

August 26, 2020

**Minutes**  
**Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**971 West King Street, Boone NC**  
**August 26, 2020 Meeting # 1**  
**Present:**

Denny Norris – Chair  
Bill Moretz  
Jimmy South  
Chris Hughes

Janie Poe- Admin  
Graham Fox- Tech  
David Tucker-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.*

District Report – Graham Fox

Batching period ended August 15, 2020

ACSP Applicants:

Todd Combs – Has been ranked

Larry Kitchens – Needs ranked

Jeff Brown submitted another application for drinkers. Needs Board approval, but will not be approved for a contract due to policy in Strategy Plan stating it can't become a contract until 75% of the current contract is complete.

Chris Hughes made a motion to approve the application Jeff Brown submitted contingent on it not becoming a contract until 75% of the current one is complete. Jimmy South seconded; all were in favor.

AgWRAP

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95-2019-801 Doug Carson update – will be putting the pump in within the next couple weeks. That will finish out this contract.

95-2020-801 David Tucker – Graham Fox will be meeting with David and doing a site visit as soon as they can schedule it.

#### ACSP

95-2020-003 Jeff Brown – got final measurements of the road. Contract drafted and approved in CS2. Graham informed the Board he went out and met with Jeff and got the measurements and Jeff was good with the draft of the road and measurements. Graham received a call from his son Daniel who wants the road in a different place. The Board informed Graham that the contract is in Jeff Browns name and he is the land owner, If Jeff wants his son to be involved that is between him and his son. Jeff would need to let Daniel know about meetings etc. The Board expressed to Graham that we only do business with the person listed on our contract. The 1099 will go to Jeff Brown. The Board advised Graham to tell Daniel the contract was approved the way it was originally agreed upon by Jeff Brown.

95-2020-004 Elaine Pritchard – Will have to get David Tucker to go out with JAA in order to get Division approval. David Tucker and Graham Fox will go out this afternoon.

95-2020-005 Rodney Presnell – Engineer request was submitted 8/5/2020. Got conformation they received the request. They are scheduling a time to come up and do a site visit.

#### Cancellation

95-2019-006 Justin Eggers cancelled the contract for a feed pad. Graham Fox met with Justin and he is not willing to do livestock exclusion fencing and was not happy with the placement of the pad. Graham explained due to set backs they didn't have any options to change the location from the engineered drawings.

#### Watauga Allocation

AgWRAP - \$7500

Impaired & Impacted - \$10906

ACSP - \$28169 (this is 50% the rest will be allocated when the budget passes)

Spot checks – Graham Fox will send out letters to clients and contact Supervisors when they are scheduled to do them.

Chris Hughes made a motion to make a change to the 2022 Strategy Plan. The SWCD Board will not accept an application if client has a current contract in progress, no matter how much is complete on the current one. Bill Moretz seconded; all were in favor.

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**NRCS Report-** David Tucker stated they were currently writing contracts. Discussed contracting timeline with the Board and North Carolinas funding for this year. NRCS has hired Ashland Holland she is from TN and was in the Pathways program.

**RC&D-** Chris Hughes discussed the fire wise program that RC&D is doing.

**Division Report –** Rick McSwain

**Administrative Report-** Janie Poe

**Todd Combs** filed to run in the 2020 election for SWCD

**Denny Norris's** seat is up for reappointment.

**Chris Hughes** made a motion to nominate **Denny Norris** for reappointment. **Bill Moretz** seconded; **Denny** abstained, **Jimmy South** was in favor.

**CET** will be online this year.

**Next meeting** will be **September 23, 2020**

**Meeting adjourned**

**Minutes submitted by:** Janie Poe

*Denny Norris* signed 9-23-2020 date

**Denny Norris, Chair**