

December 14, 2016

Minutes

Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District

971 West King Street, Boone NC

December 14, 2016 Meeting # 5

Present:

Denny Norris- Chair

Janie Poe- Administrative/ Education Coordinator

Joey Clawson

Isaac Hodges – Technician

Al Childers - Supervisor

Rob Baldwin- Area Coordinator

Todd Combs- New Supervisor

Derek Goddard- Guest

Denny Norris opened the meeting

Rob Hunt called to say he was working on the tree lot.

Denny asks to add the Election of Officers to the agenda.

Denny asks if there were any corrections to the November 23 minutes. None noted

Al Childers made a motion to approve the minutes. Joey Clawson seconded; all were in favor.

Agreement with Blue Ridge Environmental Consulting- Derek Goddard

Board discussed and asks questions pertaining to the agreement.

Rob Baldwin suggested to the Board, having the County Attorney to look over the agreement and resolution.

Joey Clawson made a motion to accept this agreement with Blue Ridge Environmental Consulting, contingent on the County Attorney looking over legalities. Todd Combs seconded; all were in favor.

Al Childers, made the comment he would like to go over it with the lawyer.

Officer Election:

- **Chair**

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Joey Clawson made a motion to appoint Denny Norris as Chair. Todd Combs seconded; all were in favor.

- **Vice- Chair**

Joey Clawson made a motion to appoint Al Childers to be the Vice- Chair. Todd Combs seconded; all were in favor.

- **Al Childers made a motion to nominate Todd Combs to represent Soil & Water on the RC&D Committee. Joey Clawson second; all were in favor**

District Report- Isaac Hodges

- **95-2015-008: Billy Kennedy- Isaac Hodges explained to the Board what he, Angela Gragg and Lisa Fine had discussed about the RFP in the amount of \$5,626 that was approved at the October 26, 2017 meeting. They had to make some revisions because of receipts. Isaac Hodges asks the Board to vote on this RFP for \$6,158 which will take the place of the original one (\$5,626). Leaving tree removal as the only remaining BMP left on this contract.**

Al Childers made a motion to approve the RFP (partial payment) for contract 95-2015-008 – Billy Kennedy in the amount of \$6,158. Joey Clawson seconded; all were in favor.

- **95-2016-004: Robert Shipley- Isaac Hodges reported to the Board his well is drilled and they went 300 ft and got 14 gallon/min.**
- **95-2015-001and 95-2016-003 Paul Gragg- Isaac Hodges reported they are working on his waterers and it won't be long until the Board will see a RFP.**
- **Jerry Haas the Board approved his AgWRAP application last meeting. He is having water quantity issues. Isaac Hodges reported he needs a well pump \$2,000 @ 75% \$1500.**

Al Childers made a motion to approve the contract 95-2017-801 Jerry Haas in the cost shared amount of \$1500. Todd Combs seconded; all were in favor.

NRCS Report- David Tucker gave everyone a handout of the 1619 Federal Law. He went over it with the Board.

- **NC-ACSP-1R needs to be filled out with every contract Soil & Water does.**
- **NRCS batching deadline was November 18, 2016**
- **Mailing eligibility letters- client needs to come into FSA and make sure they are eligible. January 6, 2017 is the deadline for this.**
- **Ranking deadline in February 24, 2017**
- **Deadline to have everyone contracted is May 19th, 2017**

RC&D Report- Al Childers reported \$211,268 in the budget. Al Childers explained to new Supervisor, Todd Combs how they got their money and what the purpose of RC&D is.

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Administrative Report- Janie Poe

- Supervisor Disclosure forms- Janie Poe handed these out for the Supervisors to fill out. Explaining this is done annually.
- Proclamations Honoring Mark Forbes and Andrew Cox. - Janie Poe asks the Board Chair to sign them and she will get the \$50 gift cards to go with each one. This was voted on and approved by the Board at the May 25, 2016 meeting. She will distribute at the Annual meeting.
- Annual Meeting is January 8th – 10, 2017 at Charlotte. Janie Poe has emailed Todd Combs the links in order to get registered. Rob Hunt is hoping to be able to attend.

Next meeting January 25, 2017

Merry Christmas

Meeting adjourned

Minutes submitted by: Janie Poe

 signed 1-25-2017 date
Denny Norris, Chair