

September 28, 2022

MINUTES

**Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District
971 West King Street, Boone NC 28607
September 28, 2022**

Present:

Denny Norris- Chair

**Chris Hughes – phone in
Admin**

Bill Moretz

Todd Combs

Mikey Woodie - Tech

Michelle Kasey -

Ashlan Holland

Rick McSwain

Denny Norris called meeting to order 8:34 am.

Approval of the minutes- Accepted

Approval of the agenda- Accepted

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.

District Report- Mikey Woodie

New Applications:

CCAP: Valle Crucis Park – Grassed swale, permeable pavement, storm water wetland. Water is currently pooling in walkway. Chris Hughes made a motion to approve application, Bill Moretz 2nd. Application approved.

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AgWrap: Kara Dodson – Well and pump. Client currently watering by bucket. Bill Moretz made a motion to approve; Todd Combs 2nd.

Application approved.

Updates:

95-2020-005 Rodney Presnell. Client working on securing a contractor.

95-2021-003 Michael Greene Mark Forbes to have design finalized by end of September.

95-2021-004 Kris Kuhn Construction to begin soon.

95-2022-001 Jeff Brown Preliminary design does not meet landowner needs. State engineer and Cost Share specialist suggested that we cancel contract and start over. Chris Hughes made a motion to cancel and redo; Bill Moretz 2nd. Motion carried. Woodie to cancel and redo contract.

95-2022-004 Rusty Henson Waiting on contractors.

95-2022-005 Dale Cornette Working with client on final design.

95-2022-007 Jessica Miller Working on design with client.

95-2023-001 ACSP Scott Jensen – Working on conservation planning and design.

AgWrap

95-2022-801 Genevieve Mente Waiting on cultural resources review from the State.

CCAP

95-2022-501 Green Valley Community Park Engineer chosen to approve design.

95-2022-502 Blue Ridge Conservancy Survey postponed until vegetation dies back.

StRAP

Elk Creek Project and South Fork New River Project Have advertised for bids in Watauga Democrat, County's website and FACEBOOK.

Farm Family – Kasey and Woodie to take pictures and order plaque in the coming weeks.

NRCS Report – Ashlan Holland (for David Tucker) EQUIP and CSP applications have deadlines of 10/14/22.

Division Report – Rick McSwain

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There will be Supervisor Training the day before the Annual Meeting, 1/7/23. Registration will be sent out soon. Meeting 1/8/23-1/10/23.

The Fall meeting is October 13th in Alleghany County.

The definition of a Bona Fide Farm has changed which changes the parameters for Ag Cost Share. This has the potential to knock some small farmers out of our programs. Several Counties have submitted Resolutions about this issue.

RC&D: Chris Hughes – no report

Michelle Kasey – Administrative update

Supervisor appointment deadline October 15, 2022. Jimmy South is up for reappointment. Chris Hughes made a motion to reappoint Jimmy South, Bill Moretz 2nd. Motion carried.

Denny Norris, Chair adjourned the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30am.

Next meeting will be October 26, 2022

Minutes submitted by: Michelle Kasey

Denny Norris Signed 10-26-22 Dated
Denny Norris, Chair