

Minutes

Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting

May 31, 2006

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday May 31, 2006 in Room 39 of the Forsyth County Agriculture Building. The meeting was called to order by Kerry Venable, Chairman.

Present: Kerry Venable, Chairman
Grover McPherson, Vice Chairman
Ed Wall, Secretary/Treasurer
Wes Schollander, Member
Stacey Manning, Member
Charles Anderson, Acting District Conservationist
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Danielle Winebarger, Soil Conservationist
Ron Graham, Deputy County Manager
Jacquie Simon, Assistant State Conservationist

1. Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD for April were reviewed. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Ed Wall motioned for approval. Second by Stacey Manning. The motion was approved unanimously.

Financial Report for SWCD Board was reviewed. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Grover McPherson motioned for approval. Second by Ed Wall. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Jacquie Simon briefed the Board on the current status of the personnel situation within the NRCS. Charles Anderson and Danielle Winebarger will be working in the office until the decision is made concerning the placement of a District Conservationist. The engineering staff has been reduced by 50% already. There is a possibility that Vernon Cox of DENR can assist with some of the needs concerning engineering assistance.

3. Cost Share Program Report

CPO: David Joslin (34-06-12-16) for \$1,369.00 – Livestock Exclusion, Heavy Use Area, Critical Areas. Ed Wall motioned for approval, second by Wes Schollander. The motion was approved unanimously.

Request for Payment: David Saunders 34-06-08-16 \$2450.00 Grover McPherson motioned for approval, second by Wes Schollander. The motion was approved unanimously.

Request for Payment: Ed Wall 34-05-05-16 \$1538.00 Grover McPherson motioned for approval, second by Wes Schollander. The motion was approved unanimously, with Mr. Wall abstaining.

Request for Payment: David Jones 34-06-09-16 \$750.00 Stacey Manning motioned for approval, second by Ed Wall. The motion was approved unanimously.

The 2007 strategy plan was reviewed with the Board. Grover McPherson made a motion for approval, second by Wes Schollander. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board reviewed the performance milestone reminder from the Soil & Water Commission.

The 2006 Ag Cost Share Spot Checks were reviewed from last month and the form was signed and sent to Raleigh.

4. Farmland Preservation

The Board discussed the matching funds application from the NC Department of Agriculture. The application requires a 15% match from Forsyth County. Ron Graham will present item to the County Commissioners for consideration.

5. Old Business

Kerry Venable informed the board that he had attempted to contact Lt. Governor Beverly Perdue concerning speaking at the fall banquet and he is awaiting a return call. Grover McPherson mentioned that Manly Wilder might be a good candidate is the Lt. Governor does not work out.

6. New Business

The Board reviewed the Governor's proposed budget.

Ed Wall made a motion to approve the attendance of Mike Bowman at the District Employees Workshop on Thursday, August 17th, 2006, second by Stacey Manning. The motion was approved unanimously.

Grover McPherson made a motion to provide \$100 for the NC Night at the Southeastern NACD meeting in Asheville, seconded by Wes Schollander. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board members were given a copy of the newsletter from the Division of Soil & Water.

At this time the Board went into Executive Session.

Adjourn

The next meeting date:

July 13, 2006 8:30 AM

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 39

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chairman, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDENR: Division of Soil and Water
Michelle Lovejoy, Area 2 Coordinator
Jacquie Simon, Assistant State Conservationist
Ron Graham, Deputy County Manager