

January 22, 2020

Minutes
Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District
971 West King Street, Boone NC
January 22, 2020 Meeting # 5
Present:

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

Janie Poe- Admin
Graham Fox- Tech
David Tucker
Rosie Grajales

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.

Agenda was accepted as presented

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.

No conflicts noted

District Report – Graham Fox

95-2020-001 Matt Duval updates- informed the Board this project had progressed nicely. Graham Fox reviewed the project with the Board and will be scheduling to go out and take some measurements and verify a couple things then he will be ready to present the Board with a RFP on the contract.

952019-006 Justin Eggers- In December the Division Engineers came up from Raleigh and done the surveying on the property for a feeding pad. Justin wants a feed barn. The Board discussed this and informed Graham about the Board voted to use the NC NRCS feed site assessment tool. Graham is checking with Justin to see if he is still interested in the feed pad.

Jeff Brown came by and requested Graham to come out and look at his farm. Graham Fox explained the process with him. Mr. Eggers ranked higher than Mr. Brown.

Charles Norris talked with Denny Norris and David Tucker about erosion issues he is having.

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David told Charles, he and Graham Fox would come out and take a look to see what might could be done to help the issues he is having. Will keep the Board informed.

NRCS Report- David Tucker- Still waiting on a Farm Bill, EQIP rules are out for public review. NRCS is taking applications and working on CSP contracts.

RC&D Report – Chris Hughes- Nothing to report at this time.

Division Report – Rick McSwain- Reviewed the Annual meeting and the Resolutions to the Board. Training events coming up and spring meeting activities. Reminded everyone of the water point training in Caldwell tomorrow. Discussed resilience grant through the foundation.

Administrative Report- Janie Poe-

- 2 prospects for RCW workshop

Janie Poe is going to check and see how much it would cost to send two individuals and let the Board know at the next meeting.

Chris Hughes made a motion to approve regular Board meeting date changes as follows: July TBD, August 19, 2020, and November 18, 2020. Jimmy South seconded; all were in favor.

Bill Moretz made a motion to approve time and travel (personal vehicle) for Graham Fox and Janie Poe to attend CET in Wilmington August 23 – 27. Chris Hughes seconded; all were in favor.

Bill Moretz made a motion to approve time and travel for Graham Fox and Janie Poe for the spring meeting in Yadkinville March 12, and awards night in Alexander County March 19, 2020. Chris Hughes seconded; all were in favor.

Bill Moretz made a motion to approve time and travel for Janie Poe and Graham Fox to attend Envirothon clean up March 24 and the Envirothon March 25 in Wilkesboro.

Janie Poe discussed the IT departments request for her to bring her computer to them every two weeks to get updates.

Next meeting February 26, 2020

Thank you for coming.

Minutes submitted by: Janie Poe



signed date 1-26-20

Denny Norris, Chair