Newberry Soil & Water Conservation District Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2026, Start Time: 7:00 p.m. Meeting Adjourned: 8:55p.m. USDA Service Center 719 Kendall Rd. Newberry SC

Present: Doug Heydt: Chairman, Toni Warren; Chaplain, Mark Kiser, Secretary, Danielle Himsey; Treasurer, Daniel Nicholson; Associate Commissioner, Crista Lukoski, District Manager

Apologies of Absence: Ben Setzler; Vice Chairman, Braden Iusti; District Conservationist, Cameron Sabin, SCDNR Area Rep

Next meeting: June 9, 2026 Tuesday, 7;00pm 719 Kendall Rd. Newberry SC 29018

Announcements:
Doug welcomed guests and called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

II. Invocation: Toni gave the invocation Psalm's 95

III. Minutes were approved.

IV. Treasurers Report: included bank balances as 4/30/2026 Business Checking 144070.74 KNCB $29,738.98 ISE Annuity $110,264.74, ISE Annuity 2 $44,105.62 Total $328,180.08

V. Additional Agenda Items: *none*

VI. Chairman's Report: none

VII. Staff Report: *See Attached*
Crista reported Messiest Yard Mini Grant sponsor from Joanna Foundation $2500
Crista reported Mobile Lab at Healthy Kids day at YMCA
The Litter Crew (Grant from Palmetto Pride) had multiple cleanup events from Newberry College Fraternities
Crista reported attending SECDEA mid year planning meeting for Employees Association. South Carolina will host the 2027 meeting location.
Crista reported receiving a $3500 Duke Foundation grant to refurbish Town of Whitmire entrance signs
Crista reported hosting Town of Prosperity Cleanup for Earth Day
Crista helped with the annual Fishing Rodeo at Hidden Lake
Crista reported attending Boundary School St for Soil's Week
Crista participated in the Soils Week Field Day at Yon Farm in Ridge Spring.
Crista hosted a classroom presentation at Little Mtn Elementary and gave away 52 books. (grant funds)
Crista participated in the "Human Library" Career day at Newberry High School
Crista and Gary had an information booth at the Ducks Unlimited fundraiser at Johnson Farm.
Crista hosted the annual Whitmire Cleanup with the Beta Club- 38 tires,

VII. Old Business:

VIII. New Business:
There was a discussion about potential part time education coordinator – Crista to come up with proposal and present to board
Scholarship applications were reviewed by committee members and board voted to approve

X. Executive Session: n/a

Meeting adjourned: at 8:50 p.m.

- Motion to approve April Minutes: Danielle Himsey, Mover; Toni Warren, Second: unanimous – Motion Carried
- Motion to approve four $1000 NSWCD Scholarships: Mark Kiser, Mover; Toni Warren, Second: unanimous – Motion Carried
- Motion to Adjourn at 8:50pm–Danielle Himsey; Mover, Mark Kiser; Second: unanimous– Motion Carried

Crista Lukoski – District coordinator

Toni W. Warren
Approval of Minutes

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