

Newberry Soil & Water Conservation District Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2023, Start Time: 7:28 p.m. Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 p.m., NSWCD Office Newberry, SC

Present: Doug Heydt; Chairman, Ben Setzler; Vice Chairman, Rev. James Shealy; Chaplain, Toni Warren; Treasurer; Mark Kiser; Secretary Crista Lukoski; District Coordinator, Scott Lukoski; KNCB Chairman

Apologies of Absence: Josh Boatwright; NRCS District Conservationist

Next meeting: April 11 2023 7:00 pm at USDA office in Newberry SC

Announcements:

I. Agenda Items

Doug Heydt called the meeting to order and established quorum at 7:28 pm

Rev. Shealy provided the invocation – Psalm 37 Do not fret

Minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: given by Toni Warren, included bank balances as 2/28/2023 Business Checking \$125,722.91, Bus. Money Market \$4763.53 KNCB \$17,233.25, New CD \$52,387.56, ISE CD \$91,719.08 Total \$291,826.33

Additional Agenda Items: Review of Associate Commissioners, ISE Easement CD, Barbara Baughman

Chairman's Report- The new Administrative Assistant to Tyler Brown was hired and to begin work in March. The new DNR office is now open and SCACD has offices in that location.

Staff Report: See Attached

Crista reported on the Book Drive for Veterans – continuing to receive books

Crista reported Movie Night is scheduled with Yogi Bear the movie at Piedmont Tech April 22

Crista reported a planned clean up with Samsung for March 20 to celebrate World Water Day

Crista reported that Camp Conservation sign up has begun.

SCCDEA board to meet at new DRN office in May.

Donated to Newberry Academy 4 Rain Barrels for their pollinator project.

Crista reported on Team Up to Clean Up event in April

Old Business: Annuities to replace the ISE CD, a discussion continued and will resume at next meeting in April.

New Business:

A discussion was had about the passing of Barbara Baughman former board member for NSWCD, to send a memorial in her honor.

A discussion about the Keep Newberry Beautiful Summer Fair locations, Doug to reach out to Farmers Mutual about their location.

A discussion was had about Envirothon sponsorship

A discussion was had about attending Conservation Day at the State House April 5. Doug, Ben, Crista going, Mark to confirm later.

A discussion was had about a bill at the statehouse regarding easements.

A discussion was had about Feral Hog program which expires in September 2023. No known continuation is in place at this moment.

A discussion was had about mini grants for community/school garden projects. Crista to create application form to present at next meeting. Crista asking for 2 \$250 grants.

Josh Boatright wrote an update of programs with NRCS that Crista presented at meeting

Executive Session: there was none

Meeting adjourned at 8:

- Motion to Accept Minutes –Rev Shealy; Mover, Toni Warren; Seconder: unanimous – Motion Carried
- Motion to send \$100 to New Smyrna Church Memorial for Barbara Baughman-Mover, Toni Warren; Seconder, Ben Setzler: unanimous- Motion Carried
- Motion to sponsor \$500 to Envirothon – Mark Kiser; Mover, Ben Setzler; Seconder: unanimous- Motion Carried
- Motion to Adjourn at 8:53pm–Toni Warren; Mover, Rev Shealy; Seconder: unanimous– Motion Carried

Crista Lukoski – District coordinator

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