

June 22, 2016

Minutes

Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District

971 West King Street, Boone NC

June 22, 2016 Meeting # 12

Present

Denny Norris- Chair

Janie Poe- Admin.

Angela Gragg- Vice Chair

David Tucker- NRCS

Al Childers

Rob Baldwin- Area Coordinator

Rob Hunt

Isaac Hodges – Technician

Becky Wallace- NRCS

Denny Norris opened the meeting.

Denny Norris asks if anyone needs to recuse themselves from voting. None noted

Does anything need to be added to the agenda?

RC&D Report was added to the agenda

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

District Report- Angela Gragg

Jim Errante will be here on June 29, 2016 at 1pm to visit CR Review sites listed below and one EQIP project site.

Charles Norris 95-2016-002

Robert Shipley 95-2016-004

Paul Gragg 95-2016-003

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Andy Bryant 95-2016-001

The following CR Reviews have been completed and can start work

Paul Gragg 95-2015-01

Jimmy South 95-2016-006

Becky Wallace informed the Board that the CR Review process was being looked into at the Leadership Team Meeting. They have discussed some different possibilities that would speed up the process for everyone. It might be using Share Point to upload them to when they are done. Jerry Rainer is reviewing the agreement between North and South Carolina to see if it might need revised. Becky Wallace will keep us informed

Jimmy South 95-2016-006- Needs a feeding site assessment done. The Board discussed David Tucker and Isaac Hodges going out to visit Mr. South and go over our program rules and make sure he wants to continue with contract. They will also contact Carrie Caviness about what the 319 grant funds are going to cover. David Tucker done a feed site assessment during the meeting for the contract file and the Board discussed different possibilities to go over with Mr. South.

Billy Kennedy 95-2015-008- His fencing is almost complete. Isaac Hodges met with Billy Kennedy and took pictures of the fence. Billy Kennedy said he would call us when he was finished with the fencing.

CCAP – Watauga Board of Education Hardin Park Elementary 95-2016-501- Daphne Cartner sent an email needing additional measurements. They also need a copy of the operation and maintenance plan. Janie Poe forwarded this information on to Brian Johnson and he will get the information back to us as soon as possible.

Angela Gragg checked into a Garmin Oregon 680. She went over its capabilities with the Board and how much it would help with maps and benefit our programs to have. The Board decided to see if AgWRAP does a grant again this year for equipment before purchasing. They have decided they want to look into purchasing a laptop, laser level and rod in addition to the Garmin with the grant if possible.

RC&D Repot – Al Childers- Wendy Patoprsty is now on the Board for RC&D. Mike Perdue has stepped down William Beutel is now the Chair of the Board. Cathy Young resigned as Treasurer. They are looking for someone to fill the position. Janie Woodle is serving as Secretary. Al Childers discussed the last meeting with the Board.

Al Childers also asks Isaac Hodges to go out and visit landowners at Brushy Fork Baptist Church.

NRCS Report- David Tucker- Amanda Schaller will be leaving as of July 22, 2016 she will be taking a position in Washington. Everyone with contracts in Watauga County got signed up. Work will probably start spring of 2017 on Streams.

Field Office Appraisals will be coming up. David Tucker will keep us informed.

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Division Report- Rob Baldwin- Went over Supervisor's continuing ed hours and how and where they can get those. Reminded everyone that filing for reelection is now open. RCW will be next week at NC State University in Raleigh. He asks the Board what they think about DIC meeting. Janie Poe will send out an email to Rob Baldwin and he will forward it to Area 2.

Administrative Report- Janie Poe

Barbara James has called and asks for someone to come out and go over her farm and our programs with her. Isaac Hodges will call her and set up an appointment.

Isaac Hodges and Janie Poe attended the Mobile Soils Training in Wilkesboro yesterday. They thought it was a great training. Janie Poe informed the Board about Area 2 having a trailer at Burke County Lea- Ann Branch will be the contact for it. She prefers anyone wanting to use it just email her. It does not have to be just for school use. It can be for community events, other agencies, 4-h etc. It has to be done through a Soil & Water District and we have to go out with it and set it up and stay with it. We will have to get an estimate on electric brakes for the County truck before we can pull it. Isaac Hodges will get an estimate and bring it to the next Board meeting.

Janie Poe will register Isaac Hodges and herself for the CET Training in August in Asheville after July 1st.

Janie Poe asks the Board to approve time and travel for Isaac Hodges to attend Cultural Review Training in Asheville July 20-21.

Angela Gragg made a motion to approve time and overnight travel to Asheville for Isaac Hodges to attend Cultural Review training. Al Childers seconded it; all were in favor.

Janie Poe asks the Board to approve time and travel for her to attend Envirothon meeting in Yadkinville July 19th.

Al Childers made a motion for Janie Poe to attend Envirothon meeting in Yadkinville at the new Soil & Water office on July 19, 2016. Rob Hunt seconded; all were in favor.

There will be a CCAP webinar on June 27 for 1-2 pm or 7-8 pm. Isaac Hodges and Janie Poe will participate.

Janie Poe wanted to let the Board know about a budget amendment for advertising the Technicians position. She will take the money out of another line to cover it.

The Division is out of funds for Supervisor time and travel. So last month's meeting and this month's meeting you will not be paid for. New budget starts next month.

Next meeting will be July 27, 2016

Meeting adjourned

Minutes submitted by: Janie Poe

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Denny Norris signed 8-17-16 date

Denny Norris, Chair