

WATAUGA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

June 25, 2025

Supervisors Present	Staff / Others Present		
Denny Norris, Chair	Brian Bonville, Watauga SWCD		
Bill Moretz	Brandon Turlington, NRCS		
Chris Hughes	Elise McLaughlin, SWC Division		
Jennifer Hanifan	Chloe Weigl, High School Student - RCW Camp		
Nate Coppenbarger			

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 8:00 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 and asked Supervisor Chris Huges to open in prayer.
- 3. Approval of Agenda: The draft agenda was shared with the supervisors. Supervisor Jennie Hanifan offered a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion about emails to the public. Elise McLauglin requested that Chloe Weigl give her RCW Camp presentation as the first item on the agenda. Supervisor Hanifan approved, and Supervisor Bill Moretz seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- 4. Approval Of Minutes May 28, 2025 (additions and corrections): The minutes of the Watauga SWCD meeting held on May 28th, 2025, were presented. Supervisor Jennie Hanifan requested the addition of Technician Bonville's yearly site visits and needed follow-up be added to the minutes. Supervisor Hughes offered a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Supervisor Moretz seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- **5. Introduction of RCW Camp Attendee** Technician Bonville introduced Chloe Weigl, Watauga High School rising Senior. Chloe gave her presentation of her time at the RCW Camp.

ACTION ITEMS

6. New Applications: Technician Bonville stated that there were no new applications.

7. Contract Updates: Technician Bonville presented contract Daniel Brown Spring Development to the board for approval.

Contract	Name
95-2025-802	Daniel Brown

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

- **8. ACSP:** Technician Bonville presented the status of ongoing contracts.
- 9. AgWRAP: Technician Bonville presented the status of ongoing contracts.
- 10. CCAP: Technician Bonville presented the status of ongoing contracts.
- 11. Technical Assistance Funding: Technician Bonville presented an update on funding for Hurricane Helene Assistance Funding and that Watauga is split with Wilkes. We will wait to hear from Christine to understand the parameters of monies allocated. We may have a July meeting regarding Technical Assistance Funding. TBD.
- 12. StRAP: Technician Bonville gave update.
- 13. NRCS: Brandon Turlington gave update.
- 14. RC&D: Supervisor Hughes gave update.
- **15**. **Additional Agenda Item:** Emails. *Supervisor Hanifan* made a motion to approve that supervisors be BCC'd on all emails with public correspondence regarding teaching, classes, workshops, and anything that Watauga SWCD is inviting our community to attend and/or partake in.

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

16. Division Report: Elise McLaughlin gave update.

Additional Information:

Michelle Kasey is going to set up a meeting for Technical Assistance Funding (possible meeting mid to end of July).

CONCLUSION

- 10. Next Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, August 27 at 8 a.m.
- 11. Adjourn: With no further business, Chair Norris declared the meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Denny Norris, Chair Watauga SWCD	Jennie Hanifan, Interim Recording Secretary
	Brian Bonville, Interim Recording Secretary
These minutes were approved by the We	atauga SWCD on , 2025.
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Denny Nordis, Chair	
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