

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
March 12, 2019

The Forsyth SWCD Board met on March 12, 2019 in the Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 106.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair
Wes Schollander, Vice Chair
Tim Disher, Member
Kim Gressley, Extension Director
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Jerry Dorsett, Soil & Water Conservationist
Tim Hambrick, Extension Agent
James Rodriguez, Soil Conservationist

Call to Order

Toby Bost called the meeting to order at 9:10.

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 February 12, 2019 were reviewed and approved as presented.

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

Forsyth County

Kim Gressley discussed the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon with the board. She informed the board that the County Budget process was nearing completion. Tim Hambrick thanked the board for supporting his effort to purchase a no till planter for test plots. He discussed the components of test plots and emphasized the importance of research and education.

DSWC

Rick McSwain sent a report covering topics such as Disaster Response Programs, Resource Conservation Workshop, Job Approval Authority, Foundation Activities, and the International Envirothon.

NRCS

James Rodriguez informed the board that there were 7 EQIP applications submitted in Forsyth County. Several prior year projects are ready to begin construction.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program

Wes Schollander made a motion to cancel AgWRAP contract number 34-2019-801 for Leopoldo Anzola, who is moving out of state. Tim Disher seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Heritage Harvest LTD for an irrigation well. Tim Disher made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Heritage Harvest LTD in the amount of \$7,891 for CPO 34-2019-802 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Tim Disher and seconded by Wes Schollander. The motion was passed unanimously.

The board was informed that Sam Solomon is selling his property and he is in the process of securing a Substitution of Parties Agreement with the new owner for the remaining maintenance period on his cost share contract.

Old Business

Tim Disher made a motion to contribute \$1,000 to the NC Foundation for Soil & Water Conservation. Wes Schollander seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

New Business

The board received a letter of resignation from Ed Wall. Tim Disher made a motion to accept the resignation. Wes Schollander seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Tim Disher made a motion to purchase a \$100.00 gift card for Ed Wall. Wes Schollander seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Tim Disher made a motion to contribute up to \$50.00 to the Envirothon teams competing in the NW Envirothon. Wes Schollander seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Tim Disher made a motion to sponsor 2 students to attend the Resource Conservation Workshop at NC State University by providing up to \$1,050.00 for registration and associated expenses. Wes Schollander seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Jerry Dorsett updated the board about the possibility of assisting with erosion control efforts along Kerner Mill Creek in Kernersville.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

The next meeting date:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chair, Forsyth SWCD

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