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MINUTES

Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District

971 West King Street, Boone NC 28607

January 27, 2021 Meeting #1

Present:

Denny Norris- Chair

Chris Hughes

Bill Moretz

Todd Combs

Graham Fox- Tech

Michelle Kasey - Admin

Jimmy South

Rick McSwain – Regional Coor.

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, Jimmy South 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

Todd Combs – Ag Repair Road. CSPIB form needs to be filled out. Denny Norris– it must go to Raleigh to be approved since Todd is on the board. Chris Hughes made a motion to be approved and Jimmy South seconded.

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Larry Kitchens – Ag Repair Rd. and Drinkers. Graham to go to property Thursday.

Rodney Pressnell – Retaining wall – Graham to go to property Thursday.

95-2020-003 Jeff Brown- Road is built. This project is complete.

NRCS Report- David Tucker – no report

Denny Norris – we need to approve these.

Chris Hughes made a motion to approve Dale Cornette and Jeff Brown, Jimmy South seconded.

Denny Norris stated that fencing out should be included in contract. No heavy use area over a wet area – it should be put somewhere else. Look at photos and see if it's always been wet.

Rick McSwain – Dalton should be able to check on that.

Denny Norris – We should give instructions on how it needs to be.

Denny Norris – Contract extension, does it require a vote? Chris Hughes made a motion, Jimmy South seconded. Wards mill Dam was approved. Next meeting 3/17/21. BMP's to be approved at meeting. There was a second discussion of requiring every board to have a member that is a farmer.

Denny Norris – Appointed member is a farmer.

Training available. Board members are encouraged to get their credits.

Supervisor training is 2/2, 2/16, Mountain Region 2/23 - Piedmont

Appointed board members must get credits within 12 months. If you are re-appointed, you must get within 4 years.

Rick McSwain – The Spring Meeting is 3/11/2021. Registration is going out and the meeting is virtual. Alexander county is the host for Area 2. Meetings are always the second Thursday in March from 10-12:30.

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Denny Norris – for the Annual meeting is there anything that needs to be discussed?

Chris Hughes – Nothing New. Fall Meeting October 14 – Gulf Shores – may be virtual. NACD Feb 1-10.

Chris Hughes – made a motion to approve the Master Plan, Jimmy South seconded.

Officer Appointments:

Denny Norris – Chairman

Todd Combs – Vice Chair

Chris Hughes – Secretary

Christ made a motion for this slate of appointments, Jimmy South seconded.

Denny Norris – Todd also serves as Department Head – the Vice Chair holds this appointment.

Chris Hughes – suggested that Michelle Kasey join her Association, DEA District Employee Association.

RC&D Report- Chris Hughes- Have not had meeting yet, currently working to schedule one.

Chris Hughes made a motion to renew dues for DEA for Graham and to pay dues for Michelle Kasey. Todd Combs seconded.

Supervisory credits were discussed. Chris Hughes looked up. Chris Hughes has 33, Jimmy South has 2.5, Bill Moretz has 14.5, Denny Norris has 0 and Todd Combs has 0.

The Spring Meeting will give supervisors 1-1.5 credits.

Chris Hughes made a motion to adjourne.

Jimmy South seconded.

Next meeting will be Feb 24th, 2021

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Minutes submitted by: Michelle Kasey



Signed 1-27-21

Dated

Denny Norris, Chair