

## **Minutes**

### **Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting**

**September 08, 2005**

The Forsyth SWCD Board met in regular session at 8:15 a.m. on Thursday September 08, 2005 in room 39 of the Forsyth County Agriculture Bldg. The meeting was called to order by Kerry Venable, Chairman.

Present: Kerry Venable, Chairman  
Ed Wall, Secretary/Treasurer  
Wes Schollander, Member  
Stacey Manning, Member  
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist  
Christine Collins, Office Assistant  
Mr. & Mrs. Terry Sapp, re. Beeson Property  
Keith Huff, City of Winston-Salem Storm Water Department

#### **1. Minutes/Financial Report**

- A. Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD for August were reviewed. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Ed Wall motioned for approval. Second by Stacey Manning. Approved unanimously.
- B. Financial Report for SWCD Board was reviewed. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Ed Wall motioned for approval. Second by Stacey Manning. Approved unanimously.

#### **2. Natural Resources Conservation Service**

- A. No Updates

#### **3. Cost Share Program Report**

- A. New Contracts:

- 1) Zane Walker (34-06-05-12) – Sod Base Rotation - \$980. Contract was reviewed by Mr. Wall less than one week prior to meeting due to travel restrictions placed on county employees. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Wes Schollander motioned for approval. Second by Ed Wall. Approved unanimously.
- 2) William Hester (34-06-04-12) - Sod Base Rotation - \$700. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Wes Schollander motioned for approval. Second by Ed Wall. Approved unanimously.
- 3) Scottie Emerson (34-06-03-16) – Waste Management System and Stream Protection - \$17,950. Kerry Venable raised concerns stating contracts for water quality and erosion should have precedence over purchasing a manure spreader. Stacey Manning and Mike Bowman explained that the equipment was part of the waste management system. Mr. Venable stated “If we have other issues that need to be addressed I am going to look at the other issues.” Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Ed Wall motioned for approval. Second by Stacey Manning. Approved unanimously.

- B. Mike Bowman presented a request for payment. William Wetherall (34-05-10-12) – Critical Area - \$500. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Ed Wall motioned for approval. Second by Stacey Manning. Approved unanimously.
- C. Kerry Venable made inquiry regarding Tommy Burchette visit to John Kloc's property and questioned why he did not visit Mr. Venable's property. Mike Bowman advised that contract monies were reserved last year and we are awaiting a design to commence work on Mr. Venable's farm.
- D. Kerry Venable presented and read letter from the Soil and Water Commission confirming that the board's letter regarding Danny Nelson's failure to remain in compliance has been received and forwarded to the Sampson Soil and Water Conservation District Board and that the Sampson Board acknowledges receipt of the information.
- E. Board would like to review the Priority Ranking System at the October 08, 2005 board meeting. Mike Bowman will furnish copies to be mailed to the board this week.

#### **4. Farmland Preservation**

Mike Bowman introduced Mr. & Mrs. Terry Sapp who are interested in purchasing the Beeson Property which is enrolled in the Farmland Preservation Program. Mr. & Mrs. Sapp plan to own and operate a horse farm where they will breed, raise, train and board. Their plans will include replacing the existing residence and building an additional residence for a tenant, who will run the facility. There will be a large barn, an out building and pastures. The board would like to table this until the October 08, 2005 in order to contact the county attorney to make inquires and receive guidance. Mr. Sapp was advised to write a letter of intent addressed to FSWCD Board of Supervisors. Mike Bowman will contact the county attorney upon receiving the request.

#### **5. Old Business**

- A. Christine Collins inquired if any board members will be attending the Area II Meeting to be held in West Jefferson, NC on October 13, 2005 @ 1 PM. Kerry Venable, Ed Wall, Stacey Manning and Wes Schollander declined attending the Area II Meeting due to gas prices and location.
- B. Mike Bowman presented Community Conservation Grant Program Survey. The board tabled until next meeting.
- C. Mike Bowman presented EEP Training. The board tabled until next meeting.
- D. Christine Collins inquired if the board had any nominees for the 2005 NC District Professional or 2005 NC District Board. The board did not have any nominees.
- E. Christine Collins presented the 2005 Fall Newsletter for review. Kerry Venable asked that the newsletter be mailed to the board members for review.

#### **6. New Business**

- A. Keith Huff of the City of Winston-Salem Storm Water Department addressed the concerns of Ed Wall with runoff which is causing damage to Mr. Wall's property. Mr. Huff explained the storm water practices for the City of Winston-Salem. Mr. Huff advised that the county and state governments have been back and forth regarding the urbanized areas outside the city limits for years. Mr. Huff advised Mr. Wall to address the Board of County Commissioners regarding this matter.

B. Gator Raffle – Board will sell tickets, collect monies and then turn both into Christine Collins to mail to Teresa Hice - NCCDEA President Wake Soil and Water Conservation District.

Regular Board Meeting was adjourned. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Ed Wall motioned for approval. Second by Stacey Manning. Approved unanimously.

## **Adjourn**

### **The next meeting date:**

October 13, 2005

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 39

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary

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Chairman, Forsyth SWCD

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