

November 18th, 2020

MINUTES

Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District

971 West King Street, Boone NC 28607

November 18th, 2020 Meeting #4

Present:

Denny Norris- Chair

Chris Hughes

Bill Moretz

Graham Fox- Tech

Alan Walker- Resource Institute

Denny Norris called meeting to order

Approval of the minutes- Chris Hughes made motion, Bill Moretz seconded

Approval of the agenda- Chris Hughes made motion, Bill Moretz seconded

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.

Alan Walker- EQIP Contract in Watauga for Joe Brown- Alan Walker is seeking the district's support of an EQIP stream restoration project. They are working on the final contract and expect to have in ready in the coming weeks. Alan will contact Graham when contract is finalized.

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District Report- Graham Fox

95-2020-003 Jeff Brown- Road is built. A few spots with standing water, and a steep bank will likely need to be addressed for road to be in-spec. Will do site visit with David Tucker to go over work as he has JAA

95-2020-004 Elaine Pritchard- Still searching for contractor. Gave her some additional contractors phone numbers to contact to see if they are available to do the project. - Many of the contractors have 3-4 month lead times. Board advised Graham to see if Elaine could at least get the well for the project dug in order to not need an extension for the 1/3rd install-by date.

95-2020-005 Rodney Presnell/David Yates- Design currently being drafted by area engineers.

95-2020-801 David Tucker- Will dig well in spring

95-2021-001 Todd Combs- Finalizing contract

95-2021-002 Larry Kitchens- Engineer request submitted for feed pad on 11/3

NRCS Report- David Tucker

RC&D Report- Chris Hughes- Have not had meeting yet, currently working to schedule one.

Division Report- Regional AgWRAP applications are due November 20th. Annual meeting will be all online.

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Administrative Report- Graham Fox


November 2nd Farmland Preservation was postponed due to lack of quorum. Kelly Coffey told Graham to give him a call once new admin starts to reschedule last quarter meeting. - Graham will fill Michelle in once she gets settled to contact Kelly and get a 4th quarter meeting scheduled.

New Admin- Michelle Kasey has been hired as the new Administrative Assistant/Environmental Educator. Starts Thursday 11/19

Farm City- Plaque for Farm Family purchased, article published on 11/17/20 in Watauga Democrat. HC Press article coming later this week.

Next meeting will be Jan 20th, 2021- Tentative meeting scheduled for December 16th if EQIP contract is ready, or if there are other matters that require a board vote before January meeting. Graham will let board know if anything comes up. Must give 7-day public notice if a meeting is being held.

Minutes submitted by: Graham Fox

 Signed 11-18- 2020 Dated
Denny Norris, Chair