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Yadkin Soil and Water Conservation District, held at Yadkinville NC.

Meeting Number 4

Date: January 31, 2013

Supervisors Present:

Lenuel Chamberlain

Jo Linville

Van Hemric

Grady Shore

Others Present:

Jason Walker (Department Head)

Dennis Wiles (Technician)

Leigh Calloway (Technician)

Rob Baldwin (Area Coordinator)

Rick Bailey (NRCS)

Karen Rodriguez (Public)

Janelle Rodriguez (Public)

Minutes of meeting held November 15, 2012 approved as: read (X) corrected (___)

The Yadkin Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors met at the Yadkin Valley Seafood in Yadkinville at 7:19 pm January 31, 2013. Chairman Chamberlain called the meeting to order. The agenda was reviewed. Van Hemric made a motion to approve the agenda and Grady Shore seconded it. Motion carried. The November 15th, 2012 minutes were reviewed. Van Hemric made a motion to approve the minutes and Jo Linville seconded it. Motion carried.

Jason Walker welcomed Karen Rodriguez and daughter, Janelle Rodriguez. Janelle Rodriguez is participating in the 6th grade essay contest this year. The board welcomed Karen and Janelle and thanked them for their interest the local soil and water conservation district. There was a brief explanation of soil and water and the partnerships with NRCS

Under new business, Jason Walker asked the board to fill out supervisor's disclosure form. The disclosure form must be filled out every year. Also, Jo Linville and Van Hemric were asked to sign employment certification form verifying that they are not state employees.

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Jason Walker asked the board if there needed to be any change in the organization of the board. As it stands right now, Lenuel Chamberlain is the Chair, Bobby J. Matthews Jr. is the Vice Chair, Jo Linville is the secretary-Treasurer, and Grady Shore and Van Hemric are members. Van Hemric made a motion to keep organization of the board the same and Grady Shore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jason Walker gave a 5D update. Due to recent heavy rain the pool level is the highest it has been since the completion of the dam. The water raised a total of 10 feet. Once the 5D easement is completed construction can begin on phase one of the park. Dennis Wiles has been inspecting the county's old watershed dams. There has been some trouble with debris getting caught in the pipes. New metal will be placed on some of the dams to help solve the problem.

Jason Walker gave an update on the no-till drills. Since the beginning of the fiscal year the rental income has brought \$8,066.90 and the drills have totaled 1,090.40 acres.

Jason Walker showed the Ag. Cost Share ranking form that will be used to rank the 2013 cost share applicants. The form gives points based on best management practices, number of animals, erosion control, past history with NCACSP contracts, watershed information and whether or not the farm is certified organic. In past years, Yadkin soil and water has waited until late in the fiscal year to rank and fund Ag. Cost Share applicants. It has been a practice to allow NRCS to fund as many as they can first due to more available funds. Once NRCS has funded most of the applications, the district funds the last applicants through Ag. Cost Share. Grady Shore made a motion to approve the 2013 ranking form and Van Hemric seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jason Walker reviewed the request for payment of technical assistance for October, 2012 through December, 2012. The request is for \$6,959.23. Grady made a motion to approve the technical assistance request and Jo Linville seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Jason Walker presented two Requests for Payments for Ag. Cost Share contracts. The first RFP was for contract #99-11-06-16. The amount requested was \$38,239, for a dry stack. Grady Shore made a motion to approve the RFP for contract #99-11-06-16 and Van Hemric seconded the motion. Motion Carried. The second RFP was for contract #99-11-03-16. The amount requested was \$10,500, for a spreader truck. Van Hemric made a motion to approve the RFP for contract #99-11-06-16 and Jo Linville seconded. Motion carried.

Jason Walker presented three conservation plans needing approval. Bobby Cheek's plan was for no-till, residue management and conservation crop rotation. Marty Casstevens' plan was for nutrient management. Gilbert Hemric's plan was for a watering system. Grady Shore made a motion to approve all conservation plans and Jo Linville seconded the motion. Van Hemric abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Jason Walker informed the board that Yadkin soil and water has received \$10,000 from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund. The funds must be encumbered and RFPs submitted by December 31, 2013.

Jason Walker explained the strategy plan checklist that we have received from the Division. Based on the strategy plan the district submitted before the beginning of the 2013 fiscal year, the division sent a review on how well our district plan was. The Yadkin soil and water meet all requirement of the strategy plan with the exception of detailed information on priority watersheds and application batching periods.

Rick Bailey gave an NRCS update. The Yadkin field office is accepting EQIP application until February 15, 2013. The applications must be ranked by February 22, 2013. Yadkin has about 30 applications so far and Surry has about 50 applications.

Rob Baldwin informed the board about the upcoming area 2 spring meeting. It is scheduled for March 14, 2013 in Catawba County. Pre-registration is due by March 1, 2013. Leigh Calloway informed the board that the district has received only 5 participants for the public speaking contest. The deadline for 6th grade essay turn-in and public speaking name entry is February 1, 2013. Contest Night is February 21, 2013 at 7:00pm at the Yadkinville Elementary school.

Being no other business the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Lenuel Chamberlain, Chairman