

## **Minutes**

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

**October 13, 2005**

The Forsyth SWCD Board met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday October 13, 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  
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist  
Christine Collins, Office Assistant  
Zachary Taylor, 2005 RCW Student (RJR High School)

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

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

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

- A. Equip Applications for:
  - 1) Bob Lightner – Grazing System – Mr. Lightner currently has 170 goats would like to increase to 300 goats.
  - 2) Karen Bruce – Heavy Use Area & Waste Storage Facility – Horse Farm
  - 3) Vernell Switzer – Contact has been made by Randy Blackwood advising Mr. Switzer to call or come by the office to schedule a field appointment. Mr. Switzer has also been given Randy Blackwood's business card with contact information. Several additional attempts have been made to contact Mr. Switzer.

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

- 1) Request for payment Donald Stewart (34-05-04-12) \$4,320. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Ed Wall motioned for approval. Second by Wes Schollander. Approved unanimously.
- 2) Request for payment William Hester (34-06-04-12) - Sod Base Rotation - \$700. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Grover McPherson motioned for approval. Second by Stacey Manning. Approved unanimously.

- 4) Cancel Conservation Plan of Operation Richard Linville (34-04-08-12) due to work not starting in the first twelve months. Mr. Linville received a letter in April 2005 advising him he could apply for a six month extension. Our office has not received any response from Mr. Linville asking for an extension. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval to cancel contract. Grover McPherson motioned for approval. Second by Ed Wall. Approved unanimously.

#### **4. Farmland Preservation**

Kerry Venable presented letter from County Attorney Gordon Watkins regarding tenant dwelling for Terry Sapp. Kerry Venable asked for a motion to allow Mr. Sapp to build tenant dwelling. Ed Wall motioned for approval. Second by Wes Schollander. Approved unanimously. Mike Bowman is to prepare letter of response to Gordon Watkins advising that board is in agreement that Terry Sapp should be allowed to build tenant dwelling on Beeson property.

#### **5. Old Business**

- A. Kerry Venable presented a request for a donation to Farm City for \$200. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Ed Wall motioned for approval. Second by Stacey Manning. Approved unanimously.
- B. Kerry Venable introduced Zachary Taylor, student selected by the board to attend the 2005 Resource Conservation Workshop. Zachary discussed the various activities from this five day event. Zachary Taylor advised the board that he will persue agronomics and has applied to NCSU. Zachary thanked the board for their sponsorship which allowed him this valuable opportunity.
- C. Board has reviewed the "Fall Newsletter". Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Grover McPherson motioned for approval. Second by Wes Schollander. Approved unanimously.
- D. Board has reviewed the "Priority Ranking Form" drafted by Mike Bowman. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Grover McPherson motioned for approval. Second by Ed Wall. Approved unanimously.

#### **6. New Business**

- A. Fall Banquet Decorations – After discussion, Board has chosen to forgo table decorations and use hay bales, dried corn, and pumpkins around the stage. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Grover McPherson made motion of approval. Second by Ed Wall. Approved unanimously.
- B. NRCS Engineer relocating to Forsyth County – Kerry Venable addressed board about possible relocation of an NRCS engineer to the CNR office. Kerry Venable advised that the county will be leasing the space on a year by year trial basis. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Ed Wall made motion of approval. Second by Stacey Manning. Approved unanimously.
- C. November 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting – Board agreed board meeting should be held at 6:00 PM, 30 minutes prior to start of banquet. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Grover McPherson motioned for approval. Second by Ed Wall. Approved unanimously.

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:**

November 10, 2005 6 PM

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  
Jerry Dorsett, Acting DSWC Area 2 Coordinator  
Jacquie Simon, Assistant State Conservationist  
Ron Graham, Deputy County Manager