

Newberry Soil & Water Conservation District Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2026, Start Time: 7:31p.m. Meeting Adjourned: 8:59 p.m. 719 Kendall Rd. Newberry SC 29108

202Present: Doug Heydt: Chairman, Ben Setzler; Vice Chairman Toni Warren; Treasurer, ,
Danielle Himsey; Daniel Nicholson: Associate Commissioner, Crista Lukoski, District Coordinator

Apologies of Absence: Mark Kiser; Secretary, Braden Iusti; NRCS District Conservationist, Jessie Egan: SCDNR area Rep,

Next meeting: February 10, 2026 719 Kendall Rd. Newberry SC

Announcements:

Doug welcomed guests and called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

II. Invocation: Toni gave the invocation John 10

III. Minutes were approved.

IV. Treasurers Report: included bank balances as 12/31/2025 Business Checking 139,985.20 KNCB \$21,682.64 ISE Annuity \$110,264.74, ISE Annuity 2 \$44,105.62 Total \$316,038.20

V. Additional Agenda Items: none

VI. Chairman’s Report: Doug spoke about the success of the district at SCACD Conference and Annual Banquet. Honor to become 2026 District of the Year.
Ben Setzler announced the retirement of SCDNR Director for Land & Water Ken Rentiers as of today Jan. 20, 2026.

VII. Staff Report: See Attached

Crista reported March 14 Lake Greenwood Cleanup
Crista reported about SCCDEA annual business meeting, elected President for 2-year term.
Crista reported Scholarship applications for 2026 will be posted to website this week.
Crista reported on Mobile Lab to host a Spring Pollinator workshop with Nancy Adamson in Whitmire on February 12.
Crista reported grant funding for KNCB 2026 from Palmetto Pride, \$9150.00
Crista reported Affiliate Membership drive for 2026 is successful.
Crista reported attending Piedmont Prescribe Burn Coop meeting, to have Burn Trailer wrapped with new graphics.
Crista reported on new programs from NRCS and FSA.

VIII. New Business

A discussion about SC Governors School to tour campus and present Newberry District programs
A discussion about grant opportunity with SC Dept of Env. Services Watershed planning.
A discussion to host the Legislative Dinner for February 23 2026. Crista to coordinate
A discussion about field visit to ISE for later spring. Crista to schedule
A discussion about presenting at 2026 County Council for quarterly meeting. A schedule was created.

X. Executive Session: there was none

Meeting adjourned: at 8:59 p.m.

- Motion to approve September Minutes -Danielle Himsey, Mover; Toni Warren, Second: unanimous – Motion Carried
- Motion to Adjourn at 8:59pm–Toni Warren; Mover, Danielle Himsey; Second: unanimous– Motion Carried

Crista Lukoski – District coordinator

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