

September 26, 2018

Minutes

**Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District
971 West King Street, Boone NC
September 26, 2018 Meeting # 2**

Present:

**Denny Norris – Chair
Joey Clawson
Al Childers
Todd Combs
Rob Hunt-
David Tucker - NRCS**

**Janie Poe- Admin
Isaac Hodges- Tech
Rick McSwain- Area Coordinator
Chris Hughes- guest
Kayla Mounce- NRCS Intern**

**Denny Norris called the meeting at 8:00 am
Minutes from August 22, 2018- approved as presented
Agenda for September 26, 2018 – approved as presented
Conflicts Clause was presented- No conflicts presented**

District Report- Isaac Hodges

Contract Ranking

1. David Stephens:	125
2. Robert Shipley (Supplement Application):	117
3. Matt/ Mark Duvall:	85
4. Marjorie Hrozencik:	79
5. Rodney Presnell:	71
6. Elaine Pritchard:	63
7. Amy Fiedler:	62
8. Bob Shipley (Application for a new contract):	61
9. Holly Whiteside:	56

Active/Completed Contracts Updates

- Charles Norris (95-2016-002) Replacing feed pad with a heavy use area.**
- Barbara James (95-2018-004) Access road graded & graveled, fencing and water tanks are on site.**
- Shelena Helms (95-2017-004) Funds were re-allocated to the 2019 allocation cover the 2017 funds cancellation error. RFP was process and paid closing out this contract.
Board expressed concern about the Division holding SWCD accountable for the mistake. Isaac Hodges assured them Tom Hill was going to take care of the documentation for this error.**

CCAP Opportunity

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- **Valle Crucis Park**
 - Storm water management
 - Permeable Pavement
 - Ditching/Piping parking lot runoff
- **Application due September 28, 2018**
- **Meeting Thursday September 28, 2018 with cooperators to finalize application and submit**

Farm Family- Farm City will be November 1, 2018

Isaac Hodges recommended Jeff & Daniel Brown for Farm Family this year. Isaac Hodges went over the BMP's they have been installing to their Choose and Cut tree operation and how they have a goal they are working towards. The Board discussed the accomplishments of the Browns and everyone agreed they would give the Farm Family Award 2018 to Jeff and Daniel Brown.

NRCS- David Tucker

Fiscal year ends September 30, 2018. They are still waiting on a farm bill and are taking applications year round. November 2nd is batching period deadline. They are combining EQIP & CSP and they have a new planning tool.

RD&D- AL Childers let everyone know the next meeting would be **October 2, 2018** at the High Country Council of Government building. They have advertised for an Education Coordinator. Janie Poe had received a text from Jonathan Hartsell stating he wanted to let Denny Norris know that he could not get in touch with Wayne Press about Todd Island Park.

Administrative Report- Janie Poe

Janie Poe reported the 2018 Field Days was a big hit. We already have 3 presenters committed for Next year. The Valle Crucis Park Facility has already been reserved for September 5th & 6th with rain dates of 12th & 13th. Thank you letters were sent out to all presenters.

- **Annual meeting will be January 6-8 in Raleigh**
Janie Poe asks the Board to approve registration, time and overnight travel for herself and Isaac Hodges.
Al Childers made a motion to approve registration, time and overnight travel for Janie Poe and Isaac Hodges to attend the
- **Janie Poe ask the Board to approve the purchase of a 24-26 inch monitor and key board along with regular supplies the office needs.**
Al Childers made a motion to approve the purchase of the monitor, keyboard, and supplies the office needs. Todd Combs seconded all were in favor.
- **Janie Poe ask the Board if they wanted to approve the purchase of the candy for the Area 2 meeting like they done for the spring meeting. It was discussed and everyone was in favor of purchasing the candy for the Area 2 meeting.**
- **Board members who are attending the Area 2 meeting will need to pay by Friday.**

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- **Appointment of Rob Hunt**

The Board ask Rob Hunt if he would be willing to serve another term and he agreed. Joey Clawson made a motion to appoint Rob Hunt to serve on the SWCD Board. Todd Combs seconded; all were in favor.

Denny Norris and Rob Hunt signed the forms. Janie Poe will send them to the Division.

- Janie Poe ask the Board if it would be ok to check on purchasing coats for the Soil & Water staff with the Soil & Water logo.

They agreed and advised her to look and let them know what she found.

- **Memorandum of Understanding**

Each Board member had a copy of the new MOU and the changes were marked on it. After discussion of a few changes and typo errors the Board was please to vote on the new MOU. Janie Poe will contact the County Manager and see when he would like for us to bring it to the commissioners for approval and signature

Joey Clawson made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (between the SWCD, NRCS, County, and the SWCD Division) changes will be made and Denny Norris will sign. Rob Hunt seconded; all were in favor.

Commission Update- Rick McSwain

- Discussed the change of 6 hours of training per year to 6 hours per TERM. Explained the trainings like School of Government will now be a one day training in Morganton. Rick felt this would be better for all. The Supervisors agreed and thought more would attend. Discussed a few more items and Area 2 mtg.

Next meeting will be October 24, 2018

Thank you all for coming.

Minutes submitted by: Janie Poe

 signed 10-24-18 date
Denny Norris, Chair