

# **Newberry Soil & Water Conservation District** Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2024, Start Time: 7:36p.m. Meeting Adjourned: 8:47 p.m. USDA Service Center, Newberry SC

**Present:** Doug Heydt; Chairman, Ben Setzler; Vice Chairman, Toni Warren; Treasurer, Mark Kiser; Secretary Crista Lukoski; District Coordinator, Jessie Egan; DNR Area Rep, Toney Henderson; NRCS Soil Tech, Becky Snowden; NRCS, Danielle Himsey; guest

**Apologies of Absence:**

**Next meeting:** August 13, 2024 Start Time: 7: 30p.m

## **1. Announcements:**

Doug welcomed guests, and called the meeting to order at 7:36p.m

**II. Invocation:** Toni gave the invocation: “Jesus Talking” a passage from Isaiah.

**III. Minutes** were approved.

**IV. Treasurers Report:** given by Toni Warren, included bank balances as 4/30/2024 Business Checking \$21,211.00 KNCB \$6,701.21 Annuity \$140,000.00, CD \$32,000.00 Total \$229,912.21

**V. Additional Agenda Items:**

**VI. Chairman’s Report: none**

**VII. Staff Report: See Attached**

Crista reported on Presentation at Newberry Rotary.

Crista reported on Meeting with Newberry College for potential Greenhouse/Garden project. Crista working on grants

Crista reported on progress for Movie Night May 25<sup>th</sup> change due to weather.

Crista reported on Scholarship Committee selection of winners.

Crista shared the report from Collin Buckner for NRCS update. Collin’s last day May 17, 2024- New DC will start May 20, 2024.

Ben reported on SCACD- NRCS is bringing in new acting State Conservationist to work for 120 days

Jessie from DNR reported on Envirothon, 21 teams competed.

Jessie presented 2 videos on Forest stewardship week.

Jessie reported on Stewardship week with Newberry’s Burn Trailer presence at Harbison Forest

**VIII. Old Business:** There was none.

**VIII. New Business:**

*Doug Heydt was nominated to take over the appointed position from Rev James Shealy*

*Danielle Himsey was nominated to become the newly elected Commissioner.*

**X. Executive Session:** no remarks.

**Meeting adjourned:** at 8:55 p.m.

- Motion to approve April Minutes – Toni Warren; Mover, Mark Kiser; Seconder: unanimous – Motion Carried
- Motion to approve 2 \$1000 Scholarships to be awarded. Toni Warren; Mover, Mark Kiser; Second, unanimous- Motion carried.
- Motion to move Doug Heydt to appointed commissioner; Toni Warren; Mover, Ben Setzler; Second. Motion carried
- Motion to recommend Danielle Himsey to the elected term: Toni Warren; Mover, Mark Kiser; Second, unanimous- Motion carried.
- Motion to enter executive session: 8:39pm Ben Setzler; Mover, Toni Warren; Second; Motion Carried
- Motion to exit Executive session: 8:46pm Toni Warren; Mover, Mark Kiser; Second, unanimous- motion carried
- Motion to Adjourn at 8:55pm–Toni Warren; Mover, Mark Kiser; Seconder: unanimous– Motion Carried

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Crista Lukoski – District coordinator

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