

Minutes

Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting

November 10, 2005

The Forsyth SWCD Board met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday November 10, 2005 in room 11 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
Randy Blackwood, District Conservationist
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Christine Collins, Office Assistant

1. Minutes/Financial Report

- A. Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD for October were reviewed. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Grover McPherson 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. Randy Blackwood announced there will be a Public Meeting November 21, 2005 @ 6:30 PM to allow the public an opportunity to consider the Resource Concerns important to them.

3. Cost Share Program Report

- 1) Request for payment Scottie Emerson (34-06-03-16) \$2,727. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Grover McPherson motioned for approval. Second by Ed Wall. Approved unanimously.
- 2) Contract Karen Bruce (34-06-02-16) – Heavy Use Area - \$2488. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Grover McPherson motioned for approval. Second by Stacey Manning. Approved unanimously.

4. Farmland Preservation

5. Old Business

- A. Mike Bowman announced that FSWCD made an application to the NC Tobacco Trust Fund. Application was turned down. The Trust received \$67,000,000 in requests and had only \$13,000,000 to distribute.

6. New Business

- A. Annual meeting January 8th - 10th – supervisors who plan to attend – Kerry Venable, Grover McPherson, Ed Wall, Stacey Manning, Wes Schollander. Board agreed that Mike Bowman should attend during the day. Board would like a room reserved for board members. Details to be worked out at December board meeting.
- B. New legislation for “Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural Districts” presented to the board for review.
- C. Kerry Venable advised board of a meeting he and Randy Blackwood attended (Nov. 3) regarding Dr. Cooper and the Lower Salem Creek Stream Restoration Project. Dr. Cooper is trying to get a grant to restore 2 ½ miles of lower Salem Creek from Clemmonsville Road to Fraternity Church Road. The committee is seeking the Boards participation and concurrence on the project. The Salem Creek Committee would like the board to hold the conservation easement and provide annual inspections i.e. police the easement for damage or encroachments. The grant would be written by Pilot View RC&D (Charles Anderson) and funding provided by Clean Water Management Trust Fund. Randy Blackwood stated that the initial grant to work on lower Salem Creek was approaching \$3,000,000. Pilot View is considering rolling another project, Stormwater Inventory of WS, in with the Salem Creek project possibly causing a conflict of interest. The Nov. 3 meeting had Keith Huff of WS Stormwater and Ron Hargrove of Utilities. Keith Huff is working with Charles Anderson on this Stormwater Inventory project and was unaware of the possibility of the two projects being merged. Randy Blackwood recommended asking Dick Everhart (District Conservationist) of Surry County and Charles Anderson to attend the December board meeting regarding this grant. Mr. Everhart has written a number of conservation grants of this type. Due to conflicts with schedules and Christmas Holiday, board would like to hold this matter until January 12, 2005 board meeting. Board would like Randy Blackwood to coordinate attendees.

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:

December 8, 2005 8:30 AM

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 39

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

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