

## **Minutes**

### **Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting**

**August 18, 2005**

The Forsyth SWCD Board met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday August 18, 2005 in room 39 of 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  
Randy Blackwood, District Conservationist  
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist  
Christine Collins, Office Assistant

#### **1. Minutes/Financial Report**

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

#### **2. Natural Resources Conservation Service**

- A. Randy Blackwood gave update on EQIP – Bill Wetherall contract was paid this week.
- B. Several farmers are in need of engineering and design work before contract work may start. Tommy Burchette is currently covered up with engineering and design work. Randy advised board members to let farmers know that they have not been forgotten, to please be patient.

#### **3. Cost Share Program Report**

- A. Request for payment:
  - 1) WC Idol (34-05-12-16) – Long Term No-Till \$847.  
WC Idol (34-06-01-16) – Supplement \$1801. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Ed Wall motioned for approval. Second by Stacey Manning. Approved unanimously.
- B. Mike Bowman advised board that this years Cost Share allocation is \$60,573.
- C. Mike Bowman presented Grant for the Community Cost Share for BMP's Survey. Grover explained that grant opportunity would come from Clean Water Management Trust Fund and would aid Urban Residents with storm water runoff. The Board has requested that the staff complete this survey and review the grant at the next board meeting.

#### 4. Farmland Preservation

Mike Bowman presented updated list of current FPP applicants.

#### 5. Old Business

- A. Christine Collins presented the board with current list of political affiliates to be invited to the Fall Banquet. Board approved the list and will contact Ms. Collins if additions are to be made. Grover McPherson would like to have Dr. Richard Reich, Agriculture Services Assistant Commissioner invited to the banquet.

#### 6. New Business

- A. Randy Blackwood presented spreadsheet showing purchases and sales for the past three years on filter cloth advising that with the rising costs of the cloth the sales are down and some farmers are choosing to purchase directly from Distributor. The board decided to continue offering the service until the cost out weighs the benefit.
- B. Christine Collins asked for volunteers for various speaking duties at the fall banquet. The board decided Kerry Venable to do Welcome, the Pastor of the Farm Family (or Grover McPherson) for Invocation, Wes Schollander for Recognition of Guests, Grover McPherson for Introduction of Speaker, Ed Wall to present Door Prizes.
- C. Ed Wall presented pictures taken of storm water runoff causing property damage. Mr. Wall would like the board to address this issue with the City/County to try to find a resolution and possible funding to repair these types of problems for residents of this county. Mr. Wall stated that Guilford County offers "Urban Flood Control – Erosion" to their residents and would like to push for Forsyth County to offer the same. Grover McPherson suggested that Randy and/or Mike contact the City/County to map out the contacts and how to proceed. Mr. McPherson also stated that the "Grant for the Community Cost Share for BMP's Survey presented by Mike Bowman is designed to help residents in this particular area if the funding is approved for this program.

Regular Board Meeting was adjourned. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Ed Wall motioned for approval. Second by Stacey Manning. Approved unanimously.

#### Adjourn

#### The next meeting date:

September 08, 2005

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 39

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary

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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