

**Minutes**  
**Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting**  
**October 15, 2024**

The Forsyth SWCD Board met on October 15, 2024 in Room 106 of the Forsyth County Agriculture Building.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair  
Wes Schollander, Vice Chair  
Mark Apple, District Supervisor  
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist  
Lance Parker, NRCS  
Tyquan Davis, NRCS  
Elise McLaughlin, Regional Coordinator  
Richard Reich, NCDA&CS

**Call to Order**

Toby Bost called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. He asked if there were any potential conflicts of interest and there were none.

**Minutes/Financial Report**

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on September 17, 2024 were reviewed and approved by unanimous consent.

**NRCS**

Lance Parker reported that the deadline for cost share application is November 1 and mentioned the various funding opportunities available. He talked about some of the disaster relief efforts that are occurring and there may be additional disaster relief funds approved.

**DSWC**

Elise discussed some of the impacts of the hurricane and the current efforts to reach people who are in the areas with little or no service. The Commission is utilizing policy waivers to help streamline work efforts. The Area 2 Fall Meeting will now be held on November 12.

**Cost Share Programs**

An application was presented from Lucas Weavil for Cover Crop. Mark Apple made a motion for approval. Wes Schollander seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Lucas Weavil in the amount of \$2,943 for CPO 34-2025-010 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Mark Apple and seconded by Wes Schollander. The motion was passed unanimously.

**New Business**

The board members reviewed the Creek Week summary report from 2024. Wes Schollander made a motion to donate \$500 to Creek Week . Mark Apple seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Richard Reich presented background information on the Farmland Preservation Program and discussed current and future trends in farmland losses. He spoke to the board about the options concerning the holding of easements.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

**The next meeting date:**

November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Forsyth County Agriculture Building

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Chair, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDA&CS: Division of Soil and Water  
Elise McLaughlin, Regional Coordinator