

Minutes

Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District

971 West King Street, Boone NC

December 14, 2015 Meeting # 6

Present

Denny Norris- Chair

Janie Poe

Angela Gragg

David Tucker

Al Childers

Brian Chatham

Joey Clawson- phoned in for the meeting

Denny Norris opened the meeting.

Angela Gragg recused from voting on both contracts being presented today.

Al Childers made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Angela Gragg seconded; all were in favor.

David Tucker – EQIP is rolling along people are applying now for the 2017 year. We have 90 applications for the 6 Counties. We were allocated 17.5 million for NC. The new team structuring will begin in January 2016. Watauga County will be part of team 3.

Al Childers- RC&D board is happy with Jonathan Hartsell's performance in his position.

Brian Chatham reports-

Contract # 95-2016-004- Bob Shipley for a short access rd, 3,000 ft of fence, 6 water tanks, well & pump for a total of \$28,683.00. This was the #1 ranking applicant.

Al Childers made a motion to approve the contract # 95-2016-004 for \$28,683.00. Joey Clawson seconded; Angela Gragg recused, all others were in favor.

Contract # 95-2016-003- Billy Jo Main for a 40x40 high use area, 200 ft fence, 4 water tanks, well, pump and 950ft of pipe for a total of \$14,684.00.

Al Childers made a motion to approve the contract # 95-2016-003 for \$14, 684.00. Joey Clawson seconded; Angela Gragg recused, all others were in favor.

Brian has already gotten on the agenda for the NC Soil & Water Commission meeting January 3, 2016

Contract # 95-2015-010 Danny Miller is finished with the repair on his road. This final RFP in the amount of \$10,726 will close out his contract.

Angela Gragg made a motion to pay final payment of \$10,726 on Contract # 95-2015-010. Joey Clawson seconded; all were in favor.

Contract # 95-2015-005 Amy Fiedler has hog drinkers installed, she is working with Eddy Labus on rotational grazing. She had 26 hogs; she is down to about half that amount now. She is requesting a final RFP in the amount of \$3,377.00.

Angela Gragg made a motion to pay the final payment of \$3,377.00 on Contract # 95-2015-005. Al Childers seconded; all were in favor.

CCAP update- Contract # 95-15-501 Brian was out at the site on Friday and they were ready to start planting today, but the rain will more than likely postpone that. They are putting up a Kiosk and split rail fence at the rain garden. Everyone seems to be please with the way it has turned out. The Board can expect a RFP on this contract at January's Board meeting.

Laura England and Brian have been talking about tag teaming on Hardin Creek project. We got approximately \$5,000.00 in funding we might be able to combine it with some grants she is working on.

Brian, David and Janie are traveling to Waynesville tomorrow for training.

Brian told the Board he is looking for an AgWRAP project. It can only be for wells. Water quantity is what they are looking for not quality.

Soil Health team has lost two of its leaders. They are in the process of getting replacements. Brian will keep the Board informed.

Janie asks the Board if they want to pay RC&D dues.

Al Childers made a motion to pay the dues for \$100.00. Angela Gragg seconded all were in favor.

Janie passed out gator tickets to Denny and Angela.

Next meeting will be January 27, 2016

Merry Christmas wishes to all.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Janie Poe

Denny Norris signed 1-27-16 date
Denny Norris, Chair