

March 28, 2018

**Minutes
Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District
971 West King Street, Boone NC
March 28, 2018 Meeting # 7**

Present:

Denny Norris – Chair

Todd Combs

Joey Clawson

Rob Hunt

Al Childers- Vice Chair/Dept. Head

Janie Poe- Admin

Isaac Hodges- Tech

David Tucker-NRCS

Rosie Grajales- NRCS

Denny Norris called the meeting at 8am

Rob Hunt joined via telephone

Minutes from February 28, 2018- approved as presented

Agenda for March 28, 2018 – approved as presented

Conflicts Clause was presented- no conflicts were noted

District Report- Isaac Hodges

- **Shelena Helms 95-2017-004 Drinkers and well pump has been installed. Isaac Hodges asks the SWCD Board if they will grant an extension to Shelena Helms. They are concerned that the weather might get rainy and wet and cause them not to get done in the year originally granted.**

Joey Clawson made a motion to approve a 6 month extension to Shelena Helms 95-2017-004. Al Childers seconded; all were in favor.

- **Charles Norris 95-2016-002 Isaac Hodges updated the Board on pre-construction meeting with engineer. The engineer is going to draw up and do some changes to the design. This contract might have to have a supplement contract. Will know more by the next meeting when new drawings are complete.**
- **Gerald Haas AgWRAP 95-2018-801 in progress well has been drilled and is in the process of having Dewey Wright to price installing pump.**

Program Review for Watauga County SWCD will be April 12-13 Tom Hill is our Cost Share Specialist and will be doing the review.

Isaac Hodges presented a slide show of some BMPs done.

Isaac Hodges informed the Board he would be on vacation April 5-6.

Isaac Hodges asks the Board to approve getting the tires on the tree setter fixed at Boone Tire a customer is interested in renting it on Friday. Board told Isaac Hodges to have them fixed and if money needed to be moved around for Janie Poe to take care of it.

NRCS- David Tucker informed the Board the first selection on contracts for 6 counties has been done. If everything goes through and nothing changes 3 will be in Watauga County. He will bring more information to the next Board meeting.

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Denny Norris presented everyone with information gathered at the Executive Committee Meeting in Raleigh. Annual meeting in 2020 will be held at the Grove Park in Asheville. They are also going to have SOG training offered as day training instead of the overnight for Supervisors to get the continuing education hours.

RC&D Report- Al Childers missed the last meeting. Next meeting will be in April and if Todd Combs is not able to attend Isaac Hodges will attend. Isaac Hodges is going to check to make sure he gets the email from Jonathan Hartsell.


Administration Report – Janie Poe

- Approval for payment to Suzanne Denison for speaking at the Farmland Preservation workshop in October 2017.
Al Childers made a motion to approve the \$100 be taken from the Bill Edmisten Fund. Joey Clawson seconded; all were in favor.
- Janie Poe asks the Board to approve the voucher for \$660 in contest money for the poster contest. Al Childers made a motion to make a \$660 check out to Janie Poe for the awards money to distribute among the winners at the contest night April 17, 2018. Joey Clawson seconded; all were in favor.
- Budget meeting will be April 9, 2018 at 1:30. Denny Norris will go with Janie Poe to the meeting.
- Soil & Water has a new phone number 828-264-3850
- Awards night April 17, 2018 at 6pm
- Janie Poe will be on vacation April 23-April 30
- Janie Poe asks the Board for approval for time and travel to Caldwell to help with field days May 1st & May 3rd.
Al Childers made a motion to approve time and travel for Janie Poe to attend and help. Joey Clawson seconded; all were in favor.
- Janie Poe asks the Board to approve time and travel to Yadkinville for Envirothon meeting May 7, 2018.
Al Childers made a motion to approve time and travel for Janie Poe to attend the Envirothon meeting May 7 in Yadkinville. Joey Clawson seconded; all were in favor.
- There will be a District Issues Meeting in June at Wilkesboro and they are encouraging all Supervisors to attend. Janie Poe will present more information about this when it is available.

Next meeting April 25, 2018

Meeting adjourned 9:10am

Minutes submitted by: Janie Poe

 signed 4-25-18 date
Denny Norris, Chair