Newberry Soil & Water Conservation District Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 7, 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, Ben Setzler; Vice Chairman, Mark Kiser, Secretai Danielle Himsey; Treasurer, Crista Lukoski, District Coordinator, Braden Iusti, NRCS District Conservationist

Apologies of Absence: Daniel Nicholson: Associate Commissioner, Cameron Sabin, SCDNR Area Rep,

Next meeting: May 5, 2026 Tuesday, 7;00pm 719 Kendall Rd. Newberry SC 29018

Announcements:

Doug welcomed guests and called the meeting to order at 7:51 p.m.

II. Invocation: Toni gave the invocation John 10, Good Shepherd

III. Minutes were approved.

IV. Treasurers Report: included bank balances as 3/31/2026 Business Checking 146,344.26 KNCB $32,396.45 ISE Annuity $110,264.74, ISE Annuity 2 $44,105.62 Total $333,111.07

V. Additional Agenda Items: *none*

VI. Chairman's Report: Doug spoke about Governors School for Ag, meeting and tour.

VII. Staff Report: *See Attached*

Braden reported that July 3rd is deadline for EQIP and CSP. Rollout meeting fo new programs is April 8 & 9 in Newberry. Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP) will be key component this year. That includes Forest stand improvements, cover crops and cost share for soil tests (3rd party)
Crista reported going to Little Mtn Elementary April 9th for Litter Lessons/Book giveaway.
Crista reported Earth Day cleanup is April 22 in Prosperity.
Crista reported that Camp Conservation is full and on a wait list.
Crista reported will be attending SECDEA conference April 14-17.
Cameron reported Soil's Week is April 27-May 1st.
Crista reported Litter Crew has begun cleanup activities.
Crista reported receiving Joanna Foundation grant as sponsor for "Messiest Yard Mini Grant" to start May 1st.
Crista reported will be set up at Spring Shindig at Old South Trailers May 5th.

VII. Old Business: Doug will give presentation at School Board Meeting April 27.
A booth at Ducks Unlimited fundraiser will be manned by Danielle/Susan on April 18th.

VIII. New Business:

Toni will attend County Council meeting April 15 for Soil Proclamation.
A discussion about future meetings, May is moved to 5th (Crista to present at City of Newberry)
A discussion about memorial for Jennifer Satterwhite.
A discussion about Equitrust Annuity renewal. Crista to research and advise.

X. Executive Session: n/a

Meeting adjourned: at 8:55 p.m.

- Motion to approve March Minutes: Danielle Himsey, Mover; Toni Warren, Second: unanimous – Motion Carried
- Motion to send $100 Memorial to Bush River Baptist (Satterwhite Memorial): Mark Kiser, Mover; Ben Setzler, Second: unanimous – Motion Carried
- Motion to Adjourn at 8:55pm–Danielle Himsey; Mover, Mark Kiser; Second: unanimous– Motion Carried

Crista Lukoski – District coordinator

Approval of Minutes

Toni W. Warren
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