

## Minutes

### Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting

September 14, 2006

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 14, 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  
Ron Graham, Deputy County Manager  
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist  
Michelle Lovejoy, Area 2 Coordinator  
Jacquie Simon, Assistant State Conservationist  
Charles Anderson, Acting District Conservationist  
Gary Cox, District Conservationist  
Danielle Winebarger, Soil Conservationist

#### 1. Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD for August were reviewed. Wes Schollander motioned for approval. Second by Ed Wall. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

#### 2. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Jacquie Simon introduced Gary Cox. He will be the DC in the Forsyth SWCD office beginning October 1, 2006.

#### 3. Cost Share Program Report

CPO 34-07-02-12 for Kerry Venable for Ag Road Stabilization in the amount of \$18,565 was presented and reviewed. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval, second by Ed Wall. The motion was approved unanimously, with Mr. Venable abstaining.

CPO 34-07-03-12 for Lindsay Bowman for 5 year Sod Based Rotation in the amount of \$3150 was presented and reviewed. Ed Wall made a motion for approval, second by Grover McPherson. The motion was approved unanimously.

CPO 34-07-04-12 for Marvin Eaton for Grass Waterways, Field Borders, Critical Area Planting, and 3 year Sod Based Rotation in the amount of \$7746 was presented and reviewed. Ed Wall made a motion for approval, second by Grover McPherson. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### 4. Farmland Preservation

The Board discussed the future of Farmland Preservation in Forsyth County, noting that the extreme amount of growth and development makes it hard for the purchase of development rights program to compete with soaring land prices. Other options were explored including greenways, walking trails, and the Voluntary Ag District. Ron Graham mentioned that perhaps Paul Norby could attend a Board meeting to discuss the VAD Program.

**5. Old Business**

The Board discussed the upcoming Area 2 Fall Meeting. Due to a schedule conflict, the Board decided to tentatively set the October meeting date for the 19<sup>th</sup>. Michelle Lovejoy briefed the Board on CCAP grant.

**6. New Business**

The Board discussed the CCPI Grant timeline. Various sources were mentioned as potential partners for assistance in obtaining the data. Grover McPherson made a motion to participate in the CCPI Grant process. Ed Wall seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously

**Adjourn**

**The next meeting date:**

October 19, 2006 8:30 a.m.

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  
Michelle Lovejoy, Area 2 Coordinator  
Jacquie Simon, Assistant State Conservationist  
Ron Graham, Deputy County Manager