

March 23, 2022

MINUTES

Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District

971 West King Street, Boone NC 28607

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Present:

Denny Norris- Chair

Chris Hughes – by phone

Bill Moretz

Todd Combs

Graham Fox- Tech

Michelle Kasey - Admin

Jimmy South

Rick McSwain

Denny Norris called meeting to order 8:05am.

Approval of the minutes- Chris Hughes made motion to accept, Bill Moretz seconded. Minutes accepted

Approval of the agenda- Chris Huges 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.

District Report- Graham Fox

New Applications:

Rusty Henson – Ag Road Repair. Road eroding, culverts need to be redirected.

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

Contract 95-2020-801: David Tucker Contract deadline 5/25/22. On schedule with well drillers.

Contract 95-2020-005: Rodney Pressnell Work to begin in two to three weeks weather permitting.

Contract 95-2021-002 – Larry Kitchens All grading is complete. Drinker has been installed. Waiting on weather to pour concrete pad.

Contract 95-2022-001 – Jeff Brown Surveyed with Levi Preston on March 7, 2022. Designs are being drafted.

Contract 95-2021-003 – Michael Greene Waiting on Daphne (Engineer) to do visit.

Contract 95-2021-005 - Kristopher Kuhn Contractor to start next week.

CCAP –Deadline is March 25. 2 applications have been submitted with Blue Ridge Conservancy and Green Valley Park.

Blue Ridge Conservancy storm water wetland – to alleviate standing water from DOT drain. On AHO road. Applied for Equip.

Green Valley Community Park storm water wetland and diversion. DOT drain – stabilize channel. This one is higher ranking because of erosion. \$115,000 estimated cost. Brushy Fork wants to do design.

StRAP: BREC looking to partner on Elk Creek project. Focus on debris removal.

Pine Orchard Creek – Several land owners in Todd area interest in debris removal. \$3000 estimate.

South Fork New River – log jam under bridge by Wahoo's.

Tree Sale in Progress. Deadline for orders is march 31st.

NRCS: no report

RC&D: no report

Division Report – Rick McSwain

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Committee met and changes to StRAP – increased to 38 million in funds. The debris can be cabled, chipped or burned.

Rick McSwain also asked about training on the Mobile Soils Classroom

Both Graham Fox and Michelle Kasey have taken this training.

Rick McSwain also stated that in April there will be a training on the changes to reimbursing supervisors.

Michelle Kasey – 3/17/22 Michelle went to Avery County to help with the Contest Dinner – judging speech contests and handing out awards to Poster Contest winners.

3/18/22 – Michelle travelled to Greensboro to take the Aldo Leopold Conservation Class.

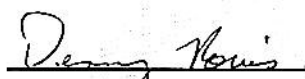
3/22,24,25/2022 –Michelle helped with the Envirothon in Wilkes county.

3/24/22 – Graham Fox presented on Soils at the Envirothon in Wilkes County.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38am.

Next meeting will be April 27, 2022

Minutes submitted by: Michelle Kasey


Denny Norris, Chair

Signed

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Dated