

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

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 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
Linda Birdsong, Soil and Water, Community Conservationist
Michelle Lovejoy, Area Coordinator
Gary Cox, District Conservationist
Charles Anderson, Pilot View RC&D

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on June 2 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented.

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

Division of Soil and Water Conservation

Michelle Lovejoy gave the Area 2 update. A new Area 2 engineering position has been approved. A decrease in Ag Cost Share funding will result in a 14% decrease in contracts. Ag development and Farmland monies were approved (4 million). She also reported that Lynn Sprague has left the Division and will work as an agricultural development coordinator for Polk County. Upcoming meetings include Commission July 18, Raleigh; Area 2 July 22, Boone; Community Conservation and Water Resources Standing Committees July 31, Winston- Salem.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program Report

BMP Fund Audit - 2008

Mike Bowman reviewed the 2008 audit for monies received for Ag Cost Share. Ed Wall made a motion to accept the report. Wes Schollander seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Drought Response Program Priorities

Mike Bowman discussed the prioritization of the DRP allocation. Ed Wall made a motion that Pasture Renovation applications from operators who are not overstocked according to NRCS stocking rates should rank first, Irrigation (Pond) second, and Livestock Water Supplies (Well), third. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and was passed unanimously.

Community Conservation Assistance Program

Mike Bowman reported that the Walkertown Fire Department has not followed up on their request for CCAP funding. All 2008 monies have been allocated.

Old Business

Farmland Preservation Request – Kenneth and Carlene Wood

The request for permission to construct one additional dwelling on the Wood property was approved by the Board as stated in a letter to them from Grover McPherson. Grover McPherson mentioned that the request has been reviewed by the County attorney and was in compliance with Farmland Preservation guidelines.

No Till Drill

Forsyth is being considered for a Truax Drill being secured by the Foundation.

Letter to City Council

Beth Tucker reported that she will meet with Mayor Allen Joines and Commissioner Gloria Whisenhunt on July 21st at 9:00 a.m. to discuss concerns regarding recently amended Ordinance 4613 Chapter 6 “Animals and Fowl.” A letter from the Board to the City Council addressing those concerns was reviewed by the Board and signed by Grover McPherson. Wes Schollander made a motion that Beth Tucker act on behalf of the Board at this meeting. The motion was seconded By Ed Wall and passed unanimously.

New Business

Legislative Update

Michelle Lovejoy reviewed some of the bulleted items on the legislative update handout. The Area 2 District Issues meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. July 22, at Valle Crucis Community Park.

Committee Representatives

A list of 2009 proposed Area 2 Officers and NCASWCD Committee Representatives and Alternates was reviewed. Wes Schollander was asked by the Board to consider being on the NCASWCD Legislative Committee.

Resolution

The Board reviewed a newly worded Resolution for the Lake Hills Dam Removal. Discussion followed and Toby Bost moved that the Board adopt the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and passed unanimously. The Resolution was signed by Grover McPherson.

Adjourn

The next meeting date:

August 11, 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