

April 25, 2018

Minutes
Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District
971 West King Street, Boone NC
April 25, 2018 Meeting # 8

Present:

Denny Norris – Chair
Joey Clawson
David Tucker-NRSC
Rob Hunt

Isaac Hodges- Tech
Rosie Grajales- NRCS
Robert Shipley-producer

Denny Norris called the meeting at 8am
Todd Combs is absent due to Doctors appointment
Al Childers absent/vacation
Minutes from March 28, 2018- approved as presented
Agenda for April 25, 2018 – approved as presented
Conflicts Clause was presented- no conflicts were noted

Cooperator Comments

- **Bob Shipley**
 - **Mr. Shipley expressed his gratitude for the work the Soil and Water district has done so far on his farm and for the work of the Soil & Water District Board**
 - **Mr. Shipley also wanted to make the board aware of some things that he felt were overlooked in the planning process of the contract due to personnel changes during its completion.**
 - **One oversight he felt was evident was the lack of a feed pad on both sides of the road that splits the farm in half.**
 - **The other oversight he felt was evident was the lack of animal trails and walkways to allow cattle access to different parts of the farm.**
 - **He informed the board that he had made progress on both projects on both sides of the road, and he expects to have them completed by the end of the month (May 2018), or at least before the deadline of June 30, 2018.**
 - **He expressed again that he was grateful for our help and was very pleased with the service he had received thus far.**

***** A copy of Mr. Shipley's personal notes and goals for the meeting are attached to the minutes.**

District Report- Isaac Hodges

- **Isaac Hodges updated the board on the Charles Norris contract (95-2016-002). He expressed the need for an extension to ensure adequate time to finish the contract. Joey Clawson made a motion to send a request for an extension to the Division, Rob Hunt seconded, all were in favor.**

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- Isaac Hodges informed the board that the Soil & Water office received a subpoena for items relating to communications between Katherine Tuttle and Rebecca Norris. The subpoena says that the communications were related to issues having to do with horses. Isaac Hodges explained to the board that he was not able to find any documents related to those names. The board advised Isaac to contact Deron Geouque and the county attorney so they could follow up with the request.
- Isaac Hodges presented a request for payment for Gerald Haas (95-2018-801) in the amount of \$6,927 for an AgWRAP well and pump.
Rob Hunt made a motion to approve the payment and Joey Clawson seconded. All were in favor
- Isaac Hodges presented the board with a new application for Elaine Pritchard.
Joey Clawson made a motion to approve the application, Rob Hunt seconded. All were in favor.

NRCS Report- David Tucker

- David Tucker informed the board that they had received additional funding for this fiscal year, and that he would be able to fund a considerable number of additional contracts in the area.

Next meeting will be May 22, 2018

Minutes submitted by Isaac Hodges

Denny Norris signed 5-23-18 date

Denny Norris, Chair