham Fox to attend annual meeting in Charlotte January 5-7. Bill Moretz seconded; all were in favor.
- Environmental Field Days will be September 5th & 6th anyone wanting to come out, it is at Valle Crucis Park. We have around 400 kids coming this year.

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Next meeting September 25th, 2019

Thank you all for coming.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Janie Poe

 signed 9-25-19 date

Denny Norris, Chair