

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
February 12, 2009

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2009 in the Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Auditorium A. The meeting was called to order by Grover McPherson, Chairman.

Present: Grover McPherson, Chairman
Toby Bost, Vice-Chairman
Ed Wall, Secretary-Treasurer
Steven Anderson, Member
Beth Tucker, Member
Mark Tucker, Director, Cooperative Extension
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Linda Birdsong, Soil and Water Community Conservation Coordinator

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on January 8, 2009 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented.

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

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Grover McPherson reported for Gary Cox in his absence. Gary has been assigned to Guilford and Rockingham counties. Dee Dee DeBruhl has been assigned to Stokes and Forsyth counties starting next week.

Division of Soil and Water Conservation

The Area 2 report was reviewed.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program Report

Contract Approvals

An application was presented from David Lawson for Heavy Use Area. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Ed Wall and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for David Lawson in the amount of \$1,499 for CPO 34-09-27-12 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker and was seconded by Ed Wall. The motion was passed unanimously.

Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP)

Contract Approvals

An application was presented from Lois Koufman for a rain garden. Toby Bost made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Steven Anderson and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for Lois Koufman in the amount of \$1,308 for CPO 34-09-507-16 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Toby Bost and was seconded by Steven Anderson. The motion was passed unanimously.

Request for Payment

A Request for Payment was presented from Chris Boyd for CPO 34-09-506-16 in the amount of \$378. Steven Anderson made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and it was passed unanimously.

Old Business

Lake Hills Dam Project

Mark Tucker reported that he had met with representatives from Pilot View and the county. The county attorney is currently working on a contract between the district and Pilot View for the Lake Hills Dam Project.

New Business

Forsyth SWCD CCAP Signs

Members discussed placing signs at CCAP projects that are located in public areas or have educational use. Stickers placed on cisterns would also be helpful in publicizing CCAP. Linda Birdsong and Wendi Hartup will bring cost estimates for these two items to the March SWCD meeting.

NW Envirothon

Beth Tucker made a motion to donate \$200 to help cover expenses for the NW Envirothon. Ed Wall seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

A2 Spring Meeting

The Area 2 Spring Meeting will be held on March 12, 2009 in Taylorsville, NC. Registration deadline is February 27th. Transportation will be arranged if enough members attend.

Watershed Inspection Report

The watershed dams have been inspected by Land Resources and there were no problems. One of the land owners is allowing horses to graze on the back slope of the dam. This is in conflict with the terms of the easement and the owners have been made aware of the potential damage to the structure and have agreed to remove the horses.

State Association Dues Increase

NCASWCD has approved an increase in annual dues of \$250 per district for FY 2009.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

The next meeting date:

March 19, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Auditorium A

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chairman, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDENR: Division of Soil and Water
Michelle Lovejoy, Area 2 Coordinator
Angela Little, Assistant State Conservationist
Damon Sanders-Pratt, Deputy County Manager