

Newberry Soil & Water Conservation District Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2025, Start Time: 7:42p.m. Meeting Adjourned: 8:37 p.m. USDA Service Center 719 Kendall Rd. Newberry SC

Present: Doug Heydt: Chairman, Ben Setzler; Vice Chairman, Toni Warren; Treasurer, Danielle Himsey; Daniel Nicholson: Associate Commissioner, Braden Iusti; NRCS District Conservation Coordinator, Mary Gary, District Temp for NRCS Programs Jessie Egan: SCDNR area Rep, Gary Peters: NRCS wildlife biologist

Apologies of Absence: Mark Kiser; Secretary

Next meeting: September 9, 2025, Start Time: 7: 00 p.m. 719 Kendall Rd. Newberry SC USDA Service Center

Ben Setzler served as Chairman for meeting

Announcements:

Ben welcomed guests and called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m.

II. Invocation: Toni gave the invocation James "Overcome Difficulties"

III. Minutes were approved.

IV. Treasurers Report: included bank balances as 7/31/2025 Business Checking 147,859.13 KNCB \$29,132.59 ISE Annuity \$110,264.74, ISE Annuity 2 \$42,005.62.00 Total \$329,259.08

V. Additional Agenda Items: none

VI. Chairman's Report: Ben reported SCACD Mid-Year at State Farmers Market in Columbia on September 8, Ben also spoke about the NACD SE regional meeting in Louisville KY possibly using training video for local event

VII. Staff Report: See Attached

Braden reported on EQIP and CSP for Newberry county, limited funding pool this year with possibility of future funding Braden mentioned due to short staff across the state, engineering work is behind, recommended sourcing out work to Technical Service Providers

Crista spoke about success of Camp Conservation

Crista reported on Local Working Group and outcomes, submitting minutes to NRCS.

Crista reported multiple workshops planned for Mobile Lab and meeting is planned with 4H coordinator for Green Steps.

Crista reported creating new website for Indian Creek. www.indiancreeklandowners.com The website will service landowners around Sumter forest as a resource for programs, newsletters, social media links and information with partner agencies.

Crista reported cleanup event on lake Murray Sept 20.

Crista reported Mini Grant for KNCB to fund "Messiest Yard in Newberry" is live. \$1500 to fund yard cleanup to take place this year.

Mary reported 2 upcoming workshops for NRCS programs in Whitmire and Prosperity.

Jessie reported new ongoing "recertification" for commissioners over 4-year period and presented Newberry Commissioners and staff with certificate of completion for SC Conservation Program.

VIII. New Business

A discussion and review of proposed DNR appropriations for 25/26 was had. Crista will submit this week.

A discussion about SCACD contribution agreement for 2026.

A discussion about Camp conservation funding. Will keep fees at \$45 per child for 2026.

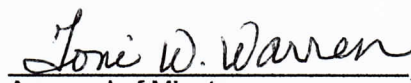
X. Executive Session: there was none

Meeting adjourned: at 8:41p.m.

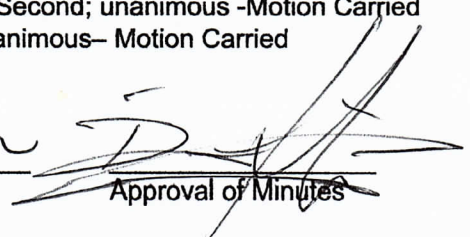
- Motion to approve May Minutes Doug Heydt, Mover; Toni Warren, Second: unanimous – Motion Carried
- Motion to Keep Certificates in office Doug Heydt, Mover; Danielle Himsey, Second; unanimous -Motion Carried
- Motion to Adjourn at 8:37pm–Toni Warren; Mover, Doug Heydt; Second: unanimous– Motion Carried



Crista Lukoski – District coordinator



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