

**Minutes**  
**Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting**  
**January 15, 2019**

The Forsyth SWCD Board met on January 15, 2019 in the Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 106.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair  
Wes Schollander, Vice Chair  
Beth Tucker, Member  
Tim Disher, Member  
Kim Gressley, Extension Director  
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist  
James Rodriguez, Soil Conservationist  
Rick McSwain, Regional Coordinator

**Call to Order**

Toby Bost called the meeting to order at 9:15.

The State Government Ethics Act mandates that at the beginning of any meeting the Chair reminds all the members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and inquire as to whether any member knows of any conflict of interest or potential conflict with respect to matters to come before the Commission. If any member knows of a conflict of interest or potential conflict, please state so at this time.

**Minutes/Financial Report**

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meetings on December 18, 2018 were reviewed and approved as presented.

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

**Forsyth County**

Kim Gressley reported on the various activities and programs within the NC Cooperative Extension department. She discussed the county budget process and informed the board of the options available to them concerning the funds held and managed by the county.

**DSWC**

Rick McSwain reported on topics such as Job Approval Authority, Conflict of Interest Policy, the Foundation Sustainability Fund, and the proposed NRCS funding of technical assistance and BMP installation through the Division. He also reminded the board about the upcoming Area 2 meeting in Wilkesboro on March 12.

**NRCS**

James Rodriguez discussed the effects of the partial shutdown. He updated the board on the activity within Team 4 concerning applications, contracts, BMP's and funding.

**Old Business**

Kim Gressley presented detailed information concerning Farm City, including the event highlights, crowd sizes, budget needs, and sponsorship opportunities. Wes Schollander made a motion to contribute \$1,000 for the current budget year as well as \$1,000 for the 2019-2020 budget year towards the Farm City event. Tim Disher seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**New Business**

The board discussed a request from April Bowman for support of the Agricultural & Industrial Tour. Wes Schollander made a motion to approve a \$700 contribution. Tim Disher seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

**The next meeting date:**

February 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 106

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary

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Chair, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDA&CS: Division of Soil and Water  
Rick McSwain, Regional Coordinator