

## Minutes

### Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District

971 West King Street, Boone NC

November 25, 2015 Meeting # 5

#### Present

Denny Norris- Chair

Rob Hunt

Angela Gragg

Janie Poe

Al Childers

Rob Baldwin – Area Coordinator

Brian Chatham – participated by telephone due to illness

Denny Norris opened the meeting.

Minutes were accepted as presented.

Angela Gragg recused herself from voting on anything pertaining to Paul Gragg.

Brian Chatham – District Report:

Applications that have been ranked

1<sup>st</sup> batching period – 1<sup>st</sup> ranking

- Charles Norris 89 pts.
- Paul Gragg/ Billy Jo Main 76 pts.
- Andy Bryant 73 pts.

2<sup>nd</sup> batching period- 2<sup>nd</sup> ranking

- Greg Van Allen 71 pts.
- Bob Shipley (left side of the road with barn) 94 pts.
- Ronnie Joe Brown not ranked for NCACSP since federal and/or state funding program has not been decided.

Ranked applications from the two batches were combined for the first round of funding with the following results:

- Bob Shipley ranked 1<sup>st</sup> (94 pts)  
AI Childers made a motion to do Bob Shipley's (the barn side with feed pad) for approximately \$32,000. Rob Hunt seconded; all were in favor with the exception of Angela Gragg abstaining from voting.
- Charles Norris ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> (89 pts)  
Rob Hunt made a motion to do Charles Norris's for approximately \$ 27,000. AI Childers seconded; all were in favor.
- Billy Jo Main/ Paul Gragg ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> (76 pts)  
AI Childers made a motion to do Betty Jo Main/ Paul Gragg for approximately \$14,000.  
Rob Hunt seconded; all were in favor with the exception of Angela Gragg abstaining from voting.
- Andy Bryant ranked 4<sup>th</sup> (73 pts)  
Rob Hunt made a motion to do Andy Bryant's for approximately \$10,000. AI Childers seconded; all were in favor.  
We will rank again after January batching period ends.

Mr. Shipley will need to apply with a new application for the right hand side of the road.

CCAP project- not finished due to incorrect calculations by designer. It has been redone. Jason Matthews is waiting on bio-retention soil. Labor was done by students and the plants were donated and the Horticulture class is going to plant them.

We have \$4,198 in new CCAP money and \$5,000 in AgWRAP money.  
Brian may be able to tag team with other groups.

Next meeting will be Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 am we will need to vote on Shipley and Billy Jo Main contracts. Both of these contracts will need Soil & Water Commission approval since Paul Gragg leases land from both. They need to be on the next Soil & Water Commission meeting agenda on January 4<sup>th</sup> at the Annual meeting

Rob Baldwin- S&W Commission would like to have CCAP funding regionalized. Has to be changed through the rules process and may be 2017 before this change can be made.

Job approval authority discussed. It is taking a long time to get through JAA process for the District Employees. Probably will be discussed at the Annual meeting

Division will do cost –share training for the District Employees maybe in February at Wilkes.

Janie – reminded the Board that she has gator raffle tickets

Deadline for the Annual meeting is December 1<sup>st</sup> (Janie sent the information with notification for the last (Oct) meeting.

Dates are January 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> in Durham

Disclaimer – we need the whole group to review and discuss.

Progressive Farmer-

Does the Board want to renew or cancel?

Al Childers made a motion not to renew the subscription. Angela Gragg seconded; all were in favor.

Rob Baldwin- rainfall simulator

Last meeting in Alleghany, Linda Hash said she has been talking with the man that makes simulators. He plans to have a website up sometime around the first of the year.

Rob Baldwin also let the Board know about an article in the Charlotte Observer about water it was 5 parts and you can access it on line.

Next meeting is December 14, 2015. Janie re-did the sign for December to reflect the date change.

Happy Thanksgiving wishes to all.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Janie Poe

Denny Norris signed 12-14-15 date

Denny Norris, Chair