

June 28, 2017

Minutes

Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District

971 West King Street, Boone NC

June 28, 2017 Meeting # 11

Present:

Denny Norris – Chair

Al Childers- Vice Chair/Dept. Head

Rob Hunt

Janie Poe- Admin

Joey Clawson

David Tucker- NRCS

Derek Goddard-BREC

Denny Norris opened the meeting.

Agenda – Approved as presented

Minutes from May 24, 2018 were approved as presented.

Joey Clawson recused from voting on any motions pertaining to Bobby Greene stream restoration, due to a conflict.

Derek Goddard presented the Board with an application for a NCDWR grant to restore approximately 2,000 feet of Meat Camp Creek and its unnamed tributaries. The application request is for \$140,000 in funding. After Board discussion it was decided to approve the application for submittal and send a copy to the county attorney. If awarded there will be more paper work for the attorney to review.

Al Childers made a motion to approve the 4 items (cover letter, resolution, conflict certification, agreement) to be submitted to NCDWR Resources Development Grant Program in the amount of \$140,000 (a copy of these items will be sent to the County Attorney for review). Rob Hunt seconded; Joey Clawson recused himself from voting. Motion passed.

District Report- Janie Poe new applications

- Holly Whitesides- submitted an application for the ACSP. This is at a different location from her other contracts. Holly is interested in fencing animals out of the creek, livestock crossing and installing drinkers.

Joey Clawson made a motion to approve the application for Holly Whitesides. Rob Hunt seconded; all were in favor.

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- Greg Van Allen- submitted an application for the ACSP. The water tanks he currently is using for his cattle are deteriorating.
Joey Clawson made a motion to approve the application for Greg Van Allen. Rob Hunt seconded; all were in favor.
- Coy Miller – submitted an application for ACSP- wanting to install drinkers and fence cattle out of the spring/stream.
Joey Clawson made a motion to approve the application for Coy Miller. Rob Hunt seconded; all were in favor.

Request for payments signed by Al Childers

- Al Zimmerman(95-2015-006) \$5,501
- Jimmy South (95-2016-006) \$10,244
- Paul Gragg (95-2015-001) \$8,515
- Paul Gragg (95-2016-003) \$4,603
- Against the Grain (92-2017-005) \$8,652

Billy Kennedy (95-2015-008): Cooperator was paid a partial payment for BMP's installed previously on the contract early this year. The only BMP left was abandoned tree removal. Mr. Kennedy told Isaac Hodges it would be alright to go ahead and close the contract out as is.

Extension Request for Paul Gragg 95-2015-001 – Isaac Hodges has drafted an extension for this contract. Due to weather it might not meet the June 30, 2017 deadline. A Supervisor and Isaac Hodges will have to go before the Commission at the next meeting on July 19, 2017 unless the project is completed.

Joey Clawson made a motion to approve the extension letter for Paul Gragg contract # 95-2015-001. Rob Hunt seconded; all were in favor.

NRCS Report- David Tucker

NRCS is busy writing contracts and waiting on a budget. We have been hearing all kinds of changes are coming. As soon as there is definite information available it will be passed on to the Board.

Administrative Report- Janie Poe

Janie Poe asks the Board to approve time and travel to Devine Farms for Envirothon meeting July 20, 2017 in Newton. The Board approved.

Janie Poe shared information from the budge meeting she attended on June 19, 2017.

Janie Poe reminded the Board last year they did not meet in July.

A survey on Conservation Easements was presented to the Board. David Tucker and the Board answered the questions. Janie Poe will enter the data and submit the survey.

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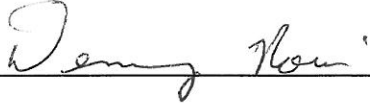
Denny Norris asks the other board members about the July meeting and it was decided to not meet in July unless there is something that required a Board vote. Janie Poe and Isaac Hodges will keep them informed if something comes up. Janie Poe will call all Supervisors should they need to meet in July.

Thank you all for coming.

Next meeting will be August 30, 2017

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Janie Poe

 signed 8-16-17 date

Denny Norris, Chair