

September 27, 2107

**Minutes**  
**Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**971 West King Street, Boone NC**  
**September 27, 2017 Meeting # 2**

**Present:**

Denny Norris – Chair  
Todd Combs  
Joey Clawson  
Rob Hunt

Al Childers- Vice Chair/Dept. Head  
Janie Poe- Admin  
Isaac Hodges  
David Tucker - NRCS

Denny Norris opened the meeting.

**Agenda – Approved**

Joey Clawson made a motion to approve the minutes from August 16, 2017 as presented. Al Childers seconded; all were in favor.

**District Report- Isaac Hodges**

New Application- Marjorie Hrozencik/ Paul Gragg at the Council Main farm submitted an application for ACSP program. The application missed the last batching period by a day.

Joey Clawson made a motion to approve the application for Marjorie Hrozencik. Rob Hunt seconded; all were in favor.

**New Contracts**

- Coy Miller ranked 1<sup>st</sup> with a score of 82. Contract # 95-2018-001 he has 50 head of cattle. Wanting to fence out spring and do heavy use area and a 225 ft access road to get to heavy use area, and 3 drinkers \$16,794. The Board advised Isaac Hodges to speak with Mr. Miller and see if he would be interested in a concrete pad instead of gravel. Isaac Hodges will contact him and pass on the helpful information discussed by the Board.  
Al Childers made a motion to approve the contract 95-2018-001 for Coy Miller in the amount of \$16,794 contingent on Mr. Miller decision about concrete pad, the contract amount might have to be revised. Joey Clawson seconded; all were in favor.
- Scott Corum ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> with a score of 77. Contract # 95-2018-002 Located in the II watershed in Bethel. Paring with Brushy Fork 319 grant money. ACSP will be drilling a stream protection well, fencing and 3 drinkers. Board discussed Brushy Fork Environmental doing any stream repairs \$16,743.  
Rob Hunt made a motion to approve the contract 95-2018-002 for Scott Corum in the amount of \$16,743. Joey Clawson seconded; all were in favor.
- Victor Fortune ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> with a score of 71. Contract # 95-2018-003 also located in the II watershed, this will be a supplement contract to 95-2017-003. Filter Cloth, Gravel, and 1 tank (for guardian dogs). Isaac Hodges to contact cost share specialist to inquire about livestock guardian dogs drinkers \$5,068.

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Al Childers made a motion to approve the contract # 95-2018-003 for Victor Fortune in the amount of \$5,068 contingent on the drinker for the guardian dogs. Todd Combs seconded; all were in favor.

#### AgWRAP

- Jerry Haas contract # 95-2017-801. Jerry Haas and Isaac Hodges were not able to locate the well head in order to install a pump. Isaac Hodges will contact Tom Hill to see if they can add a well to a 2018 contract to prevent returning funds. Isaac Hodges will report back to the Board at the next Soil & Water monthly meeting.

#### Farm City Banquet

- Farm Family Nominations  
Isaac Hodges will check into Jimmy South for the Board.

#### NRCS- David Tucker

- New Year October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Mark Ferguson has filled the vacant position Alan Walker had previously.
- EQIP deadline will be November 17, 2017
- Farm Bill they are looking at cutting programs.

RC&D- Al Childers asks the Board for someone to start going to the meetings with him. He would like to see someone else take on this commitment. Isaac Hodges will go to the October 3, 2017 meeting. Board discussed taking turns attending to see who might be interested in attending the meetings. Janie Poe will contact Deron Geouque to see which Commissioner took David Blust's place and to see if they are going to attend the meetings also.

#### Administrative Report- Janie Poe

- Secondary Employment forms for Isaac Hodges and Janie Poe are ready for Denny Norris to sign.
- Received copy of contract for Eric Green from DEQ.
- Al Childers made a motion to purchase and supply all the poster board for the poster contest for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Joey Clawson seconded; all were in favor.  
Janie Poe will place the order this week it was priced \$51.19 per box of 100.
- DEA membership for Isaac Hodges  
Al Childers made a motion to pay the membership for 3 years for \$70 for Isaac Hodges. Todd Combs seconded; all were in favor.
- Area 2 meeting will be in Dobson October 12, 2017. Meet at 7:45 at the SWCD office if you want to carpool.
- Todd Combs made a motion to approve time and travel for Isaac Hodges and Janie Poe to attend the annual meeting January 7<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup> in Raleigh. Rob Hunt second; all were in favor.

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- Janie Poe asks the Board to be considering the Area 2 standing committee.
- Farmland Preservation will have a workshop October 17, 2017 at 7pm downstairs.  
Western NC Farmlink will be doing a presentation about connecting farmers with vacant land and vice-versa.

Next meeting will be October 25, 2017 at 8am

Thank you all for coming.

Minutes submitted by: Janie Poe

  
\_\_\_\_\_ signed 10.25.17 \_\_\_\_\_ date  
Denny Norris, Chair