

MINUTES

Catawba Soil and Water Conservation District held at Newton, N.C.

Meeting Number 7

August 5, 2022

Supervisors Present:

Stephen Killian

Julia Elmore

Brandon Bowman

David Caldwell

Others Present:

Randy Willis, Soil Conservation Supervisor

Blake Henley, Soil Conservation Technician

Leia Hamlyn, Education Coordinator

Rick McSwain, Area Coordinator

Jim Propst, NRCS Team 5 Supervisor

Julius Johnson, Catawba NRCS

Stephen Killian read the following statement then called the business meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.:

The State Government Ethics Act mandates that at the beginning of any meeting the Chair reminds all the members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and inquire as to whether any member knows of any conflict of interest or potential conflict with respect to matters to come before the Board. If any member knows of a conflict of interest or potential conflict, please state so at this time.

Julia Elmore made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2022, board meeting. Brandon Bowman seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.

Julius Johnson gave the NRCS Catawba Report:

1. FY22 EQIP:

As of August 4, 2022, all the EQIP contracts are obligated. We have a total of 4 obligated EQIP contracts in our system, that total amount is **\$40,414.**

- 1 Forestry - \$12,881 (**Brush Management**)
- 1 Closure of Waste Impoundments- \$12,461 (**Waste Tank Clouse**)
- 1 Pasture - \$7,500 (**Watering Facilities and Livestock Pipelines**)
- 1 Wildlife (joint application with Lincolnton County – **Early Successional & Pollinator Habitat** - \$3,791

2. Fieldwork/Projects:

- FSA Compliance Review Point of Contact for Area 1 for 27 counties
- (2) Pasture Systems (1) Livestock watering facility (tanks and Pipeline (1) Forage Seeding
- Pumping Plant for Waste Transfer (needs to add additional concrete)
- Litter Storage Design (meet with landowner to give draft copy of designs)
- (2) Seasonal High Tunnels (applicant is contacting contractors for prices)

3. Upcoming Meetings/Training: Via Computer

- August 24 – NRCS Area 1 Meeting in Burke County

Jim Propst gave the NRCS Team 5 Supervisory Soil Conservationist's Report:

1. **Team 5 Fieldwork/Projects:** Team 5 continues to provide field assistance to landowners. Ongoing field projects, including NCACSP projects: (5) Poultry Waste Storage Structures, (2) Pasture Systems, (1) High Tunnel, (1) Large Dairy System
2. **FY 22 EQIP**
Team 5 final numbers: (14) Obligated Contracts, \$860,383.
***If Additional monies are allotted we may get a few more.**

Randy Willis and Blake Henley gave the Catawba District Operations Report:

District Operations and Technical Assistance:

- StRAP-
 - Submitted a revised scope of work for StRAP based on the approved allocation.
 - Working on the StRAP contract to be signed by the Board Chair, County Manager and the NCDA.
 - Have met with both landowners at the first site on Henry Fork river and have verbal permission to proceed. The county legal office will provide a contract for the landowners to sign prior to entering into the bid process.
 - Working on the scope of work for the bid process.
- YMCA- Engineer working on design and permitting
- Renewed FAA Part 107 UAS Small Aircraft (Drone) License
- Met with Melissa Patton with Carolina Land and Lakes RC&D and John Searby with the Catawba River Keepers concerning the South Fork River Health Project.
- Working on an updated VAD program
- Assisted 5 landowners with stream/erosion issues.
- Assisted a land owner with a pond site evaluation
- Assisted Lincoln SWCD with a completed stock trail check out.

NCACSP

- Awaiting PY23 allocation
- Talked with 2 farmers about ACSP.

AGWRAP

- Awaiting PY23 allocation
- Delivered 18-22-802-01 contract and plan to the producer

CCAP

- Awaiting PY23 allocation

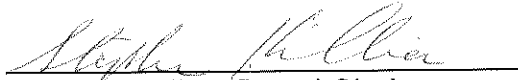
Leia Hamlyn gave the Education and Outreach Report:

- RCW student attended event.
- Participated in two STEAM events. One at the main library on June 16 and the other at the Conover branch on July 14.
- Attended Envirothon Committee meeting on August 4 in Yadkinville.

Rick McSwain gave the Division Report which included report on a resolution for the Area 2 Fall meeting which will be held on October 13. The CET will be held in Cherokee. Stock Trail Training will be held August 31.

David Caldwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brandon Bowman seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Minutes taken by Leia Hamlyn.


Stephen Killian, Board Chair