

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
April 10, 2018

The Forsyth SWCD Board met on April 10, 2018 in the Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 106.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair
Wes Schollander, Vice Chair
Ed Wall, Secretary/Treasurer
Beth Tucker, Member
Tim Disher, Member
Kim Gressley, Extension Director
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Lee Holcomb, Supervisory Soil Conservationist
April Bowman, Extension Agent

Call to Order

Toby Bost called the meeting to order at 9:00.

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meetings on February 13, 2018 were reviewed and approved as presented.

The financial report of the SWCD was reviewed and approved as presented.

Forsyth County

Kim Gressley discussed the proposed Cost of Community Services study.

NRCS

Lee Holcomb discussed the Federal Budget and the impact on hiring for the remainder of FY 2018. He detailed how the team would work together to assess the conservation needs in the 5 county region. The EQIP funding has been secured but there were no applications approved in Forsyth County.

DSWC

Rick McSwain, Regional Coordinator, sent a report concerning topics such as supplemental cost share allocations, individual development plans, district legislative liaison, upcoming workshops, scholarship opportunities, and the North American Envirothon.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program

An application was presented from Sullivan Farm for a Forced Air Composter and a Heavy Use Area.. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Tim Disher and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Sullivan Farm in the amount of \$8,731 for CPO 34-2018-008 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker and seconded by Tim Disher. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Michael Shields for Pond Repair. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Tim Disher and it was passed unanimously, with Beth Tucker abstaining. The contract for Michael Shields in the amount of \$25,000 for CPO 34-2018-802 was presented. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Tim Disher and it was passed unanimously, with Beth Tucker abstaining.

A request for payment was presented from Heritage Harvest, LTD for CPO 34-2018-007 in the amount of \$1,800. Tim Disher made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Ed Wall and was passed unanimously.

The board discussed a stream bank erosion problem on the Steve Myers property. Beth Tucker made a motion to seek Impaired and Impacted funds to assist with the project. Ed Wall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Farmland Preservation Program

The board discussed a request from Joseph Joyner to construct a home for his use on property he owns that in is the Farmland Preservation Program. Tim Disher made a motion to grant the request. Beth Tucker seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Old Business

April Bowman presented information on an educational multi-state tour she is putting together for August. She also discussed a 4 H competition being held in May. Beth Tucker made a motion to contribute \$700 toward the tour and \$300 for the competition. The motion was seconded by Ed Wall and was passed unanimously.

New Business

Kim Gressley discussed the upcoming NCCEAPA Annual meeting. Beth Tucker made a motion to contribute \$250 for the meeting. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and was passed unanimously.

Tim Disher made a motion to spend up to \$60 for snacks to be used by the 2 teams competing in the NW Envirothon. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and was passed unanimously.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

The next meeting date:

May, 8 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 106

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chair, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDA&CS: Division of Soil and Water
Davis Ferguson, Regional Coordinator
Rhonda Ferguson, NRCS Administrative Assistant
Damon Sanders-Pratt, Deputy County Manager