

May 25, 2016

Minutes

Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District

971 West King Street, Boone NC

May 25, 2016 Meeting # 11

Present

Denny Norris- Chair

Janie Poe- Admin.

Angela Gragg

David Tucker- NRCS

Al Childers

Rob Baldwin- Area Coordinator

Rob Hunt

Isaac Hodges – Technician

Joey Clawson

Denny Norris opened the meeting.

Denny asks if anyone needs to recuse-Angela Gragg recused from voting on anything pertaining to Paul Gragg or Robert Shipley.

Al Childers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Joey Clawson seconded; all were in favor.

District Report- Angela Gragg

We are waiting on Jim Errante to do the CR Reviews on almost all of our contracts.

He has been in touch and said he would try to get here in the month of May or early June.

Board discussed setbacks due to CR Reviews not being done in a timely manner.

This needs to be on the agenda of the next DIC meeting in June or early July

- **95-2015-001 Paul Gragg-**

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- 95-2015-006 Al Zimmerman-
- 95-2015-008 Billy Kennedy-
- 95-2016-001 Against the Grain- Contract was approved at the March meeting in the amount of \$2,219. It has been uploaded to CS2 just needs the 11-A signed and uploaded before June 1st.
- 95-2016-002 Charles Norris
- 95-2016-003 Paul Gragg-
- 95-2016-004 Robert Shipley-
- 95-2016-006 Jimmy South-
- 95-2016-008 Jeff Brown- Completed
- 95-2015-003 Holland Whitesides - Completed
- 95-2015-005 Jean Fiedler- Completed
- 95-2016-005 Jean Fiedler Supplement- Completed
- 95-2015-009 Jane Roark- Completed
- 95-2015-010 Danny Miller –Completed
- 95-2015-501 Watauga High School –Completed-

CCAP- Waiting on design approval for 95-2016-501 Hardin Park Elementary

We will have a couple clients interested in AgWRAP coming by soon.

Approved Applications-

Robert Shipley Jr. - Application approved (April 27, 2016) waiting next batching period of August 15, 2016.

Shelena Helms- Application approved (April 27, 2016) Farm visit needs to be done.

Jason Harkey- David Tucker and Isaac are going to go out and meet with him. He is eligible for a high tunnel through EQIP. The Board discussed they might be able to help with Christmas tree Removal just make sure he understands the required 25% match.

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Spot Checks- Watauga High School was found out of compliance. A certified letter was sent to the Board of Education. They have in turn sent Denny Norris and Angela Gragg a letter back letting them know they are in the process of getting it back in compliance. They will meet Isaac Hodges and Angela Gragg in late July or early August.

Janie Poe will let the Board know when the Grant for equipment comes back around this year. It should be around June or July.

Strategy Plan- Angela Gragg discussed changes and explained Impaired and Impacted Stream Survey. Angela Gragg asks the Board to vote on the 2017 Strategy Plan.

Joey Clawson made a motion to approve the 2017 Strategy Plan. Rob Hunt seconded; all were in favor.

Ranking forms were presented and discussed. Angela Gragg asks the Board to vote on approval of the Ranking forms.

Joey Clawson made a motion to approve the Ranking forms (ACSP, AgWRAP, and CCAP). Rob Hunt seconded; all were in favor.

BMP Fund Certification was presented to the Board.

Joey Clawson made a motion to approve the BMP Fund Certification. Angela Gragg seconded; all were in favor

Angela Gragg discussed drafting a Resolution of Appreciation for Andrew Cox and Mark Forbes.

Janie Poe will contact Anita Folgel and see if they have an example resolution to share with us.

Al Childers made a motion to get Andrew Cox and Mark Forbes each a \$50 gift card out of the Rain Barrel/Tree Sale 10-4960-429001 line. Joey Clawson seconded; all were in favor.

David Tucker – Gave everyone a handout and went over Civil Rights. Ask if anyone had any questions concerning Civil Rights.

Alan Walker is lobbying for more money in Raleigh.

Contracting is moving along next money will be after the first of the year.

Rob Baldwin- Discussed the Commission meeting and changes that were approved. Supervisors will have to go to Raleigh every 5 year and get 6 hours of continuing education every year. They will be able to get these hours at the spring and fall meeting and at the Annual meeting.

Janie Poe- Administrative Report

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- **RCW Workshop- Olivia Watson contacted Janie Poe and she does not have anyone to recommend this year for the workshop that will commit. She will try again next year.**
- **Janie Poe and Isaac Hodge will send an email to Blue Ridge Conservancy letting them know we tried to get in touch with them to see if they are still interested in a conservation plan.**
- **Proposed County budget was sent out to all Supervisors.**
- **Janie Poe asks the Board for approval for she and Isaac Hodges to attend a mobile soils classroom training in Wilkesboro June 21, 2016 from 9:30 – 3pm**

Joey Clawson made a motion for Isaac Hodges and Janie Poe to attend the mobile soils training in Wilkesboro on June 21st. Angela Gragg seconded; all were in favor

- **Janie Poe asks the Board to approve time and travel for her to go to Crossnore to Investigating your Environment workshop July 10th – July 15th from 7:30 to 5pm daily. She will drive either the truck or her personal car. This will give her 20 hours towards her EE Certification.**

Joey Clawson made a motion to approve time and travel for Janie Poe to go to the workshop at Crossnore. Rob Hunt seconded; all were in favor.

- **Janie Poe asks the Board to approve time and overnight travel to Waynesville, NC on July 31st through August 2nd for Ground Level Ozone workshop. This will give her credit towards her ee certification.**

Joey Clawson made a motion to approve time and travel for Janie Poe to attend Ground Level Ozone workshop July 31 through August 2. Rob Hunt seconded; all were in favor.

Next meeting will be June 22, 2016

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Janie Poe

 signed 6.22.16 date

Denny Norris, Chair