

Minutes

Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District

971 West King Street, Boone NC

March 22, 2017 Meeting # 8

Present:

Denny Norris – Chair

Al Childers- Dept. Head

Rob Hunt

Isaac Hodges - Technician

Todd Combs

David Tucker- NRCS

Joey Clawson

Denny Norris opened the meeting.

Janie Poe is on FMLA.

Rob Baldwin will not be attending the meeting.

Agenda was approved as presented.

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

Denny Norris asks if there were any corrections to the minutes from February 22, 2017.

Minutes were approved as presented.

District Report – Isaac Hodges

ACSP Contract # 95-2016-001 Andy Bryant RFP in the amount of \$2, 219.00.

Rob Hunt made a motion to approve the RFP for contract # 95-2016-001 Andy Bryant for the amount of \$2, 219. Joey Clawson seconded; all were in favor.

ACSP contract # 95-2016-001 Andy Bryant applied for a supplement in the amount of \$8,652. Isaac Hodges will add 10 points to the ranking sheet. This needs first priority funding in order to finish the contract.

Rob Hunt made a motion to approve the supplement for contract # 95-2016-001 in the amount of \$8,652 contingent on Divisions approval. Joey Clawson seconded; all were in favor.

Patriot Mountain off Road Park, LLC- Sediment plan review for Joel Church. Board advised Isaac Hodges to check with Joe Furman in planning and Inspections to make sure everyone is on the same page with this project.

Jerry Haas has an unusable well that has never been in service. Isaac Hodges needs to bring the issue before the DIC meeting scheduled for March 28th after Envirothon cleanup. Cost Share rule prohibit the payment for a pump in a usable well.

The Board discussed some items to be added to the 2018 Strategy Plan.

- When working with outside contractors, all parties involved will need to come before the Board.
- ¾ of a contract needs to be completed before the District Board can approve a new contract for that cooperater.
- Add a 1 year install deadline to the strategy plan. It will make a client have to come before the District Board to get an extension to a contract. Instead of the 3 year limit, and the District Board having to go before the Division to get an extension (was voted on February 24, 2016 minutes, but got looked over in the final approval of the 2017 Strategy plan)
- Add 10 points to ranking form for doing a supplement to a contract in order to finish the contract.
- Spring Developments will be looked at on case by case basis.

Rob Hunt made a motion to add all of the above to the 2018 Strategy Plan. Joey Clawson seconded; all were in favor.

Shelena Helms ACSP contract# 95-2017-004 –fifteen years ago dug a well and then backed out of doing anything. This contract ranked behind Mr. Shipley. Andrew Cox talked to Shelena Helms initially so he is still helping with the contract. Approve contract \$19,361 to tie money up by June. Talk to Mr. Shipley to find out his intentions.

Al Childers made a motion to approve the contract #95-2017-004 for Shelena Helms in the amount of \$19,361 to tie up money by June. Rob Hunt seconded all were in favor.

Eddy Labus from Extension joined in the meeting.

Charles Norris wants another well. The well he has is not producing enough water as it is. Wanting to put in water tanks and do supplement to get another well. Eddie Labus stated emergency program for water is not responding to emergencies.

NRCS Report- David Tucker

Secretary of Ag not yet confirmed

USDA cut 20.7%

NC 22 million in EQIP

Discussed questions pertaining to AgWRAP regulations on well pump.

Eddy Labus reported to the Board that the Commissioners approved the shared lease agreement pending the County Attorney's approval for \$20 per day.

TVA equipment rental is for Immediate adjacent NC Counties (will deal with problems that arise).

Eddy Labus discussed drought conditions in the county.

Administrative Report

SWCD received an invoice for RC&D dues \$50

AI Childers made a motion to pay the RC&D \$50 dues. Todd Combs seconded; all were in favor.

Soil & Water received a Deed of Gift from the Watauga Historical Society regarding the slides they are scanning. The Historical Society needs the form signed by Soil & Water District Board.

AI Childers made a motion to sign the Deed of Gift from Watauga Historical Society. Joey Clawson seconded all were in favor.

Soil & Water received the Association dues in the amount of \$483.

Rob Hunt made a motion to approve payment of the dues for \$483. Todd Combs seconded; all were in favor.

CET training is coming up in August 2017 at Raleigh. Would like to ask the SWCD Board to approve time and travel for Isaac Hodges & Janie Poe to attend.

AI Childers made a motion to approve time and travel for Isaac Hodges and Janie Poe to attend CET in August. Todd Combs seconded; all were in favor.

SWCD next meeting will be April 26, 2017

Minutes taken by AI Childers submitted by Janie Poe

Denny Norris signed 4-26-17 date

Denny Norris, Chair