

Minutes

Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting

June 9, 2005

The Forsyth SWCD Board met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday June 9, 2005 in Room 39 at the Forsyth County Agriculture Bldg. 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
Christine Collins, Office Assistant
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Randy Blackwood, District Conservationist

1. Minutes/Financial Report

- A. Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD for May were reviewed. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Grover McPherson motioned for approval. Second by Ed Wall. Approved unanimously.
- B. Financial Report for SWCD Board was reviewed. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Grover McPherson motioned for approval. Second by Ed Wall. Approved unanimously.

2. Natural Resources Conservation Service

- A. Mike Sugg has started his new position as ASTC for Operations in Raleigh. Jacquie Simon has been chosen as ASTC for Field Operations starting June 13, 2005.

3. Cost Share Program Report

- A. Mike Bowman presented two requests for payment:
 - 1) Koy Kincaid (34-05-09-16) – Heavy Use Area, Manure Spreader **\$4959**. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Grover McPherson motioned for approval, Second by Ed Wall. Approved unanimously.
 - 2) W. C. Idol (34-05-12-16) – No-Till **\$6653**. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Grover McPherson motioned for approval, Second by Ed Wall. Approved unanimously.
- B. 2006 Strategy Plan reviewed. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Grover McPherson motioned for approval. Second by Ed Wall. Approved unanimously.
- C. Annual Utilities Grant – Mike Bowman met with David Saunders to seek continued funding of the \$15,000 grant.

4. Farmland Preservation

5. Old Business

- A. Banquet Speaker will be Steve Troxler, The NC Commissioner of Agriculture. Contact was made by Kerry Venable and the date is set for November 10, 2005.
- B. Grant Opportunities presented by Mike Bowman – 1) EEP Workshop, 2) NC Foundation for Soil & Water Conservation, Inc., concerning Transactional Costs Reimbursement Program for Conservation Easements. 3) NC Parks & Recreation Trust Fund – PARTF Program matches \$ for \$. Mike Bowman will find more information regarding the grants.

6. New Business

- A. Newsletter – Board reviewed and approved printing of Summer 2005 Newsletter. Add banquet date and guest speaker information.
- B. Golden Coral suggested as caterer for the fall banquet. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Grover McPherson motioned for approval. Second by Ed Wall. Approved unanimously.
- C. Kerry Venable introduced and welcomed Mr. Stacey Manning to the FSWCD Board and staff.
- D. Kerry Venable would like it noted that the FSWCD Board of Supervisors perform a job and should be paid for all events, including mileage.

7. Meeting moved to Executive Session

Regular Board Meeting was adjourned. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Grover McPherson motioned for approval, Second Ed Wall. Approved unanimously.

Adjourn

The next meeting date:

July 14, 2005

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 39

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chairman, Forsyth SWCD

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