

Minutes

Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting July 2, 2007

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 2, 2007 in Auditorium A 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
Mark Tucker, Director Cooperative Extension
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Michelle Lovejoy, Area 2 Coordinator
Gary Cox, District Conservationist

1. Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD for June 4 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented.

Financial Report for SWCD Board was reviewed. The financial report was approved as presented.

2. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Gary Cox informed the Board on the recent workload increase in terms of HEL determinations being requested by FSA. The field workload is being handled with additional support from the technician located in Yadkin County.

3. Cost Share Program Report

A Request for Payment was presented for Disher Brothers Farm Partnership in the amount of \$17,889 for CPO 34-07-09-16. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and it was passed unanimously.

A Request for Payment was presented for Wayne Woosley in the amount of \$2,391 for CPO 34-07-05-16. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval, pending successful checkout be NRCS. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and it was passed unanimously.

A Request for Payment was presented for Worth Masencup in the amount of \$1,013 for CPO 34-06-10-16. Toby Bost made a motion for approval, pending successful checkout be NRCS. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously.

The Board Members reviewed the 2006 BMP Fund Audit and Wes Schollander made a motion for approval of the report. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and it was passed unanimously.

4. Farmland Preservation

Mark Tucker presented a copy of the proposed Voluntary Agricultural District Ordinance, as well as copies of Ordinances from Guilford and Stokes Counties. The members discussed the pros and cons of administering the program. Gary Cox gave a summary of the program in Guilford County. Michelle Lovejoy provided the Board with copies of a brochure concerning the Enhanced VAD program.

5. Old Business

Mike Bowman gave the members an update on the progress of the CCPI Grant process.

6. New Business

The Annual Fall Banquet was discussed and the members decided to hold the banquet in conjunction with the Farm City Banquet.

The 70th anniversary bus tour was discussed, as well as the event in Concord on August 9th.

Michelle Lovejoy reminded the Board that a seat on the Commission would be vacant and that a representative would be appointed from this region.

Michelle also updated the Board on the state budget and upcoming Association committee meetings.

Adjourn

The next meeting date:

August 13, 2007 5:00 p.m.

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Auditorium B

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chairman, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDENR: Division of Soil and Water
Michelle Lovejoy, Area 2 Coordinator
Jacquie Simon, Assistant State Conservationist
Ron Graham, Deputy County Manager