

**Minutes**  
**Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**971 West King Street, Boone NC**  
**June 24, 2020 Meeting # 8**  
**Present:**

**Denny Norris – Chair**  
**Bill Moretz**  
**Jimmy South**

**Janie Poe- Admin**  
**Graham Fox- Tech**  
**David Tucker-NRCS**  
**Jessica Janc- RC&D**

**Denny Norris called the meeting at 8 am**

**Approval of the minutes – Bill Moretz made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jimmy South 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.***

**Jimmy South recused from voting on anything pertaining to Elaine Pritchard due to a conflict of interest.**

**District Report- Graham Fox**

**New Farm Bill updated the Board on items pertaining to SWCD**

**Updated SWCD Board on response from Division pertaining to engineering turnaround time.**

**ACSP New Application for August batching period**

- **Larry Kitchens – concrete fed pad, exclusion fencing**

**Bill Moretz made a motion to approve the application for Larry Kitchens. Jimmy South seconded; all were in favor.**

**95-2019-006 Justin Eggers- Engineers have finished, we should have design by the end of the month.**

**95-2020-003 Jeff Brown contract is drafted \$10,369 access road**

- Chris Hughes made a motion to approve the contract 95-2020-003 for Jeff Brown for \$10,369 access road and conservation cover. Bill Moretz seconded; all were in favor.

95-2020-004- Elaine Pritchard – drinkers, heavy use area, exclusion fencing roughly \$7,500

- Chris Hughes made a motion to approve the contract 95-2020-004 for Elaine Pritchard. Bill Moretz seconded; Jimmy South recused, motion passed

95-2020-005 Rodney Presnell – drinkers, heavy use area, access road repair.

- Bill Moretz made a motion to approve contract 95-2020-005 for Rodney Presnell contingent on signature from Denny Norris, Chair. Jimmy South seconded; all were in favor.

#### AgWRAP

- 95-2019-801 Doug Carson is going to use the well from last fall. They will put the pump in it within the next few weeks. Funding for the pump was in 2019 contract.

#### BMP Audit Form

- Bill Moretz made a motion to approve the BMP Audit Form as presented. Jimmy South seconded; all were in favor.

MOU form- was emailed to Mark Ferguson

#### NRCS Report- David Tucker

- Deadline for ranking July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Should have information in a couple weeks who was funded
- NC was awarded 21 million to spend.

#### RC&D- Jessica Janc

- Waiting on permits for Wards Mill Dam removal project.
- Updated the SWCD on progress at the site.

#### Division Report- Rick McSwain

- Updated the Board on deadlines
- Commission meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup>
- JAA- Commission has to adopt a policy discussed with SWCD Board
- Training options virtual and in person

#### Administrative Report – Janie Poe

- Election filing starts at noon June 8<sup>th</sup> and ends July 6 at noon. Todd Combs seat is up for reelection.

- Denny Norris is up for reappointment
- Cancellation of meetings CET, Fall, Annual

Next meeting will be August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 unless an issue comes up.

Thank you, for coming.

Meeting adjourned

Minutes submitted by: Janie Poe

Denny Norris signed 8 - 26 - 2020 date

Denny Norris, Chair