

## Minutes

### Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting May 7, 2007

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2007 in Auditorium B 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  
Jacquie Simon, Assistant State Conservationist  
Gary Cox, District Conservationist

#### 1. Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD for April 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 progress of the EQIP Program. Jacquie Simon discussed the duties and responsibilities of the District Conservationist. She also reviewed a letter from Mary Combs dealing with the NRCS budget constraints and limitations within the Agency.

#### 3. Cost Share Program Report

A Request for Payment was presented for Johnnie Kapp in the amount of \$5600 on CPO 34-07-06-16. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and it was passed unanimously. An application and contract was presented from Wayne Woosley (34-07-05-16) in the amount of \$6531 for a Stream Protection System. Toby Bost made a motion to approve the CPO. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously. An application and contract was presented from Ed Wall (34-07-07-16) in the amount of \$2336 for a Field Border. Toby Bost made a motion to approve the CPO. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously.

The 2008 Strategy Plan was reviewed and discussed. Wes Schollander made a motion to submit the Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and it was passed unanimously.

The Ag Cost Share Priority Ranking form was reviewed and discussed. Grover McPherson declared the form approved as presented with no objection.

Toby Bost made a motion to send a letter to Worth Masencup stating that in order to keep his cost share contract current, he should complete 1/3 of the work before the end of the 6 month extension and that the livestock fencing along the stream would represent that amount. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously.

Kerry Venable's 6 month extension was discussed and it was decided that Jacquie Simon would contact Mr. Venable to inquire about the possible start date since she needs to schedule the workload of the NRCS Engineer who will be overseeing the project.

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

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

The stakeholder meeting for the CCPI grant was reviewed. A draft agenda and prompting questions were given to the members. Wes Schollander made a motion to allow Beth Tucker to secure a caterer to provide some refreshments for the meeting with an allowance of up to \$200.00. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and it was passed unanimously.

Mark Tucker updated the Board on the results of the priorities survey distributed at the last meeting. These results will give the Board a sense of direction and will assist with the development of the long range plan.

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

The Board discussed the donation request from Steve Bennett for the 2009 Canon Envirothon. Wes Schollander made a motion to make a \$500 donation. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and it was passed unanimously.

Wes Schollander made a motion to sponsor a student for the Resource Conservation Workshop. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and it was passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the memo from Teresa Furr concerning the shortfall in supervisor travel funds.

The opportunity to participate in the Ladies Auxiliary Grant was discussed. The Legislative update was discussed as well as "The Litter Reduction Act of 2007".

Grover McPherson updated the Board on the opportunities available to them in the form of holding easements for stream projects.

Beth Tucker made a motion to donate some wildlife flower seeds to the arboretum at Tanglewood. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously, with Toby Bost abstaining.

The Board discussed buying shirts from the DEA. Staff will gather info on sizes, logo choices, etc. and place the order.

#### **Adjourn**

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

June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007 5:00 p.m.

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Auditorium A

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary

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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