

Minutes

Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting October 1, 2007

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 1, 2007 in Auditorium A 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/Treasurer
Toby Bost, Member
Beth Tucker, Member
Mark Tucker, Director Cooperative Extension
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Gary Cox, District Conservationist
Wendi Hartup, Area Extension Agent-Natural Resources

1. Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on September 10 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented.

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

2. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Gary Cox discussed the current EQIP contracts and the progress being made with each one. He informed the Board of the Field Office inspection to be made in January by the NRCS Area Office. Gary then went over the Board Diversity program.

3. Cost Share Program Report

A Request for Payment was submitted for Steve Melton concerning 5 Year Sod Based Rotation in the amount of \$4130 for CPO 34-08-01-16. Ed Wall made a motion for approval and it was seconded by Toby Bost. The motion was passed unanimously.

A Request for Payment was submitted for Ed Wall in the amount of \$1029 for a field border in CPO 34-07-07-16. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval and the motion was seconded by Beth Tucker. The motion was passed unanimously, with Ed Wall abstaining.

An application was presented for W C Idol for Cover Crop. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for W C Idol in the amount of \$578 for CPO 34-08-05-16 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Ed Wall, and was seconded by Beth Tucker. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board Members discussed the ACSP Response to Drought Emergency. Ed wall made a motion to ask for an allocation of \$40,000 to use for Cover Crops and/or Pasture Renovation. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and it was passed unanimously.

4. CCAP

The Board discussed the Ranking Form to be used for the CCAP. Wendi Hartup presented a summary of potential projects located at Tanglewood Park. A discussion of the various other projects ensued and the Board Members gave individual viewpoints concerning the potential usage of the funds.

5. Voluntary Agricultural District

Mark Tucker discussed the status of the Voluntary Agricultural District Program. He stated that Ron Graham would be retiring on October 12 and that we would be working with someone else to get the program going. Gary Cox gave the Board Members some insight as to the working mechanisms within the Guilford County program.

6. Old Business

The Members discussed the Area 2 Fall meeting to be held on October 11.

7. New Business

A request for support came to the Board from the Northwest Envirothon. Wes Schollander made a motion to contribute \$200 to the Envirothon and the motion was seconded by Ed Wall. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board discussed resolutions proposed by Jerry Dorsett.

The issue of Job Approval Authority was discussed at this time.

Adjourn

The next meeting date:

November 5, 2007 5:00 p.m.

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Auditorium B

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