

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
April 11, 2016

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

Present: Wes Schollander, Vice Chair
Ed Wall, Secretary-Treasurer
Beth Tucker, Member
James Knox, Member
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Jerry Dorsett, Soil & Water Conservationist
Rob Baldwin, Regional Coordinator
Dede DeBruhl, Soil Conservationist
Joel Cooper

Call to Order

Wes Schollander called the meeting to order at 5:00.

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on March 14, 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 discussed the importance of the Area 2 Fall Meeting and he reminded the Board that the meeting will be held on October 25. Rob updated the group on the possible changes being considered by the Commission. One item that may change is that supervisors would need to attend the UNC School of Government training once every 5 years, regardless of whether they are elected or appointed. In lieu of attending the training, the supervisors could possibly fulfill this requirement by receiving enough continuing education credits. Rob reminded everyone that the Legislative Breakfast is coming up.

NRCS

Dede gave a report concerning the progress of EQIP. She also informed the Board that the watershed inspections would be completed soon.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program

An application was presented from Larry Boyles for Cropland Conversion and Abandoned Well Closure. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Ed Wall and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Larry Boyles in the amount of \$7,447 for CPO 34-2016-007 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker and seconded by Ed Wall. The motion was passed unanimously.

A request for payment was presented from Ed Wall for CPO 34-2015-005 in the amount of \$1,350. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by James Knox and was passed unanimously, with Ed Wall abstaining.

The Board discussed the situation concerning Johnnie Kapp. After discussion, James Knox made a motion to cancel CPO 34-2016-006. Ed Wall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Farmland Preservation

Jerry updated the Board on the VAD meeting that was held here on March 17.

New Business

Ed Wall made a motion to pay the registration fee for Atkins High School to compete in the State Envirothon. James Knox seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Correspondence from Michelle Lovejoy was discussed concerning the cover crop demonstration plot. Forsyth SWCD was not selected for the program.

An outdoor learning center for the Leadership Academy is being reconsidered by the Foundation.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

The next meeting date:

May 9, 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