

Newberry Soil & Water Conservation District Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2023, Start Time: 7:33 p.m. Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 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; KNCB Chairman Josh Boatwright; NRCS District Conservationist, Toney Henderson; NRCS District Technician

Apologies of Absence: Rev. James Shealy; Chaplain

Next meeting: August 8, 2023, 7:00 pm at USDA office in Newberry SC

Announcements:

I. Agenda Items

Doug Heydt provided the invocation –

II. Minutes were approved.

III. Treasurers Report: given by Toni Warren, included bank balances as 5/30/2023 Business Checking \$180,071.97, KNCB \$25,452.61, Annuity \$100,000.00 Total \$305,524.40 Ben had no questions

IV. Additional Agenda Items:

V. Chairman's Report- There was none

VI. Staff Report: See Attached

Crista reported renting the Helena Community Center as a backup for Camp in case of weather.

Crista reported setting up the Local workgroup meeting for July 20 at 2pm Piedmont Technical on Wilson Rd.

Crista reported shipping 2 boxes for Operation Paperback

Crista reported update on Feral Hog Grant

Crista reported on the \$1000 Gear Grant from Cabela Outdoor Fund and \$1000 Taylor Foundation Grant for Camp

Crista gave an update on the 2nd annual Fair planning

Josh gave an update on the Equip programs in Newberry, 8 payments over \$671k contracts have been issued, 62 active contracts worth \$1.365 million in County. In 2023 there were approx. 6 million in requested contracts and 1.85 million in application in Newberry were selected thru NRCS. SC has 24 million in assistance in the state.

Josh reported funding went mostly to: AG energy, Animal Waste and Forestry/Quail Pool- see attached

VII. Old Business: Annuity was finalized, waiting on documents.

VIII. New Business: Research new Kubota and email findings to board. Crista to send invites to Rep. Joe White and new county admin Jeff Shacker

VIII. Executive Session: entered 8:41pm exit 8:49 pm

Meeting adjourned: at 8:54 p.m.

- Motion to Accept Minutes –Ben Setzler; Mover, Toni Warren; Seconder: unanimous – Motion Carried
- Motion to Enter Executive Session: 8:41pm Toni Warren; Mover, Ben Setzler; Second, unanimous- Motion carried.
- Motion to Exit Executive Session: 8:48pm Mark Kiser; Mover, Ben Setzler; Second, unanimous- Motion carried.
- Motion to Adjourn at 8:54pm–Toni Warren; Mover, Mark Kiser; Seconder: unanimous– Motion Carried

Crista Lukoski – District coordinator

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