

MINUTES

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

Meeting Number 7

Date: October 15, 2020

Supervisors Present:

Others Present:

Bobby J. Matthews Jr.

Jason Walker (Department Head)

Grady Shore

Rusty Hunter (Technician)

Lenuel Chamberlain

Melissa Money (Technician)

Jo Linville

Rick McSwaim (Division)

Minutes of meeting held September 17, 2020 approved as: read () corrected ()

The Yadkin Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors met at the Yadkin Soil and Water Office in Yadkinville on October 15, 2020. Chairman Lenuel Chamberlain called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. The agenda was reviewed. Jo Linville made a motion to approve the agenda and Bobby Matthews Jr seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

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

The June 18, 2020 Board Meeting minutes were reviewed. Bobby Matthews Jr made a motion to approve the minutes and Jo Linville seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business

Jason Walker presented 3 NC Ag Cost Share Program Contracts to the Board.

Contract 99-2021-001 Well Closure was discussed. Jo Linville made a motion to approve, Grady Shore seconded, motion carried 4-0.

Contract 99-2021-002 Well Closure was discussed. Jo Linville made a motion to approve, Grady Shore seconded, motion carried 4-0.

Contract 99-2021-003 Water Supply Well was discussed. Jo Linville made a motion to approve, Grady Shore seconded, motion carried 4-0.

Jason gave an update on the Master Agreement FY 2021-2023. The Master Agreement has not been received as of yet. Once the Agreement is received it will be sent to the County Attorney and then added to the following Soil and Water Board Agenda.

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Secondary Employment Certification Forms for Technical Employees were presented to the Board. Melissa Money, and Rusty Hunter do not have secondary employment. Jason Walker does have secondary employment. Grady Shore made a motion to approve, Bobby Matthews Jr seconded, motion carried 4-0.

Supervisor Disclosure Form and Certification for District Supervisors Form. These are annual Forms each Board Supervisor must fill out and sign. No vote required. All forms completed.

Appointed Supervisors – Reappointment Form. Grady Shore made a motion for Jo Linville to be reappointed, Bobby Matthews Jr seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Announcement – The NCASWCD 2021 Annual Meeting will be held virtually January 4 and 5, 2021 @ 8:30 am to Noon each day.

Ag Cost Share Program Application Rankings have been completed, and presented to the Board. Board reviewed, Bobby Matthews made a motion to approve, Van Hemric seconded, motion carried 3-0.

NRCS Update – Given by Jason Walker. NRCS has held interviews for the job opening in the Yadkinville Office. James Boyett will let us know when the candidate has been selected.

Division Update given by Rick McSwaim. Division level JAA is still in discussion. Virtual EWP Training, only the virtual online class will be done all “in field” training has been cancelled. District Issues meeting will be held Tuesday October 27 at 10 am.

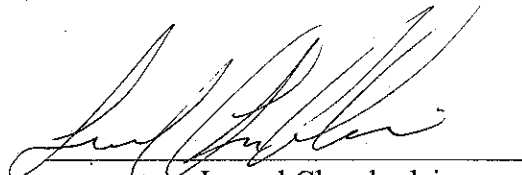
NRCS Planning Grant update given by Jason Walker. Once the contractor signs the contract, we have one year to have all work completed.

Performance Evaluation for Jason Walker. Hand-outs and directions were given to all Board Members. All Staff left the room for the Board to fill out the Evaluation.

Easement Release for Structure #14 (Arlene Frazier). Conference call with August James (Land Representative, Resource Environmental Solutions) and Brad (Head of Regulatory RES). Special Meeting was held. See Special Board Meeting Minutes Attached.

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

Motion to adjourn by Jo Linville, Bobby Matthews Jr seconded, motion carried 4-0 meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm



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On the Phone:

August James – (Land Representative, (RES) Resource Environmental Solutions)

Brad – (Head of Regulatory, (RES) Resource Environmental Solutions)

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The Yadkin Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors met with Resource Environmental Solutions via Conference Call, at the Yadkin Soil and Water Office in Yadkinville on October 15, 2020 at 7:10 pm. Special Meeting to discuss Easement Release for Structure #14 (Arlene Frazier).

Conference call with August James (Land Representative, Resource Environmental Solutions) and Brad (Head of Regulatory RES). RES has been working with Arlene Frazier on this project for 3 years. Stream and Wetland Restoration Projects RES seeks out projects in our area for Ecological and Hydrological Improvements. Easement for Structure #14 is tied to the whole parcel not just the pond. This project has already been reviewed and approved by the Army Corp of Engineers the Division of Water Resources, Wildlife Resource Commission and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The pond was not originally within the project area but once they saw the goal of their project did not line up with the purpose of the easement of the dam on Frasier's property. Purpose of this meeting is to work with the Soil and Water Board to remove the current easement. Target completing work Summer of 2021 depending upon receiving permit approvals.

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Question and Answers:

Board: When the Dam is removed, What will be done with the sediment (within the pond footprint and dam footprint)?

RSE: Muck out the pond and stage on site. Restore historic stream channel. Sediment will stay on site and be used throughout the project.

Board: What is Zone AE on the map?

RES: Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)

Board: Does it impact the FEMA Map?

RES: It does not, but will affect peak flow down stream

RES will be responsible for entire conservation easement contract (initial term 7 years) Then the conservation easement is given to a non-profit organization "in perpetuity".

Board: Did you contact FEMA, do you have to do a CLOMA or LOMA for this contract?

RES: We do not. The Engineer has went through that process and neither a CLOMA or LOMA was required for this work.

Board: Did FEMA send any documents confirming?

RES: Brad will check with the Coordinator to follow-up

Board: Have any of the Landowners been contacted that the dam could be removed?

RES: Yes, they are all contacted in the initial stages that a project is going on The US Army Corp sends out a public notice on the scope of the project.

Board: Was that before the Dam was added to the project?

RES: Yes that was before the dam was added. The Updated plan will go through permitting again. But ESA will follow-up with the US Army Corp of Engineers to make sure landowners will be contacted. They are providing an amendment to the plan.

Board: When do you think this will happen?

RES: Target date October.

Board: What is the estimate of the yards of sediment in the pool?

RES: Follow-up with an email. They did a survey and have a ton of data they will send.

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Board: When you mentioned earlier that the Conservation Plan had been reviewed and approved by the Army Corp of Engineers the Division of Water Resources, Wildlife Resource Commission and the US Fish and Wildlife Service was this pre the dam removal being added, and will this have to be reviewed by all again.

RES: Yes Both.

Board: In the Release that RES send to the Soil and Water Board, Who is accepting responsibility or liability due to downstream flooding due to the dam being removed?

RES: The Liability will be RES for a minimum of the next 7 years before being handed off to a non-profit. RES will also being going through Dam Safety to make sure regulation are followed.

Board: If the release does not address liability will your firm draft a document addressing the liability that it is being removed from Yadkin Soil and Water Board?

RES: Yes, Once released Yadkin Soil and Water Board would not be liable.

Board: Can we get a document stating liability?

RES: Yes

Board: How much work will it be to update the Model without the dam to reflect the downstream flooding potential?

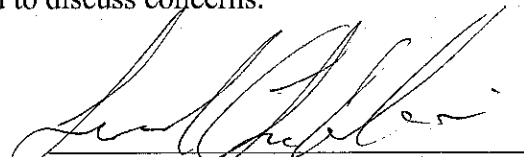
RES: It will take a couple weeks. RES has the data and will have to add this anyway to the amendment in the updated plans.

Board: Thank you we feel more comfortable with releasing the easement on Structure #14

Recap:

1. RES is going to follow-up with the US Army Corp of Engineers
2. Address FEMA
3. Readdress any approvals from Fish and Wildlife
4. Look at the Modeling for downstream flooding once the dam is taken out (visualization of what the changes will be)
5. Amount of Sediment in the pool data.
6. Notification of Landowners downstream after Modeling is complete
7. Yadkin Soil and Water Board would like a close-out package of approvals from all agencies involved for our records.

Thank You for contacting Yadkin Soil and Water Board to discuss concerns.



Lenuel Chamberlain