

Newberry Soil & Water Conservation District Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2025, Start Time: 8:00p.m. Meeting Adjourned: 8:46 p.m. Mi Casa Grande Wilson Rd. Newberry

Present: Ben Setzler; Vice Chairman, Toni Warren; Treasurer, Mark Kiser; Secretary Danielle Himsey; commissioner Crista Lukoski; District Coordinator, Mary Gary, District Temp for NRCS Programs. Joshua Benson- guest

Apologies of Absence: Doug Heydt; Chairman, Braden Iusti; NRCS District Conservationist, Jessie Egan; SCDNR area Rep Daniel Nicholson; Associate Commissioner,

Next meeting: August 12, 2025, Start Time: 7: 00 p.m. 719 Kendall Rd. Newberry SC USDA Service Center

Announcements:

Ben welcomed guests and called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

II. Invocation: Toni gave the invocation Isaiah "Strength"

III. Minutes were approved.

IV. Treasurers Report: included bank balances as 5/31/2025 Business Checking 133,535,28 KNCB \$33,026.48 ISE Annuity \$110,264.74, ISE Annuity 2 \$42,005.62.00 Total \$318,832.12

V. Additional Agenda Items: none

VI. Chairman's Report: Ben reported SCACD Annual Meeting in Spartanburg next Jan 12-14, and Mid Year at State Farmers Market in Columbia on September 8

VII. Staff Report: See Attached

Crista spoke about success of Ag & Art Tour

Crista reported visiting schools with Book giveaway program and reading in classroom. She is hosting 2 programs at the Library this summer.

Camp is set- starts June 16th.

Mary was introduced, she started June 2nd. She has a 1 year contract to promote NRCS programs through a grant from NACD. Mary will promote by hosting workshops across the county to try to increase applications.

VIII. New Business

A discussion about the July 10th Training for DNR commissioner certification

Local Working Group meeting to be held July 24th at Piedmont Tech. 2pm, Crista to set up. Mary is working on online survey to be posted on website and emailed to participants.

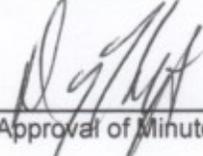
A discussion about Clemson School for Agriculture was had. Crista to reach out to see if any participants are registered from Newberry County to potentially pay their fees.

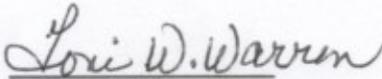
X. Executive Session: there was none

Meeting adjourned: at 8:41p.m.

- Motion to approve May Minutes – Danielle Himsey, Mover; Toni Warren, Second: unanimous – Motion Carried
- Motion to Adjourn at 8:46pm–Toni Warren; Mover, Danielle Himsey; Second: unanimous– Motion Carried


Crista Lukoski – District coordinator


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