

November 20, 2019

Minutes
Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District
971 West King Street, Boone NC
November 20, 2019 Meeting # 4

Present:

Denny Norris – Chair
Bill Moretz
Jimmy South
Chris Hughes

Janie Poe- Admin
Graham Fox- Tech
Jonathan Hartsell- RC&D

Denny Norris called the meeting at 8 am

Approval of the minutes – Chris Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes as presented Bill Moretz 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.

No conflicts noted

95-2020-002 David Stephens RFP for \$772.00 was signed by Denny Norris between meetings. This will complete the contract for Mr. Stephens

Chris Hughes made a motion to approve the RFP for 95-2020-002 David Stephens. Jimmy South seconded; all were in favor.

95-2020-001 Matt Duval RFP for \$15,788.00 was signed by Denny Norris between meetings. This is a partial payment.

Chris Hughes made a motion to approve the RFP for \$15,788.00 Matt Duval partial payment. Jimmy South seconded; all were in favor.

95-2019-006 Justin Eggers- Daphne Cartner came for a site visit and it's going to depend on what Justin wants as where they go from here. Graham spoke with Justin and he is willing to do the

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livestock exclusion. Daphne was sent an email letting her know what Justin is willing to do. We are now awaiting a response to the email.

Mr. Ed Hardy and Horse Helpers were sent letters explaining why they were ineligible.

Ranking:

Jeff Brown 72

Elaine Pritchard 69

Rodney Presnell 66

NRCS- No Report

RC&D- Chris Hughes

This was the first meeting attended by Chris. They are doing a lot with education with in the region they have.

Jonathan Hartsell- presented to the Board on the Wards Mill Dam Removal Project and some grant projects that are available through RC&D.

Division Report- Janie Poe shared the emailed report from Rick McSwain.

Administrative Report:

Denny Norris signed the letter drafted to everyone SWCD works as Co-Applicants with on grants.

Todd Combs will be doing performance appraisal before the Dec 2nd deadline.

Chris Hughes made a motion to approve time and travel for Graham Fox to go to the School of Government in Asheville in February. Bill Moretz seconded; all were in favor.

Southern Farm Show will be February 5-7. Extension is going again this year would like approval for staff to attend.

Chris Hughes made a motion to approve time and travel for Janie Poe & Graham Fox to attend the Farm Show on February 7th in Raleigh. Bill Moretz seconded; all were in favor.

Bill Moretz made a motion to approve a \$100 allowance for jackets and a hat or scarf for Janie Poe and Graham Fox. Chris Hughes seconded; all were in favor.

Janie Poe will be on vacation Dec. 16-20 and 23rd 7 27th

Graham Fox will be using his comp time during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We would like to wish you and your family a very safe and happy holiday season.

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Next meeting will be January 22, 2020.

Denny Howe