

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
June 13, 2016

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 5:00 p.m. on June 13, 2016 in the Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 11.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair
Wes Schollander, Vice Chair
Beth Tucker, Member
James Knox, Member
David Williams, Deputy Director DSWC
Mark Tucker, Extension Director
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Jerry Dorsett, Soil & Water Conservationist
Rob Baldwin, Regional Coordinator
Dede DeBruhl, Soil Conservationist
Roseann L'Esperance, Community Educator
Wendi Hartup, Stormwater Manager
Joel Cooper

Call to Order

Toby Bost called the meeting to order at 5:00.

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular sessions of the SWCD Board meeting on May 9, 2016 and May 31, 2016 were reviewed and approved as presented.

The financial report of the SWCD was reviewed and approved as presented.

Division of Soil & Water

Rob Baldwin reminded the board that the filing period is open for the election this fall. He also reviewed the SE NACD meeting dates and the 2017 Annual meeting info. He discussed the opportunity for the mobile soils training on June 21. David Williams discussed the CCAP regional allocation process and the potential new requirement for all supervisors to attend either the workshop in Chapel Hill or obtain enough continuing education credit hours as a substitute for this requirement. He briefly discussed a pilot program through NRCS for CCAP in Cleveland Ohio. Rob and David also made the Board aware of the policy that concerns AgWrap extension request due to engineering delays. The policy has been changed in that a board member is not required to attend the Commission meeting to make the request.

Forsyth County

Mark Tucker updated the board concerning the Forsyth County Budget.

NRCS

Dede gave an update on the progress of EQIP. She informed the board that the status review process will begin soon. The responsibilities of the partnership relating to civil rights were discussed in detail.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program

A request for a 6 month extension was presented from The Children's Home for CPO 34-2015-006. James Knox made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously.

Community Conservation Assistance Program

A request for a 6 month extension was presented from Salem College for CPO 34-2015-506. James Knox made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously.

A request for a 6 month extension was presented from Habitat of Forsyth County for CPO 34-2015-505. James Knox made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously.

A request for a 6 month extension was presented from David Hill for CPO 34-2015-503. Beth Tucker made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by James Knox and it was passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the contract with Wallace Williamson for a cistern, The contract is at the end of the first year and Wallace has decided not to pursue the project. Beth Tucker made a motion to cancel CPO 34-2015-504. The motion was seconded by James Knox and it was passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the contract with Praise Assembly for a cistern, They had been granted a 6 month extension and now are at the end of that period with no activity. Beth Tucker made a motion to cancel CPO 34-2015-501. The motion was seconded by James Knox and it was passed unanimously.

Old Business

Beth Tucker talked about developing a new program for farmers not eligible for Century Farm status and how this new program would go along with and be good for the Farmland Preservation Program.

New Business

Roseann overviewed the various concerns and methods of the Stormwater Office of Winston-Salem. Educational outreach efforts were discussed and potential areas of the city were highlighted.

Beth Tucker made a motion to donate the use of the drill up to 10 acres for a fundraiser being held by the Yadkin Valley Quail and Upland Wildlife Federation. Wes Schollander seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Wes Schollander made a motion that the Forsyth SWCD pursue CCAP funds from the Town of Kernersville and other municipalities as opportunities arise. Beth Tucker seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting date:

July 11, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 11

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Recording

Chair, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDA&CS: Division of Soil and Water
Rob Baldwin, Regional Coordinator
Rhonda Ferguson, NRCS Administrative Assistant
Damon Sanders-Pratt, Deputy County Manager