

October 26, 2022

MINUTES

**Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District
971 West King Street, Boone NC 28607**

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Present:

Denny Norris - Chair

Mikey Woodie - Tech

Chris Hughes

Bill Moretz

Todd Combs

Denny Norris called meeting to order at 8:09 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- Mikey Woodie

New Applications:

AgWrap: Kara Dodson – Well and pump. Client has withdrawn application due to well costs.

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Updates:

ACSP

95-2020-005 Rodney Presnell. Client has asked to cancel; came from Mr. Presnell who leases the land. Denny Norris and Todd Combs asked Mikey Woodie to have Mr. Presnell sign the written cancellation.

95-2021-003 Michael Greene Working on redesign with Mark Forbes and Andrew Cox, waiting on Division engineers to see if new location for feed pad is eligible for cost share. Tech Assistance request submitted.

95-2021-004 Kris Kuhn Construction to begin soon; waiting on contractor.

95-2022-001 Jeff Brown Working on new contract.

95-2022-004 Rusty Henson Waiting on contractor for construction start.

95-2022-005 Dale Cornett Design complete; construction to start within the next month.

95-2022-007 Jessica Miller Working on design with client. Well location finalized with well contractor.

95-2023-001 Scott Jensen – Working on conservation planning and design. Suggested well to client, Board agreed that would be more reliable.

AgWRAP

95-2022-801 Genevieve Mente Waiting on client pre-construction meeting. Still waiting on Cultural Resources Review.

CCAP

95-2022-501 Green Valley Community Park Design to be completed by engineer before December. Engineer has asked DOT to cut and stabilize pipe. Denny Norris suggested trying to move forward without DOT if possible. Mikey Woodie will check with DOT on working in the DOT right of way.

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

StRAP

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Elk Creek Project and South Fork New River Project No floodplain permit or NORISE study needed. NCDOT says they can remove debris from South Fork, but waiting to hear back on a timeline. Waiting to hear back from NC Wildlife Resources Commission about trout moratorium.

Farm Family – Plaque ordered. Photo book printed.

NRCS Report – no report

Division Report – no report

RC&D: Chris Hughes no report for RC&D

Mikey Woodie (for Michelle Kasey) – Administrative update
Supervisor appointment submitted for Jimmy South.

Chris Hughes, general updates – NC Soil & Water Association (Amanda Sand) has grants for drones. We will apply for a drone under that program. We are going to ask for a soil tunnel from them as well. Chris Hughes will check with Amanda Sand on the process.

Chris Hughes and Denny Norris asked the staff to contact someone about sending a student to the next Resource Conservation Workshop in the summer- call high school for information.

National Capital Christmas tree coming from NC – kickoff ceremony on Nov 3rd, Nov 8th at Boone Mall from 12:30-2. Will be lit November 30th in Washington, DC. Chris Hughes will not be here in person for next meeting.

Annual meeting week of Jan 8th, online registration going live today.

Chris Hughes asked if we could get shirts printed. Denny Norris said we have done that in the past. Chris Hughes said he could look into getting some shirts.

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Denny Norris to present Farm Family plaque. Mr. Norris suggested that Mikey Woodie talk briefly on our programs at the event. Todd Combs said we should introduce the new staff, all agreed.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55am.

Next meeting will be November 16, 2022

Minutes submitted by:

Denny Norris

Signed

11-16-22

Dated

Denny Norris, Chair