

MINUTES

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

Meeting Number 8

September 2, 2022

Supervisors Present:

Stephen Killian

Julia Elmore

Brandon Bowman

David Caldwell (via phone)

Laura Parnell (via phone)

Others Present:

Randy Willis, Soil Conservation Supervisor

Blake Henley, Soil Conservation Technician

Leia Hamlyn, Education Coordinator

Rick McSwain, Area Coordinator

Julius Johnson, Catawba NRCS

Stephen Killian read the following statement then called the business meeting to order at 9:00 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 August 5, 2022, board meeting. Brandon Bowman seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.

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

District Operations and Technical Assistance:

- StRAP
 - We have received the completed signed contract from the State.
 - YMCA
 - Engineer is finalizing the permits and design for the project.
 - Working on updating the VAD program verbiage about highly erodible land.
 - Stock trails/walkways training
- NCACSP**
- PY23 allocation in the amount of \$51,130.00
 - David Caldwell made a motion to accept Contract Application 18-23-001-03. Laura Parnell seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
 - Brandon Bowman made a motion to approve Contract 18-23-001-03 in the amount of \$16,094.00. Julia Elmore seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
 - Will be ranking the applicants in the coming weeks.

AGWRAP

- PY23 allocation in the amount of \$11,206.00.
- Met with contract 18-22-802-01 about the well location.

CCAP

- Waiting on engineering for the stream bank stabilization project.

Upcoming Dates

- Area 2 Fall Meeting Thursday, October 13, in Roaring Gap, NC.

Leia Hamlyn gave the Education and Outreach Report:

- Field Days set for September 20 and 27. Presenters and schools are lined up.

Julius Johnson gave the NRCS Catawba Report and the NRCS Team 5 Supervisory Soil Conservationist's Report:

1. FY23 EQIP:

The new fiscal year for EQIP will begin October 1st, 2022, if you know anyone who is interested below is the timeline for the upcoming year.

- Application Reception Deadline – October 14, 2022
- Eligibility letters can be sent as soon as possible following application reception but by October 21, 2022
- Eligibility Deadline – November 18, 2022
- Ranking/Assessment Deadline – February 24, 2023
- Preapproval Announcement – March 3, 2023
- Obligation Deadline (\$150k apps, State, Area, National Fund Pools) – April 7, 2023
- Obligation Deadline (Local Fund Pools) – May 5, 2023

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 (modification needed for pump size)
- Litter Storage Design (Waiting for contractor to begin work)
- (2) Seasonal High Tunnels (applicant is contacting contractors for prices)

Team 5 Supervisory Soil Conservationist's Report September 2022

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) Large Dairy System, (3) Stream debris removal projects.

2. **FY 23 EQIP**

- FY2023 EQIP timeline:
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Rick McSwain gave the Division Report which included review of resolutions for the Area 2 Fall meeting which will be held on October 13. The resolutions consist of mileage for supervisor reimbursement being raised from the current \$0.25 per mile to follow state guidelines and the restructuring of positions to include an Assistant/Education Coordinator to Bryan Evans.

Brandon Bowman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Julia Elmore seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Minutes taken by Leia Hamlyn.


Stephen Killian, Board Chair