

June 22, 2022

MINUTES

Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District

971 West King Street, Boone NC 28607

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Present:

Denny Norris- Chair

Chris Hughes

Bill Moretz

Ashlan Holland

Alan Walker

Alexandra Dinwiddie

Mikey Woodie - Tech

Michelle Kasey - Admin

David Tucker

Rick McSwain

Joey Hester

Denny Norris called meeting to order 8:05 am.

Approval of the minutes-	Motion to approve	2nd
April 27	Chris Hughes	Bill Moretz
June 1	Chris Hughes	Bill Moretz
June 1 Closed Meeting	Chris Hughes	Bill Moretz

Approval of the agenda- Chris Hughes made a motion to accept, Bill Moretz 2nd.
Agenda accepted.

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.

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Alan Walker, Research Institute – Vanderpool Creek Project Seeking funds from the Division of Water Resources for engineering, permitting and construction. Would like partnership with Soil & Water. Project consists of only one landowner. Bill Moretz requested that Soil & Water be updated on the status of the project. Alan Walker stated that communication will be increased on this project. Denny Norris asked if a conflict exists with any board member. No conflict exists. Alan Walker stated that RI was asking for \$356,000 for this project. Chris Hughes made a motion to accept the project, Bill Moretz 2nd. Motion carried.

Alexandra Dinwiddie and Joey Hester – Presentation about nutrient strategy rule development in the High Rock Lake watershed. 3-5 year project.
Joey Hester – High Rock Lake has a three season algae problem. The Restoration project will be for the entire waterway from headwaters to the end. The goal is to strengthen existing storm water programs. Existing use will be grandfathered in and will be protected activity. Meetings will start in August to September. He would like representatives from Soil & Water to attend. There will be a separate meeting for Ag.

District Report- Mikey Woodie

New Applications:

Jessica Miller – well, tank system, stream exclusion

Bill Moretz made a motion to approve the application, Chris Hughes 2nd. Motion carried.

Contracts ready for approval:

95-2022-006 Whitesides Supplemental contract \$2227 Gravel/Filter cloth.

Chris Hughes made a motion to approve, Bill Moretz 2nd. Contract approved.

95-2022-007 Jessica Miller Well, tank system, stream exclusion.

Bill Moretz made a motion to approve, Chris Hughes 2nd. Contract approved.

95-2022-005 Dale Cornette Access Road Repair Beaver Creek \$9755

Chris Hughes made a motion to approve, Bill Moretz 2nd. Contract approve.

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Contract 95-2021-005 - Kristopher Kuhn Request for extension of the 1/3 rule. Bill Moretz made a motion for the extension; Chris Hughes 2nd. Extension granted.

Contract 95-2022-001 – Jeff Brown - Spring Development. Chris Hughes made a motion to accept contract. Bill Moretz 2nd. Contract accepted.

Updates: Blue Ridge Conservancy – completed site visit. Waiting on client.

Green Valley Park – Ben Lucas taking before their board on 7/5/22.

Farm Family Nomination was requested by Jim Hamilton. Denny suggested that Mikey go through finished projects and locate someone that hasn't been nominated. Mikey to get list of previous winners from Jim.

Division Report – Rick McSwain

300 Extension have been requested for 2022fy because of engineers.

Commission to consider a blanket extension at next meeting due to backlog of engineers.

RC&D: David Tucker EQUIP Contracts.

Chris Hughes made a motion to go into Closed Session. Bill Moretz 2nd.

Meeting was closed.

Meeting reopened.

Chris Hughes – Commission report – The Annual Meeting is July 12th at 6:00pm at the Boone Methodist Church.

Rick McSwain – CET is August 15-18th. He also mentioned that there are two positions available within the Division: StRAP Coordinator and a Training Coordinator.

No update on Climate Smart Grant. May increase funds.

Michelle Kasey –

Notary class is scheduled for 6/30/22.

Denny Norris, Chair adjourned the meeting.

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Meeting was adjourned at 9:45am.

Next meeting will be August 24, 2022

Minutes submitted by: Michelle Kasey

Denny Norris

Signed 8 - 24 - 22

Dated

Denny Norris, Chair

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Closed Meeting Minutes

Closed Meeting: Discussed EQUIP Contract Applicants



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Denny Norris, Chair