

Minutes

Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting August 13, 2007

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 13, 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
Ed Wall, Secretary/Treasurer
Toby Bost, Member
Beth Tucker, Member
Mark Tucker, Director Cooperative Extension
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Michelle Lovejoy, Area 2 Coordinator

1. Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on July 2 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented.

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

Ed Wall Made a motion to amend the June 4, 2007 minutes to reflect the approval of the request from the Beeson estate to convey 0.50 acres of land to Keith Beeson, an heir.

2. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Mike Bowman informed the Board on the recent random tract selection for compliance review. Mark Tucker updated the Board about the FAC meeting held today.

3. Cost Share Program Report

Mike Bowman informed the members that the PY 2008 Cost Share allocation had been received in the amount of \$56,862.

An application was presented for Steve Melton for 5 Year Sod Based Rotation. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for Steve Melton in the amount of \$4445 for CPO 34-08-01-16 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Ed Wall, and was seconded by Beth Tucker. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented for William Wetherall for Cropland Conversion. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Ed Wall and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for William Wetherall in the amount of \$4050 for CPO 34-08-02-12 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Toby Bost, and was seconded by Beth Tucker. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board members discussed 2 CPO's which are coming to the end of the first year. Ed Wall made a motion to send a letter to the cooperators indicating that a response is needed with regard to their intentions. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously.

4. CCAP

The PY 2008 allocation was received in the amount of \$48,600. The members talked about the development of a ranking form and priority list of practices. The memo from Vernon Cox concerning Job Approval Authority for CCAP was discussed.

5. Farmland Preservation

Mark Tucker discussed the status of the Voluntary Agricultural District Program. Michelle Lovejoy informed the Board that the State Budget included 8 Million Dollars in the form of matching funds for FPP.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

The matching funds application was reviewed and a motion to apply for the funds was made by Beth Tucker and seconded by Wes Schollander. The motion was passed unanimously.

Ed Wall made a motion to request funding from the City/County Utilities Commission. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and was passed unanimously.

The Board members discussed the memo from David Williams concerning the conservation planning requirement of the Ag Cost Share Program. Mike Bowman will receive refresher training as it becomes available.

Form 990 from the IRS was reviewed, filled out, and signed by the Chairman.

Mike Bowman informed the members that the supply of promotional pens was running low and with the recent phone number change, this would be a good time to order more. Styles, selection, quantities, and prices will be discussed at the next meeting.

Adjourn

The next meeting date:

September 10, 2007 5:00 p.m.

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Auditorium A

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