

November 16, 2022

MINUTES

Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District

971 West King Street, Boone NC 28607

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Present:

Denny Norris - Chair

Michelle Kasey

Chris Hughes – by phone

Ashlan Holland

Bill Moretz

Todd Combs

Denny Norris called meeting to order at 8:06 am.

Approval of the minutes- Accepted - Chris Hughes made motion, Todd Combs seconded.

Approval of the 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- Michelle Kasey for Mikey Woodie

New Applications:

95-2023-002 Jeff Brown and Daniel Brown Two spring developments, watering tank, heavy use area protection. Chris Hughes made a motion to approve, Todd Combs seconded. Application was approved.

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Updates:

ACSP

95-2020-005 Rodney Presnell. Client has not submitted a written cancellation.

95-2021-003 Michael Greene Waiting on Division engineers on feasibility assessment.

95-2021-004 Kris Kuhn Waiting on contractor.

95-2022-004 Rusty Henson Waiting for construction to begin.

95-2022-005 Dale Cornett Construction has begun.

95-2022-007 Jessica Miller Well to be drilled in March or April.

95-2023-001 Scott Jensen – Working on conservation planning and design.

AgWRAP

95-2022-801 Genevieve Mente Still waiting on Cultural Resources Review.

CCAP

95-2022-501 Green Valley Community Park Engineer trying to contact DOT

95-2022-502 Blue Ridge Conservancy Survey planned for December when vegetation dies back.

StRAP

Elk Creek Project and South Fork New River Project Todd Hodges with Hicks Construction Enterprises in Sugar Grove NC had the lowest bid. Mr. Hodges would like to begin project this winter provided the trout moratorium does not apply.

Vanderpool Stream Restoration – Received award letter from the Division of Water Resources for 3512 linear feet of stream restoration and 3.3 acres of riparian buffer installation.

NRCS Report – Ashlan Holland – There are 24 applications for Watauga County. Working on Urban Equip Contracts which are 5 miles outside of the city center.

Division Report – no report

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RC&D: Chris Hughes New Officers have been elected. RC&D's next board meeting will be in March and will be held in Watauga County. There will be a tour of the Ward's Dam project.

The 15% Admin fee for the StRAP program can be used to purchase a drone.

Michelle Kasey – Administrative update - Staff requested to continue to flex. Mikey Woodie having to meet with working farmers early in the morning due to them having jobs outside of the farm. Denny Norris stated that this has to be voted on. Chris Hughes made a motion to allow staff to continue to flex during Daylight Saving Hours. Bill Moretz 2nd. Motion carried.


Michelle Kasey also mentioned that she had been to 2 Rivers School to read about recycling to both the Kindergarten Class and the 1st Grade Class. She is going to read to the Virtual Academy for Watauga County on 11/23/22.

Denny Norris, Chair thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45am.

Next meeting will be January 25, 2023

Minutes submitted by:

 Signed 1/26/23 Dated
Todd Combs, Vice Chair