

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
April 11, 2017

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 9:00 a.m. on April 11, 2017 in the Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 106.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair
Wes Schollander, Vice Chair
Beth Tucker, Member
Ed Wall, Member
Mark Tucker, Cooperative Extension Director
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Jerry Dorsett, Soil & Water Conservationist
Rob Baldwin, Regional Coordinator
Dede DeBruhl, Soil Conservationist
Kirby Robinson, Property Manager

Call to Order

Toby Bost called the meeting to order at 9:00.

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on February 14, 2017 were reviewed and approved as presented.

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

Forsyth County

Mark Tucker reported on the situation with the small grain crop and that early estimates indicate that as much as 50% of the crops were damaged by the cold weather.

Division of Soil & Water

Rob Baldwin discussed topics such as the Listening Sessions concerning the upcoming changes to the Technical Assistance allocations, Supervisor Training Committee, the State Envirothon, the International Envirothon, and Association updates.

NRCS

Dede gave the board an update on the current status and deadlines concerning EQIP.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program

An application was presented from Terry Crater for an Irrigation Well. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Terry Crater in the amount of \$12,001 for CPO 34-2017-802 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker and seconded by Wes Schollander. The motion was passed unanimously.

Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP)

An application was presented from Jordan Jones for an Abandoned Well Closure. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Jordan Jones in the amount of \$1,500 for CPO 34-2017-501 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker and seconded by Wes Schollander. The motion was passed unanimously.

Old Business

Kirby Robinson discussed the options for dealing with the issues on Town Fork Creek Watershed 1B. He presented a letter detailing landowner responsibilities and the County obligations concerning the property. Beth Tucker made a motion to send the letter to the landowner. Ed Wall seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

New Business

Beth Tucker updated the board members concerning a cover crop workshop she attended. The International Envirothon was discussed and Ed Wall made a motion to pledge \$1,500 in support of the effort. Wes Schollander seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Ed Wall made a motion to spend up to \$600 for a color copier for the office. Beth Tucker seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The 2017 spot checks were discussed and Beth Tucker stated that she was available to go today with Mike and Jerry to perform the spot checks.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The next meeting date:

May 9, 2017 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
Rob Baldwin, Regional Coordinator
Rhonda Ferguson, NRCS Administrative Assistant
Damon Sanders-Pratt, Deputy County Manager