

February 10, 2021

MINUTES

Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District

971 West King Street, Boone NC 28607

February 24, 2021 Meeting #2

Present:

Denny Norris- Chair

Chris Hughes -zoom

Bill Moretz - zoom

Todd Combs - zoom

Graham Fox- Tech

Michelle Kasey - Admin

Jimmy South

David Tucker – zoom

Denny Norris called meeting to order

Approval of the minutes- Chris Hughes made motion, Jimmy South seconded

Approval of the agenda- Chris Hughes made motion, Todd Combs seconded

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

Kitchens and Pressnell site visits had to be rescheduled due to weather.

Combs – Form 1B has not been received at the Division. Once received it must be voted on by the Commission.

Pritchard – 1/3 install date June 30, 2021.

Cornette – Contract drafted. Scheduling meeting with Dale and well driller.

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Helms/Shiple – Two old contracts with no RFP in folder. Helms stated that he had been paid in full. Shiple needs a spot check for compliance. Gate must be closed to be in compliance.

Tree sale is going on now through March. One order so far.

Master Contract has been put on the March County Commissioners agenda and both Michelle and Graham are included to present.

Denny Norris – does a Board member need to be present at the meeting?

Graham – you may go but it isn't required.

Rick McSwain's report was emailed out to Board and office.

NRCS Report- David Tucker

There are 13 applications for Watauga. These will be ranked by 4/2/2021. Team 4 that includes Surry and Yadkin Counties have 200 applications.

Local Work Group Meeting which is usually in August to September, Rick McSwain wants to move up to a tentative date in mid-April to the first of May. Six Counties will be included. More to come later.

The area meeting will be 3/11 and virtual.

Denny Norris asked if it would begin at 10 am and how long it would last. He suggested that the Board come to the office to watch on zoom. He also stated that we need a sound box so that all will be able to hear.

Graham – The Division has made funds available for electronics such as sound bars, etc. He will look into it.

RC&D Report- Chris Hughes- Wards Dam Project is about ready.

Meeting was Adjourned.

Next meeting will be March 24th, 2021

Minutes submitted by: Michelle Kasey

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Denny Norris

Signed

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Dated

Denny Norris, Chair