

## MINUTES

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

Meeting Number 10

November 4, 2022

Supervisors Present:

Stephen Killian

Julia Elmore

Brandon Bowman

David Caldwell

Laura Parnell (via phone)

Others Present:

Randy Willis, Soil Conservation Supervisor

Blake Henley, Soil Conservation Technician

Leia Hamlyn, Education Coordinator

Rick McSwain, Area Coordinator

Stephen Killian read the following statement then called the business meeting to order at 9:02 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.*

David Caldwell made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 7, 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**

- Soil Samples information with Sherrills Ford Elementary
- Met with a landowner about a large gully behind his home.
- Assisted a farmer about soil samples in his pasture.
- StRAP
  - We had a meeting at the Davis property about StRAP. We are getting ready to identify trees for removal.
- YMCA
  - We met with YMCA about replacing the bridge across the stream.
  - Engineer is finalizing design for the project

### **NCACSP**

- Contract 18-23-001-03 has been paid in the amount of \$16,094.00
- Brandon Bowman made a motion to approve Contract 18-23-002-03 application. David Caldwell seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

### **AGWRAP**

- Contract 18-22-802-01 has drilled the well.

**Leia Hamlyn** gave the Education and Outreach Report:

- Randy and Leia presented two Soil Sciences lessons to fifth graders at Tuttle Elementary School on October 14.
- Hosted thirty students and two teachers from St. Stephens High School on October 25 for them to learn more about Soil & Water and Cooperative Extension.

Stephen Killian presented David Caldwell with a 10-year service award from the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Districts.

**Randy Willis** gave the NRCS Catawba Report:

**1. FY23 EQIP:**

Below is the timeline for this funding year for EQIP

Description	Date
Application Cutoff	October 14, 2022
Program Eligibility Certification Request Letter Mailed* (to include 530.142E Conservation Program Application Checklist)	October 21, 2022
Eligibility Determination	December 2, 2022
Screening/Priority	December 9, 2022
Assessment/Ranking	February 24, 2023
QA (National, State, Area Pools)	February 24, 2023
Preapprovals (National, State, Area Pools)	March 3, 2023
Intent to Proceed Letter Mailed (National, State, Area) (530.141C)	March 10, 2023
EQIP Fund Obligation (National, State, Area)	April 7, 2023
QA (Local)	March 17, 2023
Preapprovals (Local Pools)	March 24, 2023
Intent to Proceed Letter Mailed (Local Pools) (530.141C)	March 31, 2023
EQIP Fund Obligation (Local Pools)	May 5, 2023

**2. Fieldwork/Projects:**

- (2) Pasture Systems (1) Livestock watering facility (tanks and Pipeline (1) Forage Seeding
- Pumping Plant for Waste Transfer (modification for pump size has been approved and signed)
- Litter Storage building
- (2) Seasonal High Tunnels (applicant has informed me that the materials are on the way)

**Rick McSwain** gave the Division Report highlights. A lot of districts have lost staff. The Annual Meeting is coming up and the Area 2 Fall meeting was successful.

Julia Elmore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brandon Bowman seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Minutes taken by Leia Hamlyn.

  
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Stephen Killian, Board Chair