

January 24, 2018

**Minutes**  
**Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**971 West King Street, Boone NC**  
**January 24, 2018 Meeting # 5**

**Present:**

<b>Denny Norris – Chair</b>	<b>Janie Poe- Admin</b>
<b>Todd Combs</b>	<b>Isaac Hodges- Tech</b>
<b>Joey Clawson</b>	<b>David Tucker-NRSC</b>
<b>Rob Hunt</b>	<b>Rosie Grajales- NRCS</b>
<b>Al Childers- Vice Chair/Dept. Head</b>	<b>Derek Goddard</b>

**Denny Norris opened the meeting.**

**Agenda – Approved as presented**

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**Conflict- Joey Clawson recused from voting on anything pertaining to Bobby Greene’s contract**

**Derek Goddard**

**Updated the Board on the Eric Greene contract**

**Would like to ask the Board to allow Denny Norris, Chairman to sign requests for payments and reimbursements should they have them ready in between Board meetings**

**Joey Clawson made a motion to allow Chairman, Denny Norris to sign the request for payment and reimbursements when they come in. Al Childers seconded; all were in favor.**

**Bobby Greene contract was approved for matching funds grant 140,000.**

**Also requesting the Board allows Mr. Norris to sign paperwork as soon as it’s available to the Board. Rob Hunt made a motion to approve the request to allow Denny Norris to sign the forms regarding the Bobby Greene contract. Todd Combs seconded; Joey Clawson recused, the rest were in favor.**

**District Report- Isaac Hodges**

**Victor Fortune ACSP 95-2018-003 (supplement)**

**RFP was presented to the Board in the amount of \$5,068. This RFP will close out his 2017 contract # 95-2017-003 and the 2018 contract # 95-2017-003.**

**Al Childers made a motion to approve the RFP in the amount of \$5,068 to complete contracts 95-2018-003 and 95-2017-003. Todd Combs seconded; all were in favor.**

**Gerald Haas AgWrap 95-2018-801- waiting on the CR review**

**Coy Miller ACSP 95-2018-002 Approved and ready to begin waiting on the weather to start**

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**Scott Corum ACSP 95-2018-002 Approved and ready to begin. Pairing with 319 and Brushy Fork on this contract. CR Review has been approved**

**Bob Shipley ACSP 95-2016-004 and 95-2017-001 construction is in progress. Isaac Hodges presented the Board with pictures of the project.**

**Barbara James ACSP 95-2018-004 Approved, but will have to be modified per Barbara James request. She has decided not to do as much as originally planned. She wants a simpler conservation plan that does not include a well and all the drinkers. Something easier to maintain, Isaac Hodges will go back out and meet with her this week. He will have more information for the Board at the next meeting.**

**Isaac Hodges asks the Board for approval for overnight stay for one night at the Young Farmers & Ranchers conference in Raleigh January 26.**

**Al Childers made a motion to approve the travel for one over night stay for Isaac Hodges to attend the Young Farmers conference. Rob Hunt seconded; all were in favor.**

**Isaac Hodges asks the Board to approve travel to the Southern Farm Show in Raleigh February 2, 2018**

**Al Childers made a motion for Isaac Hodges to attend the Southern Farm Show. Todd Combs seconded; all were in favor.**

**NRCS- David Tucker**

**David introduced Rosie Grajales Cortes a new NRCS employee. February 23, 2018 is the ranking deadline.**

**RC&D- Al Childers stated that the meeting was cancelled due to weather.**

**Administrative Report- Janie Poe**

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed in 2012 have expired. NRCS is working on them and will send us information as soon as they get it.**

**Survey – Visioning the future of Conservation Delivery in NC. Board asks Isaac Hodges to complete the survey and if he needed to he could call any of the Supervisors if he needed help.**

**District Legislative Liaison – Denny Norris will be the liaison for the District**

**Area 2 Spring Meeting will be at the Valle Crucis Conference Center March 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Robert Marsh sent an email out about renovations for budget purposes. Board asks Janie Poe to contact Mr. Marsh and have them see about gravel for the lower parking lot and where the pavement ends and there is a big drop off.**

**Filing begins June 11, 2018 at noon and ends July 6, 2018 at noon.**

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Received the invoice for:

Area dues, Northwest Envirothon, Envirothon donation \$450

Todd Combs made a motion to pay \$450 for the Area dues, Northwest Envirothon, and Envirothon donation. Rob Hunt seconded; all were in favor

Board decided to wait until later to decide about donation for the 2019 North American Envirothon.

2018 Association dues \$483 is due

Rob Hunt made a motion to pay the Association Dues in the amount of \$483. Todd Combs seconded; all were in favor.

Janie Poe asks the Board for approval for her and Isaac Hodges to attend a DIC February 7 in Wilkes

AL Childers made a motion to approve for Janie Poe and Isaac Hodges to attend. Joey Clawson seconded; all were in favor.

Board voted time and travel for Janie Poe to travel to the Southern Farm Show on Friday February 2 in Raleigh.

Rob Hunt made a motion for time and travel for Janie Poe to attend the Southern Farm show in Raleigh. Todd Combs seconded; all were in favor.


Janie Poe reminded the Board SOG will be February 6-7 in Raleigh.

Next meeting will be February 28, 2018 at 8am

Thank you all for attending

Meeting adjourned 9:40

Minutes submitted by: Janie Poe

 signed 2-28-18 date

Denny Norris, Chair