



**WATAUGA
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
September 25, 2024**

Supervisors Present	Staff / Others Present
Denny Norris, Chair	Mikey Woodie, Watauga SWCD
Bill Moretz	David Tucker, NRCS
Chris Hughes	Samantha Dame, NRCS
Jennifer Hanifan	Elise McLaughlin, SWC Division
Todd Combs	

Meeting held at Watauga SWCD office; 971 West King St, Boone, NC.

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Denny Norris called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. He inquired whether any Watauga SWCD board members need to declare any conflict of interest, or appearance of conflict of interest, for items that would come before the board. Chair Denny Norris also reminded supervisors of the NCASWCD Statement of Professionalism.
2. **Welcome - Introductions:** Chair Norris welcomed all in attendance.
3. **Approval of Agenda –** The draft agenda was shared with the supervisors. *Supervisor Chris Hughes offered a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion about farm family selection. Supervisor Jennifer Hanifan seconded the motion, and the motion carried.*
4. **Approval Of Minutes – August 28, 2024 Meeting:** The minutes of the Watauga SWCD meeting held on August 28, 2024 were presented. *Supervisor Hughes offered a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Supervisor Hanifan seconded the motion, and the motion carried.*

ACTION ITEMS

5. COST SHARE UPDATES

- 5a. **Contract Updates:** Technician Woodie presented status of ongoing contracts.
- 5b. **ACSP:** Technician Woodie presented contract updates and the Shipley RFP to the board for approval.

Contract	Name
95-2024-005	Shipley Family LLC

Supervisor Hanifan made a motion to approve the application. Supervisor Hughes seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

5c. AgWRAP:

5ci. Technician Woodie reported that Daniel Brown rescinded the following repair contract. The cooperater will move forward with the new project for another collection tank.

Contract	Name	Practice	Amount
95-2025-802	Daniel Brown	Water Collection System repair	\$1,465

5.cii. Technician Woodie requested approval for the following supplement:

Contract	Name	Practice	Amount
95-2025-801	Jay Bost	Well	\$9,035

Supervisor Moretz made a motion to approve the applications. Supervisor Hughes seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

5d. STRAP: Technician Woodie presented the following contract to the board for approval:

Contract	Name	Practice	Amount
25-008-4038	NCD&CS/Division SWC	Boone Creek Stream Restoration	\$200,000

Supervisor Hughes made a motion to approve the contract with 5% retained for administrative costs. Supervisor Hanifan seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

6. Farm Family for Farm City Banquet: Technician Woodie recommended Shipley Family. *Supervisor Hughes made a motion to ask Bob Shipley to serve as the Farm Family for Watauga County. Supervisor Hanifan seconded the motion, and the motion carried.*

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. Federal Programs Update: David Tucker presented the following updates:

- November 1 is anticipated deadline for sign up for EQIP and CSP.
- A selection panel has been convened for Mark Ferguson's position.
- Brandon Turlington has accepted the Boone position.

Chair Norris thanked David Tucker for his presentation.

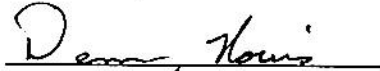
8. State Programs Update: Elise McLaughlin reported the following updates:

- Fall Meeting registration is open until September 30.
- The Foundation has limited funding for districts to purchase equipment to rent out to landowners. Discussion followed about possibly purchasing a roller crimper to encourage cover crops. Technician Woodie will ask Michelle Kasey about cost and budget to see if district could afford the 30% match. Discussion followed about hosting a booth at Farm City Banquet and including a list of equipment available to rent.
- Supervisor reappointment must be submitted to the Division through FormSite by October 31.

9. **Administrative Update:** Technician Woodie shared the following updates:
- Michelle Kasey coordinated 5th Grade Environmental Field Days, held September 5th and 6th at Valle Crucis Park. They were very successful. Supervisor Hanifan volunteered both days.
 - Michelle Kasey helped with the Ashe County Environmental Field Day, September 10 at New River State Park, and she will assist at the Wilkes County Field Day on October 3.
 - Poster and Speech Contests will be announced in schools on October 1. Speech Contests will be held December 12; board members will be needed for judging.

CONCLUSION

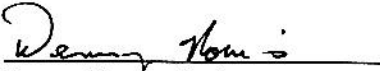
10. **Next Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, October 23 at 8 a.m.**
11. **Adjourn:** With no further business, Chair Norris declared the meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.



Denny Norris/Chair
Watauga SWCD

Elise McLaughlin, Interim Recording Secretary

These minutes were approved by the Watauga SWCD on October 23, 2024.



Denny Norris, Chair
Watauga SWCD