

Yadkin Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
Thursday, May 19, 2022; 9:30 am

Meeting Minutes

Yadkin Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting, held in Yadkinville, NC.

Meeting Number: 8

Date: May 19, 2022

Supervisors Present

Grady Shore
Lenuel Chamberlain
Van Hemric
Bobby Matthews

Others Present

Jason Walker – Department Head
Rusty Hunter – Technician
Jennifer Angell – Administrative Assistant
Roger Toledo – NRCS Supervisor
Lance Parker and Tien Tran – NRCS

Guests

Allie Dinwiddie, NCSWCD
Joey Hester, NC DEQ

The Yadkin Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met in the Yadkin Agricultural Building in Yadkinville on Thursday, May 19, 2022. Chairman Lenuel Chamberlain called the meeting to order at 9:45 am. A quorum was present.

Ethics Statement was read aloud to the board by Jason Walker (Department Head).

The minutes of the meeting held on March 17, 2022 were reviewed. Bobby Matthews motioned to approve the minutes as written and Grady Shore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

The agenda was reviewed. Van Hemric motioned to approve the agenda as written and Grady Shore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Informational

Guest Speakers – Alexandra Dinwiddie from the NC Division of Soil & Water Conservation and Joey Hester from the NC Department of Environmental Quality addressed the board regarding the High Rock Lake Nutrient Strategy Plan that is currently being developed to address a problem 100 years in the making. (See Attachment A.) The supervisors and district staff asked various questions about how the upcoming rules and regulations will affect the agricultural industry in our region. Mr. Hester provided some information, but as the rules and regulations have yet to be written much is still unknown. He advised the board that many working groups and meetings will be held in the upcoming months to gather the information that should be considered when drafting the rules and regulations. He stated that all stakeholders are invited to participate in these meetings (farmers, district supervisors, district staff, etc.). The board thanked Ms. Dinwiddie and Mr. Hester for the information provided. No action is required.

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Division Update – Rick McSwain (not in attendance) provided a copy of the monthly Division Update for April and May, which was given to the board. No action is required.

NRCS Update – Roger Toledo summarized the monthly NRCS Update. No action is required.

Requests for Payment – Jason Walker advised the board of the RFPs since the last meeting. 99-2022-002 - \$6,334; 99-2021-013 - \$6,698. No action is required.

Technical Assistance Request – Jason Walker advised the board that the final Technical Assistance Request for Reimbursement for this fiscal year has been submitted before the June 1st deadline. The amount requested is \$14,875.50. No action is required.

New Business

NC Ag Cost Share Programs

New Contract 99-2022-010 for \$2,221 was presented to the board. Bobby Matthews motioned to approve the contract and Grady Shore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

New Contract 99-2022-011 for \$1,991 was presented to the board. Bobby Matthews motioned to approve the contract and Grady Shore seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Annual spot checks for FY 2022 have been completed. The Annual Spot Check Report was presented. 13 ACSP contracts, 1 AgWRAP contract, and 4 CCAP contracts were spot checked via site visits. One ACSP contract was found out of compliance. Grady Shore motioned to approve the report and Van Hemric seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Contract 99-2020-006 was found out of compliance. The annual spot check revealed the owner sold the spreader purchased through the cost share program. A prorated refund of \$9,345 is due. Bobby Matthews motioned to begin the process of obtaining the refund from the cooperator and Van Hemric seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

The Strategy Plan for FY 2023 was presented. After review and discussion, Van Hemric motioned to increase the ACSP well cap to \$10,000 and then approve the Strategy Plan. Lenuel Chamberlain seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

The ACSP, AgWRAP, and CCAP Ranking Forms and the Program Audit Report were presented for approval. These items must be submitted in conjunction with the Strategy Plan. Grady Shore motioned to approve and Van Hemric seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

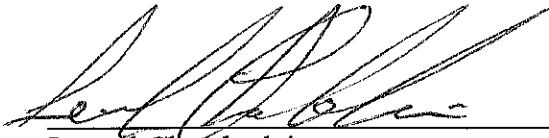
Stream Debris Removal Program – Jason Walker informed the board that the StRAP allocation for Yadkin is \$2,000,000. It has been communicated that we can expend the funds in the manner that most benefits the residents of Yadkin County. The board consensus is to recommend to the County Commissioners that the funds be used for improvements on the county-maintained dams. Jason Walker will convey this consensus to the County Commissioners. No action is required.

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Watershed Dam Update - Regarding the Arlene Frazier project, Jason Walker advised that all interested parties to the release of the easements for watershed dam # 14 (the Frazier Farm dam) have agreed to and approved the *Assignment and Assumption of Easements* agreement. The County Attorney has reviewed and approved the agreement as well. Bobby Matthews motioned to approve the *Assignment and Assumption of Easements* agreement and Grady Shore seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Lenuel Chamberlain asked if there was any additional business to discuss. No new business was presented.

Grady Shore made a motion to adjourn and Van Hemric seconded. The motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.



Lenuel Chamberlain
Yadkin Soil and Water Conservation District
Board Chair

7-21-22

Date