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Minutes
Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District
971 West King Street, Boone NC
October 23, 2019 Meeting # 3
Present:

Denny Norris – Chair
Bill Moretz
Todd Combs
Chris Hughes

Janie Poe- Admin
Graham Fox- Tech
David Tucker-NRCS
Christine Vance- NRCS

Denny Norris called the meeting at 8 am

Approval of the minutes – Chris Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Todd Combs seconded; all were in favor.

Agenda was accepted as presented

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.

No conflicts presented.

District Report

David Stephens supplement contract # 95-2020-001 was approved by the Division.

Graham Fox ask the Board to approve an RFP for 95-2020-002 David Stephens in the amount of \$772. This will finish this contract.

Chris Hughes made a motion to approve the RFP for 95-2020-002 David Stephens for \$772. Todd Combs seconded; all were in favor.

95-2020-001 Matt Duval's supplement contract was approved by the Division. They have started work and are progressing nicely. Graham, Christine and Mark went out and checked on the installation and work being done.

Other Applicants:

Board ask Graham Fox to be sure and let the applicants who are not eligible know. Denny Norris suggested sending them a letter explaining why.

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Ranking

Elaine Pritchard scored 69

Rodney Presnell scored 66

Jeff Browns ranking will be finished this afternoon.

Other Contracts:

95-2019-006 Justin Eggers- Daphne Cartner will be coming to do a site visit November 8th, 2019

Denny Norris talked to Doug Carson and the well he had dug that was dry now has some water in it. The well driller is going to check on it to see if it's getting enough water in order to use and put a pump in. Will let the Board know what they find.

NRCS Report- David Tucker

No written rules or deadlines so far. Hopefully by December they will have something. They are just working on a continuing resolution right now.

RC&D- Chris Hughes reported the next RC&D meeting will be November 13, 2019 at 7pm. They are deciding on hiring a lobbyist. Chris will keep the Board informed.

Division Report- Rick McSwain

Janie Poe informed the Board of the report Rick had emailed.

Administrative Report- Janie Poe

Chris Hughes made a motion to approve Janie Poe and Graham Fox be able to use personal vehicles for travel to CET. Bill Moretz seconded; all were in favor.

Chris Hughes made a motion to send a letter to Amin Davis with Division of Water Resources asking for notification in writing of any payments issued and a final financial report when a grants is completed due to Soil & Water being the Co-Applicants. Bill Moretz seconded all were in favor.

Todd Combs made a motion for Chris Hughes to be the Secretary/Treasurer for the SWCD Board. Bill Moretz seconded; all were in favor.

Bill Moretz made a motion to approve time and travel for Janie Poe & Graham Fox to attend the Annual meeting January 5th – 7th in Charlotte. Chris Hughes seconded; all were in favor.

Farm Family of the year is Victor Fortune and Tracy Kelly with Forest Grove Farm. Tickets are on sell now.

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Denny Norris asks Janie Poe to contact the County Manager and see if he can approve travel for staff to go to any county in our 12 district area for training etc. with just an email letting them know where we are going with as much notice as possible. If he can't approve it Denny Norris will ask approval from the Commissioners on November 6th.

Bill Moretz made a motion to approve time and travel for Janie Poe and Graham Fox to assist Alleghany County with their Envirothon October 24, 2019. Chris Hughes seconded; all were in favor.

Bill Moretz made a motion to change the regular Soil & Water meeting in November to the 20th instead of 27th. Chris Hughes seconded; all were in favor.

Chris Hughes made a motion to pay National Association of Conservation District Dues \$500. Todd Combs seconded; all were in favor.

Next meeting will be November 20, 2019

Thank you all, for coming meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Janie Poe

 signed _____ date _____

Denny Norris, Chair