

**Minutes**  
**Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**971 West King Street, Boone NC**  
**September 25, 2019 Meeting # 2**

**Present:**

Denny Norris – Chair  
Jimmy South  
Bill Moretz  
Chris Hughes  
Rick McSwain

Janie Poe- Admin  
Graham Fox- Tech  
David Tucker-NRCS  
Rosie Grajales-NRCS  
Christine Vance- NRCS

Denny Norris called the meeting at 8 am

Approval of the minutes – Chris Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bill Moretz seconded; all were in favor.

Agenda was accepted as presented

Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Reminder:

*In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict. Does any board member have any conflicts of interest or appearances of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the board today? If so, please identify the conflict or appearances of conflict and refrain from any undue participation in the particular matter involved.*

No conflicts presented.

District Report- David Tucker, Christine Vance, Rosie Grajales-Cortes, Graham Fox.

95-2018-005- Jeff Brown – RFP was submitted 9/10/19 in the amount of \$11,443. Christine Vance went out and made sure the road was stabilized. Jeff Brown was informed of the Boards decision. A new application was submitted.

95-2019-003-David Stephens turned in an application for a supplement for the culverts that went with access road. Supplement contract 95-2020-002 for \$772.

Chris Hughes made a motion to approve the supplement contract 95-2020-002 for \$772 for David Stephens. Jimmy South seconded; all were in favor.

95-2020-001 Matt Duval supplement contract in the amount of \$13,465 for heavy use area, water tanks, exclusion fencing etc.

Chris Hughes made a motion to approve the supplement contract in the amount of \$13,465 for Matt Duval. Jimmy South seconded; all were in favor.

95-2019-006 Justin Eggers- emailed Daphne Cartner about progress. Daphne emailed she is checking her calendar and see when she could schedule a site visit. Will keep the Board informed.

95-2019-801 Doug Carson- Mr. Carson was checking with Blue Ridge Electric to find out the cost involved with hooking power up to a well if he chose another location for the well.

Horse Helpers- Board discussed the issues and concerns with this plot. Severe erosion on 2.4 acres. They have another piece of land leased across the road. Will be ranking in the next week.

Ed Hardy – 6 bison on 250 total land not all pasture. Interested in livestock exclusion. Will be ranking within the next week.

Rodney Presnell- drinkers and road repair. Will be ranking in the next week.

Elaine Pritchard – exclusion, drinkers, well. Will be ranked within the next week.

Tom Hill met with Graham Fox and Janie Poe last week to go over programs, ranking, and done some site visits etc. Staff felt this was super helpful and informative for new employee. Staff would like to request Tom Hill to come back in a couple of months to review progress.

#### **NRCS Report- David Tucker**

- October 3, 2019 10 am local workgroup meeting.
- October 1<sup>st</sup> new fiscal year for NRCS
- Lee Holcomb has taken another position in Area 2 and will no longer be in Area 1.

#### **Division Report- Rick McSwain**

- Discussed cost going up on supplies over the State.
- JAA- will not know anything until the Farm Bill Passes
- Area 1 update = hope to have someone hired and working in 4-6 weeks
- CET update

RC&D – Chris Hughes stated the Board has not met, will be meeting this week.

#### **Administrative Report – Janie Poe**

- Bill Moretz made a motion to approve 2 door prizes for the Area 2 Fall meeting. Chris Hughes seconded; all were in favor.
- Bill Moretz made a motion to approve the purchase of poster board for the poster contest this year. Chris Hughes seconded; all were in favor.
- Chris Hughes made a motion to approve time and travel for Janie Poe to attend the Envirothon meeting in Alleghany October 15, 2019. Bill Moretz seconded; all were in favor.
- Chris Hughes made a motion to approve a \$25 gift card to Hobby Lobby for the Area 2 Craft Basket for CET. Bill Moretz seconded; all were in favor.
- CET location has been moved to Beaufort instead of Atlantic Beach.

- Area 2 meeting is October 10, 2019 in Wilkes. Registration is 9-10.

Next meeting is October 23, 2019

Thank you all for coming

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Janie Poe

 signed 10-23-19 date

Denny Norris, Chair