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Minutes

Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District

971 West King Street, Boone NC

April 27, 2016 Meeting # 10

Present

Denny Norris- Chair

Janie Poe

Angela Gragg

David Tucker- NRCS

Al Childers

Andrew Cox – Ashe SWCD

Rob Hunt

Becky Wallace- NRCS

Joey Clawson

Rob Baldwin- Area Coordinator

Isaac Hodges – New Technician

Denny Norris opened the meeting.

Denny asks if anyone needs to recuse. No response.

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

District report- Angela Gragg- review of progress on contracts

95-2015-001 Paul Gragg- (Silverstone) 1/3 install requirement has been met, waiting on CR review.

Angela Gragg mentioned our need for a GPS unit that would help Isaac Hodges (new technician) with maps that could expedite the CR reviews. Angela Gragg and Janie Poe will look into funds through AgWRAP in June for equipment will keep the Board informed.

95-2015-003 Holland Whitesides- completed

95-2015-005 Jean Fiedler – completed

95-2015-006- Al Zimmerman- Al has submitted a letter to the Board asking for a 6 month extension on start date. Due to financial reasons as well as time issues, his original start date is April 29, 2016.

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Al Childers made a motion to approve extending the 1/3 install start date by 6 months making the new start date October 29, 2016. Joey Clawson seconded; all were in favor.

95-2015-008 Billy Kennedy- has met 1/3 install date requirements.

95-2015-009 Jane Roark- Completed

95-2015-010 Danny Miller- Completed

95-2015-501 Watauga BOE (Watauga High School) - Completed

95-2016-001 Against the Grain- money is initiated

95-2016-002 Charles Norris- waiting on CR review request

95-2016-003 Paul Gragg - (BJM Farm) - waiting on CR review request

95-2016-004 Robert Shipley - waiting on CR review request

95-2016-006 Jimmy South – CR review request has been submitted. Board needs to vote on contract

Angela Gragg made a motion to approve the contract # 95-2016-006 (Impaired & Impacted Beaver Dam watershed) Jimmy South for \$12,484. Joey Clawson seconded; all were in favor

95-2016-008 Jeff Brown- RFP for \$945 this will complete his contract.

Al Childers made a motion to approve the RFP for 95-2016-008 Jeff Brown \$945. Angela Gragg seconded; all were in favor

#### CCAP

95-2016-501 Watauga Board of Education (Hardin Park Elementary) pended awaiting division engineering design review

#### AgWRAP

95-2016-801 Holland Whitesides- completed

#### New Applications

Robert Shipley Jr. submitted an application for feed pads for the left side of farm & BMPs for the right side of farm.

Joey Clawson made a motion to approve the application for Robert Shipley Jr. for the August 2016 -1<sup>st</sup> batching period. Rob Hunt seconded; all were in favor

Mr. Shipley also has an application in for WNCISI Angela Gragg and David Tucker has explained this process to him and how he has to complete his contract with Soil & Water before he can do WNCISI.

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Shelena Helms has submitted an application for a well pump (has existing well), pipeline, 4 water tanks and livestock exclusion. She has cattle and goats

Al Childers made a motion to approve the application for Shelena Helms. Joey Clawson seconded; all were in favor

Jason Harkey has submitted an application for irrigation for a high tunnel.

Al Childers made a motion to table the application until we find out some more information. Joey Clawson seconded; all were in favor.

Strategy Plan- Board needs to vote on whether they want to fund roof systems for livestock feeding pads.

Joey Clawson made a motion to adopt the policy according to North Carolina NRCS feed site assessment tool for the 2017 strategy plan. Rob Hunt seconded; all were in favor.

Janie Poe will email all the Board members the draft 2017 Strategy plan as soon as it's complete. Board will vote on it at the May meeting.

Joey Clawson made a motion to continue to have Brushy Fork Creek as a priority and add 5 points to the ranking sheet for being in that watershed.

Rob Baldwin will see if he can schedule the CREP representative to come do a presentation for the Board.

David Tucker – NRCS Report

There are 4 contracts in Watauga 2- stream, 1- golden winged warbler, 1- pasture.

Approximately 500,000 of work to be done in Watauga County

Angela Gragg made a motion to go into closed session to discuss Federal Contracts. Al Childers seconded; all were in favor.

In closed session Board discussed NRCS Contracts

Joey Clawson made a motion to enter back in to open session. Al Childers seconded; all were in favor.

Rob Baldwin- Report

At the Commission meeting they discussed SOG, continuing education hours, and technical assistant allocations. The allocation will based on an equation of how much money has been used including NRCS and based on RFPs. They will take the 3 highest years out of 7.

Rob Baldwin will keep the Board informed.

Janie Poe- Administrative Report

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RCW- Janie Poe spoke with Olivia Hagler and she is scouting some candidates for the workshop. She will let us know soon.

Janie Poe let the Board know the County Maintenance guys at the landfill packed the bearings in the seeder and adjusted the discs. Janie Poe also spoke with JV Potter at the landfill about re-flooring the trailers. He said for Janie to call him and they would get it as soon as they could. Janie Poe will keep in touch with them.

Legislative Breakfast May 17, 2016- Angela Gragg, Janie Poe and Isaac Hodges will attend and go to the Commission Meeting afterwards.

Isaac Hodges will be in training May 5<sup>th</sup> in Morganton (CPA-52) and May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> In Raleigh (new employee).

Joey Clawson made a motion to pay the Mountain Times Invoice for \$199.56 for advertising the conservation technician position. Rob Hunt seconded; all were in favor except AL Childers who voted no.

Al Childers made a motion to pay for lumber to re-floor the trailer ( that hauls potato washer). Joey Clawson seconded; all were in favor.

Angela Gragg discussed the budget meeting with the Board.

Spot checks Angela Gragg, Al Childers, Isaac Hodges, David Tucker, and Andrew Cox.

Next meeting date May 25, 2016

Meeting adjourned

Minutes submitted by: Janie Poe

Denny Norris signed 5 - 25 - 16 date

Denny Norris, Chair