

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
March 3, 2008

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2008 in Room 12 of the Forsyth County Agriculture Building. The meeting was called to order by Grover McPherson, Chairman.

Present: Grover McPherson, Chairman
Wes Schollander, Vice Chairman
Toby Bost, Member
Beth Tucker, Member
Mark Tucker, Director Cooperative Extension
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Gary Cox, District Conservationist
Wendi Hartup, Area Extension Agent-Natural Resources

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on February 4 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented.

The Financial Report of the SWCD Board was reviewed. The item was approved as presented.

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Gary Cox updated the Board concerning the Field Office Appraisal conducted on January 30, 2008. He indicated that a written summary would be forthcoming. Gary informed the Board about the personnel change in the Area Office. Angela Little is the new ASTC in Salisbury. He also indicated that the EQIP workload is progressing well and there are some potential applicants that have expressed interest in the program.

Division of Soil and Water Conservation

Michelle Lovejoy was unable to attend the meeting. The Board members reviewed her handout of information.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program Report

Beth Tucker made a motion to cancel CPO 34-07-02-12 due to the fact that the end of a six month extension had been reached with no activity. Wes Schollander seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Wes Schollander made a motion to cancel CPO 34-07-04-12 due to the fact that the end of a six month extension had been reached with no activity. Toby Bost seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

An application was presented for Tanner Boyles concerning 5 Year Sod Based Rotation. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and it was passed unanimously, with Beth Tucker abstaining. The Contract for Tanner Boyles in the amount of \$2,800 for CPO 34-08-19-16 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Wes Schollander, and was seconded by Toby Bost. The motion was passed unanimously, with Beth Tucker abstaining.

An application was presented for Emerson Crawford concerning a Stream Protection System. Toby Bost made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for Emerson Crawford in the amount of \$11,620 for CPO 34-08-18-16 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Toby Bost, and was seconded by Wes Schollander. The motion was passed unanimously.

Community Conservation Assistance Program

The Board discussed the 2008 CCAP Allocation of \$5,285. Board members were also informed that the second CWMTF grant was approved and that the Forsyth SWCD received \$19,827 from that grant.

The CCAP Application Priority Ranking form was reviewed and Toby Bost made a motion to adopt the form for use. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and was passed unanimously.

The Board members reviewed the list of potential applicants and suggested some projects sites to concentrate on first.

Old Business

Mark Tucker discussed the Agritourism UDO Text Amendment. He also informed the Board about the makeup of the newly created Agricultural Advisory Board.

The Dan River Watershed Grant application does not include Forsyth County because there are no streams impaired due to agriculture.

New Business

The Board discussed a request from Randolph SWCD to participate in an effort to block HR-2421. Toby Bost made a motion to send letters to Mel Watt and Virginia Fox opposing this legislation. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and was passed unanimously.

Wes Schollander made a motion to seek applicants for the 2008 Resource Conservation Workshop. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and was passed unanimously.

Beth Tucker made a motion to continue the liability insurance coverage obtained from Farm Bureau. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and was passed unanimously.

Toby Bost made a motion to sell 2 rolls of filter cloth to the Davie County Watershed Improvement Commission at cost. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and was passed unanimously.

Wes Schollander made a motion to purchase a new wall map and 2 atlas books for approximately \$260. Beth Tucker seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Toby Bost made a motion to purchase 5 DEA cookbooks to use as door prizes at the Fall Banquet. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and was passed unanimously.

Toby Bost made a motion to buy 12 Earth Day T-shirts and have the district logo imprinted on them. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and was passed unanimously.

Adjourn

The next meeting date:

April 7, 2008 5:00 p.m.

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 12

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chairman, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDENR: Division of Soil and Water
Michelle Lovejoy, Area 2 Coordinator
Angela Little, Assistant State Conservationist
Damon Sanders-Pratt, Deputy County Manager