

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
April 9, 2009

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2009 in the Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Auditorium A. The meeting was called to order by Grover McPherson, Chairman.

Present: Grover McPherson, Chairman
Toby Bost, Vice-Chairman
Ed Wall, Secretary-Treasurer
Steven Anderson, Member
Beth Tucker, Member
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Linda Birdsong, Soil and Water Community Conservation Coordinator
Michelle Lovejoy, Area 2 Coordinator
Dede DeBruhl, District Conservationist
Wendi Hartup, Assistant Extension Agent, Cooperative Extension

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on March 9, 2009 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented.

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

Forsyth County

Grover McPherson reported that the county budget item for the Lake Hills Dam Project was approved by the county commissioners.

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Dede DeBruhl reported on NRCS EQIP contracts being completed in Stokes and Forsyth counties and on projects recently submitted for federal stimulus package funding. DeDe also discussed effects of Section 1619 (Federal Privacy Act) on NRCS contracts.

Division of Soil and Water Conservation

Michelle Lovejoy gave a state legislative update including the most recent budget status. Conservation Awareness Day activities are not planned for this year. Michelle also reported that Jeff Turlington, Commission Chair, has resigned and Richard Smith, a Polk County supervisor, will serve as interim chair.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program Report

Requests for Payment

A request for payment was presented from Phil Fishel for CPO 34-08-11-16 in the amount of \$3,825. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Ed Wall and was passed unanimously.

A request for payment was presented from John Booth for CPO 34-09-07-16 in the amount of \$8,344. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Ed Wall and was passed unanimously.

A request for payment was presented from David Lawson for CPO 34-09-27-12 in the amount of \$1,499. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Ed Wall and was passed unanimously.

Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP)

Contract Approvals

An application was presented from Alan Keely for a rain garden. Steven Anderson made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Alan Keely in the amount of \$1,280 for CPO 34-09-510-16 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Steven Anderson and was seconded by Beth Tucker. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from the Session of Lloyd Presbyterian Church for a cistern. Steven Anderson made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Lloyd Presbyterian Church in the amount of \$1,723 for CPO 34-09-511-16 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Steven Anderson and was seconded by Beth Tucker. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from the Dave Anderson for two cisterns and a rain garden. Steven Anderson made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Dave Anderson in the amount of \$3,357 for CPO 34-09-512-16 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Steven Anderson and was seconded by Beth Tucker. The motion was passed unanimously.

After a discussion of rain gardens, Ed Wall made a motion that photographs of rain garden sites are to accompany all CCAP contracts presented to the board for approval. Steven Anderson seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Old Business

Board members discussed the district's need for a small, portable building model to demonstrate Soil and Water BMPs. The model could be used for educational purposes at schools, exhibits and fairs. Grover McPherson appointed Toby Bost, Steven Anderson and Wendi Hartup to develop a proposal for building and maintaining a demonstration model for district use.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

The next meeting date:

May 14th, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Auditorium A

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