

September 28, 2016

Minutes

Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District

971 West King Street, Boone NC

September 28, 2016 Meeting # 2

Present

Denny Norris- Chair

Janie Poe- Admin.

Angela Gragg- Vice Chair

David Tucker- NRCS

Joey Clawson

Becky Wallace-NRCS

Rob Hunt

Isaac Hodges – Technician

Rob Baldwin

Denny Norris opened the meeting

Denny Norris asks if anyone needs to recuse themselves from voting. Angela Gragg recused from voting on any business pertaining to Paul Gragg.

Denny Norris asks if there were any corrections to the August 17, 2016 minutes.

Joey Clawson made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2016 meeting. Angela Gragg seconded; all were in favor.

District Report- Isaac Hodges

Angela Gragg went over the strategy plan feedback from Lisa Fine. Board discussed adding a couple items to next year's strategy plan. Janie Poe placed notes on the 2016 strategy plan on the changes.

Charles Norris contract # 95-2016-002-10- Mr. Norris is waiting on design approval. Isaac Hodges is going to meet with Charles and see if he is willing to move proposed feed pad out of the floodplain (left side of the driveway). If so Isaac will need to revise Feed Pad Assessment.

Hardin Park contract # 95-2016-501 – Design not yet approved Daphne Cartner spoke with Isaac Hodges and stated she is in the process of getting some modifications made to the design they submitted. Daphne will call Isaac when she gets everything.

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Billy Kennedy contract # 95-2015-008-14- Mark Forbes and Isaac Hodges went out and the fence did not meet NRCS standards. Isaac Hodges called and spoke with Mr. Kennedy and he told Isaac he would fix it and call when it was complete and ready to check. Mr. Kennedy has copies of the fence standards.

Jimmy South contract # 95-2016-006- Isaac Hodges and Adam Williams with Brushy Fork Environmental met with Mr. South, he is ready to proceed with fencing and drinkers. Mr. South is also partnering with Brushy Fork Environmental on a 319 grant. He is not going to start any grading until spring due to weather.

Al Zimmerman contract # 95-15-006-14- Isaac Hodges has left a couple messages for him, however he has not gotten back with him. Isaac is going to go out there to check on his progress.

Paul Gragg contract # 95-2015-01-14- Silver Stone road location Isaac Hodges went out and helped Bobby Higgins put the water line in. Paul still has to fence around the creek.

Paul Gragg contract # 95-2016-003-14- 421 location Bobby Higgins is going to come to this location as soon as he is finished with Silver Stone location. The well is already complete.

Robert Shipley contract # 95-2016-004-14- Bobby Higgins will be here when he finishes up with Paul Gragg's work.

Andy Bryant contract # 95-2016-001-14- Jim Errante visited September 9th, 2016 and gave CR ok to proceed with the work.

Allocations for this for this fiscal year Ag Cost Share \$58,726, Impaired & Impacted \$12,247, AgWRAP \$7,500.

The only unencumbered funds were AgWRAP \$2,385

Ranking

Victor Fortune (Impaired & Impacted) scored 70 (this is the only applicant for I&I ranked)

Robert Shipley scored 81

Shelena Helms scored 75

Paul Gragg scored 69

Melinda Brown scored 56

Jason Harkey scored 30

Angela Gragg made a motion to fund this project for Mr. Fortune out of Impaired & Impacted allocation. Rob Hunt seconded; all were in favor.

Robert Shipley scored 81- He ranked 1st

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Joey Clawson made a motion to fund this project for Mr. Shipley. Rob Hunt seconded; Angela Gragg recused from voting; all others were in favor.

Shelena Helms scored 75- ranked 2nd Ms. Helms is interested in water tank, fencing, and stream crossing there is already has an existing well.

Angela Gragg made a motion to fund this project for Shelena Helms pending there is funding available. Joey Clawson seconded; all were in favor.

Paul Gragg (M. Hrozencik) scored 69- ranked 3rd interested in fencing, heavy use area, drinkers, and stream restoration.

Rob Hunt made a motion to fund the project for Paul Gragg pending funding is available. Joey Clawson seconded; Angela Gragg recused from voting; all others were in favor.

Melinda Brown scored 56 -ranked 4th hold until next batching period because she scored below a 60. David Tucker and Isaac Hodges are going out to visit site.

Jason Harkey will be moved to last batching period (Jan-15) because there is no erosion issue. If there is money left over it could get funded due to tree removal being a district priority.

AgWRAP Ranking

Greg Van Allen scored 45- ranked 1st The Board decided he does not meet the requirements for AgWRAP (water quantity) and he didn't rank high enough for Ag Cost Share due to scoring under 60. Isaac Hodges will inform Mr. Van Allen.

Rodney Presnell has decided to put his application on hold for now with the possibility of adding it to the next batching period.

NRCS REPORT- David Tucker- proposed deadline for applications is November 18, 2016 and proposed deadline for Contracts May 19, 2017.

Division Report- Rob Baldwin- Due to pipeline the Commission meeting was held via teleconference. Some of the business was put off until the November meeting.

Supervisor training will fall back on the Supervisor Training Committee.

Everyone really needs to go to the Area 2 Fall meeting in King NC on October 25. Supervisor training will be discussed during this meeting. The law now states 6 hours of Supervisor Training is required.

Supervisors will also have an opportunity to vote on the Mountain Commission seat Toby Bost and Mike Willis are both running.

Miles Payne has announced he is running for the 2nd Vice President position.

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New Watauga River Basin teleconference is scheduled for October 4th from 3-4 pm. Janie Poe will send out the information via email to David Tucker.

Administration Report -Janie Poe

Next year Janie Poe will help Meredith Jones with 8th grade Field Day at Valle Crucis Park.

Janie Poe will send out a notice October 24 reminding everyone who will be carpooling to the Area 2 Fall meeting in King, NC to be at the SWCD Office at 7 am.

Joey Clawson made a motion for the Soil & Water Board to purchase poster board for the Poster Contest. Angela Gragg seconded; all were in favor.

Joey Clawson made a motion to approve time and travel for Janie Poe to attend the Envirothon meeting in Ashe County on October 12th. Rob Hunt seconded; all were in favor.

Joey Clawson made a motion to approve time and travel for Isaac Hodges and Janie Poe to attend the Annual meeting in Charlotte, NC January 8-10. Rob Hunt seconded; all were in favor.

Isaac Hodges will not be attending the toolkit training in October. David Tucker said they are looking into basic toolkit training this winter.

Janie Poe will send out the information about the annual meeting in Charlotte, NC to the Supervisors.

Next meeting will be October 26, 2016

Denny Norris thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Janie Poe

Denny Norris signed

10-26-16 date

Denny Norris, Chair