

**Minutes**  
**Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**971 West King Street, Boone NC**  
**February 28, 2018 Meeting # 6**

**Present:**

**Denny Norris – Chair**

**Todd Combs**

**Joey Clawson**

**Rob Hunt**

**Al Childers- Vice Chair/Dept. Head**

**Janie Poe- Admin**

**Isaac Hodges- Tech**

**David Tucker-NRSC**

**Rosie Grajales- NRCS**

**Rick McSwain- Regional Coordinator**

**Denny Norris called the meeting at 8am**

**Minutes from January 24, 2018- approved as presented**

**Agenda for February 28, 2018 – approved as presented**

**Conflicts Clause was presented- no conflicts were noted**

**District Report- Isaac Hodges**

**Isaac Hodges informed the Board he had sent out letters to the 3 active 2016 contracts that will expire June 30 of 2018. He wanted to remind them of the deadline.**

- **Shelena Helms 95-2017-004 ACSP- They are 90% finished, waiting on the weather to do filter cloth and gravel.**
- **Gerald Haas 95-2017-801 AgWrap- Tom Hill advised Isaac Hodges to cancel the funds because they cannot locate the well.**

**Joey Clawson made a motion to cancel the AgWrap contract # 95-2017-801 for Gerald Haas in the amount of \$3000 for a pump. Rob Hunt seconded; all were in favor.**

- **Hardin Park 95-2016-501 CCAP- Isaac Hodges asks the Board to cancel the funds for this contract. Hardin Park could not meet the Division Engineers plans. Isaac Hodges pun in a request for technical assistance in December of 2016. He received a reply February 16, 2018 from Daphne Cartner about the engineering of the project. Isaac informed Daphne the project has already been constructed due to the fact they could not meet the engineering requirements.**

**Joey Clawson made a motion to cancel the funds for CCAP Hardin Park 95-2016-501 in the amount of \$ 4,198.00. Todd Combs seconded; all were in favor**

**Approval of contracts (ACSP)**

- **95-2018-004 Scott and Barbara James - Isaac Hodges presented the Board with a revision on this contract. The owners are requesting to scale back the project and fence out the stream and use a spring instead of digging a well.**  
**Al Childers made a motion to revise the bmp's and the contract amount to \$12,447 for contract # 95-2018-004 for Scott & Barbara James. Todd Combs seconded; all were in favor.**
- **Jeff Brown 95-2018-005 is requesting funding for ag road repair and conservation cover.**

Isaac Hodges explained to the Board about how this contract ranked against Paul Gragg's Vanderpool road application. The Paul Gragg application is very high ranking and will require more funding. Both the landowner and Paul Gragg were in agreement to wait until the next funding cycle to submit another application in order to keep the entire contract within one physical year and not have to do supplement contracts because they are so confusing. Joey Clawson made a motion to approve Jeff Brown 95-2018-005 in the amount of \$11,547. Al Childers seconded; all were in favor.

#### Strategy Plan Amendment Considerations

Isaac Hodges presented the Board with a couple considerations for the 2019 strategy plan. They discussed

Joey Clawson mentioned a potential project and the Board discussed. Isaac Hodges is going to get in touch with owners to see if they are interested.

#### NRCS- David Tucker

44 Eligible applicants, 8 of those are in Watauga County.

Combining all 6 counties it totals around 2 million

#### RC&D- Al Childers

Al informed the Board he needed someone to be an alternate for these meetings because he was going to Romania.

Todd Combs will be his alternate.

Janie Poe informed the Board she had received an email from Alan Walker. It was a MOU / Project Agreement.

The Board decided not to sign it until they have the other form releasing them of any liability.

They would also like them to bring things like this before the Board in person in case the Board has any questions.

Janie Poe will email Alan Walker and let him know what the Board said.

#### Janie Poe updated the Board about the Area 2 Spring Meeting

Janie Poe asks the Board to provide the candy for the Spring Meeting and they all agreed to have Janie purchase the candy needed.

Janie Poe asks the Board if it will be ok if she posts the monthly SWCD meeting schedule at the Clerk's office, at the Soil & Water bulletin board and on the SWCD website. The Board said that would be fine.

Filing begins June 11, 2018 at noon and will end July 6, at noon

Janie would like to ask the Board for permission for her and Isaac Hodges time and travel to

- March 29 Morganton for NRCS training
- March 20 envirothon clean up and DIC meeting in Wilkes
- March 22 envirothon event in Wilkes


- March 15 time and travel to Awards night in Morganton

AI Childers made a motion to allow time and travel for Janie Poe and Isaac Hodges to attend NRCS training March 29, Envirothon clean up / DIC meeting March 20, Envirothon event Wilkes March 22, Awards night in Morganton March 15. Joey Clawson seconded; all were in favor.

Watauga Awards night will be April 17, 2018

Next meeting will be March 28, 2018

Minutes submitted by: Janie Poe

 signed 3-28-18 date  
Denny Norris, Chair