

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
April 7, 2008

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2008 in Room 12 of the Forsyth County Agriculture Building. The meeting was called to order by Grover McPherson, Chairman.

Present: Grover McPherson, Chairman
Wes Schollander, Vice Chairman
Ed Wall, Secretary
Toby Bost, Member
Beth Tucker, Member
Mark Tucker, Director Cooperative Extension
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Gary Cox, District Conservationist
Michelle Lovejoy, Area Coordinator

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on March 3 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented.

The Financial Report of the SWCD Board was reviewed. The item was approved as presented.

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Gary Cox updated the Board concerning the EQIP contract reviews being performed. If a contract has no activity within the last 12 months, a status review must be completed to determine the current status of the project.

Division of Soil and Water Conservation

Michelle Lovejoy reminded the Board members about Conservation Awareness Day. She informed the Board about the upcoming CCAP training dates and she went over the most recent drought response survey.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program Report

Ed Wall made a motion to approve a Request for Payment from Robert Poindexter on CPO 34-08-16-12. Toby Bost seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

An application was presented for Chris Shamel concerning Pasture Renovation. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Ed Wall and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for Chris Shamel in the amount of \$1,949 for CPO 34-08-04-16 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Wes Schollander, and was seconded by Toby Bost. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented for Chris Shamel concerning Pasture Renovation. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Ed Wall and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for Chris Shamel in the amount of \$1,526 for CPO 34-08-20-16 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Wes Schollander, and was seconded by Toby Bost. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented for Michael Macko concerning Pasture Renovation and Heavy Use Areas. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for Michael Macko in the amount of \$3,344 for CPO 34-08-21-16 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker, and was seconded by Wes Schollander. The motion was passed unanimously.

Farmland Preservation Program

The Board discussed a request from Kenneth and Carlene Wood. One of their children would like to build a home on the property. Ed Wall made a motion to allow the construction of a home, pending approval of the County Attorney. Beth Tucker seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mark Tucker stated that a possibility exists that a bond package could include Farmland Preservation sometime in the future.

Old Business

Wes Schollander made a motion to pay the Registration fees for Joseph Rickards to attend the 2008 Resource Conservation Workshop. Ed Wall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

New Business

The Board discussed a request from the Envirothon Committee for a donation to support the 2009 North America Envirothon. Ed Wall made a motion to contribute \$500 toward the effort. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and was passed unanimously.

Wes Schollander made a motion to contribute \$100 to the 2008 Conservation Awareness Day event.. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and was passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the upcoming Supervisor Election and Re-appointment situation. They also discussed a memo from Division Director, Pat Harris concerning travel reimbursement.

The 2008 District Leader Development Training opportunity was discussed. Beth Tucker plans to attend on behalf of the Board.

Mike Bowman reviewed the Drought Survey Response from Cecil Settle of the Foundation concerning a no-till grass drill. He also reviewed the survey request from David Williams relating to the drought and a potential new BMP, "Conservation Irrigation Systems".

The Board members discussed CREP, the potential Area 2 By-Laws, the Area 2 training survey results, and the NACD Don Aaron Scholarship opportunity.

Beth Tucker made a motion to donate \$300 to the "Toby Bost Urban Tree Endowment Fund". The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and was passed unanimously, with Toby Bost abstaining.

Beth Tucker made a motion to send a letter to the Winston-Salem City Council expressing concern over the recently passed ordinance prohibiting pasture fences closer than 50 feet from any property line. Wes Schollander seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mark Tucker informed the members about the upcoming County auction of surplus vehicles and materials. He also gave the Board an update on the Office Assistant position advertised by the County.

Grover informed the members of an upcoming meeting with the CWMTF concerning Dr. Cooper's potential stream restoration project. He also informed the members about the request from the NRCS Area Engineer in relation to the Operation and Maintenance Agreements covering the Watershed Dams.

Adjourn

The next meeting date:

May 5, 2008 5:00 p.m.

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 12

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chairman, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDENR: Division of Soil and Water
Michelle Lovejoy, Area 2 Coordinator
Angela Little, Assistant State Conservationist
Damon Sanders-Pratt, Deputy County Manager