

Newberry Soil & Water Conservation District Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2024, Start Time: 7:30p.m. Meeting Adjourned: 8:39 p.m., NSWCD Office Newberry, SC

Present: Doug Heydt; Chairman, Ben Setzler; Vice Chairman, Toni Warren; Treasurer, Mark Kiser; Secretary Crista Lukoski; District Coordinator, Scott Lukoski, Chairman- KNCB, Collin Buckner, NRCS Acting DC- Jessie Egan- DNR area 1 representative

Apologies of Absence:

Next meeting: April 16, 2024, Start Time: 7:30p.m (Due to conference travel- moved 1 week later) location to be announced

Announcements: Welcome visitors

Rev. James Shealy passed February 28, 2024-

Toni Warren provided the invocation.

III. Minutes were approved.

IV. Treasurers Report: given by Toni Warren, included bank balances as 2/28/2024 Business Checking \$26,937.75 KNCB \$39,332.38 Annuity \$140,000.00, Total \$206,270.13

V. Additional Agenda Items:

VI. Chairman's Report- Doug Heydt spoke about Rev Shealy's service, State House meeting, and success of Legislative Dinner

VII. Staff Report: See Attached

Crista reported on the regional winner of Palmetto Pride contest participant from Newberry County.

Crista reported Movie Night May 4th.

Crista reported on Newberry High School special needs STEAM award winner – rain barrel project.

Crista reported Cleanups Samsung March 19, City of Newberry March 30

Crista reported Camp registration is full, and most programs are scheduled.

Crista reported on Proviso that passed in House to move funds from PalmettoPride to SCDOT, which would affect affiliate funding throughout the state.

Collin reported that 22 applications have been funded in the first round of approvals. Approx \$1 million. There are a handful of New & Beginning farmers. Most are Ag waste.

Collin stated there are 11 DC positions open in the state. Applications were to close March 15

Jessie reported on Green Steps training. Multiple new opportunities for Districts.

Jessie spoke about the Envirothon coming in April.

Jessie reminded board members to have Ethics filing complete by March 30.

VIII. Old Business:

VIII. New Business: A discussion was had about Soil Samples; we have started processing again.

A discussion about how donations are noted in QuickBooks. They are recorded as separate line items.

A discussion was had about recruiting new Board members. Members will reach out to landowners. Crista will post open position on social media and website.

X. Executive Session: there was none.

Meeting adjourned: at 8:39 p.m.

- Motion to approve February Minutes – Toni Warren; Mover, Mark Kiser; Seconder: unanimous – Motion Carried
- Motion to approve \$100 donation to Rev Shealy Memorial fund: Toni Warren; Mover, Ben Setzler; Second, unanimous- Motion carried.
- Motion to approve purchase for movie night swag: Mark Kiser; Mover, Toni Warren; Seconder: unanimous– Motion Carried
- Motion to Adjourn at 8:39pm–Toni Warren; Mover, Ben Setzler; Seconder: unanimous– Motion Carried

Crista Lukoski – District coordinator

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