

September 23, 2020

Minutes
Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District
971 West King Street, Boone NC
September 23, 2020 Meeting # 2

Present:

Denny Norris – Chair
Bill Moretz
Jimmy South
Chris Hughes
Todd Combs
Bill Moretz

Janie Poe- Admin
Graham Fox- Tech
David Tucker-NRCS
Jeff Brown - producer
Daniel Brown- producer
Brayden Brown- producer

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.

No conflicts presented.

Research Institute Alan Walker- No show

Jeff Brown and Daniel Brown- Inquiring about a design change. After discussing with the Board they decided to keep contract 95-2020-003 as it was originally designed.

District Report – Graham Fox

95-2020-004 Elaine Pritchard- Contract was approved by the Division. Elaine is in the process of locating a contractor to do her work. Will call Graham when she finds one.

95-2020-005 Rodney Presnell / David Yates- Surveyed site on 9/22 with Levi Preston. Design is now in the process of being drafted.

95-2020-801 David Tucker- Contract was approved by the Division.

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95-2021-001 Todd Combs- Graham Fox went out and got the measurements of the road and is drafting a contract.

Spot Checks will be finished by Friday.

NRCS Report – David Tucker passed out Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners Checklist and discussed it with the Board. New NRCS employee will be here on Monday her name is Ashlan Holland she is from Tennessee.

RC&D- nothing to report

Division Report- Rick McSwain – Commission met Sept 16th. A public meeting on Job Approval Authority Rulemaking was held September 17th, they were also advised to adopt policies for JAA. They are hopeful to get both of these done and ready to go January 1st.

Discussed trainings offered to staff and Supervisors. Touched on local workgroup meetings and mutual aid agreements. GS 139-8.2 was discussed.

Administrative Report- Janie Poe

Area 2 fall meeting virtual meet in Soil & Water office. Janie Poe will register everyone.


Farm Family was discussed and the Board wanted Graham to talk to David Stephens.

Denny Norris's reappointment form was uploaded and receipt confirmed.

Janie Poe gave a verbal resignation to the Board. She thanked them for everything and the opportunity to work for them. October 9th will be her last day. Janie Poe will submit a written resignation to the County.

Next meeting will be October 28, 2020

Minutes submitted by: Janie Poe

 signed 9-23-2020 dated

Denny Norris, Chair