

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
August 8, 2022

The Forsyth SWCD Board met on August 8, 2022 the Paul J. Ceiner Botanical Garden in Kernersville.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair
Wes Schollander, Vice Chair
Beth Tucker, Secretary/Treasurer
Neal Dagenhart, District Supervisor
Kim Gressley, Extension Director
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Alex Kiser, Soil & Water Conservationist
Roger Toledo, NRCS
Kaitlyn Markey, NRCS
Rick McSwain, Regional Coordinator
Emily Broadbent, NRCS

Call to Order

Toby Bost called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

The State Government Ethics Act mandates that at the beginning of any meeting the Chair reminds all the members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and inquire as to whether any member knows of any conflict of interest or potential conflict with respect to matters to come before the Board. If any member knows of a conflict of interest or potential conflict, please state so at this time.

Wes Schollander indicated that an agenda item pertained to his potential reappointment.

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on May 9, 2022 were reviewed and approved by unanimous consent. The financial report of the SWCD was reviewed and approved by unanimous consent.

Forsyth County

Kim Gressley discussed the status of the vacant positions within the department. She informed the board that Farm City would be held October 24-26. Kim also provided updated details concerning the Ag Center relocation to Tobaccoville.

DSWC

Rick McSwain discussed the new employees and positions within the Division. He also gave an update concerning potential future funding of the StRAP. Rick reminded the board that the fall meeting will be held on October 13 in Alleghany county.

NRCS

Roger Toledo advised the board that four EQIP applications were approved in Forsyth County. He also stated that EQIP & CSP funds are available for allocation for new applications. The team is undertaking the HEL Compliance reviews at this time as well.

Cost Share Programs

A request for payment was presented from Neil Westmoreland for CPO 34-2022-802 in the amount of \$11,179. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Neal Dagenhart and it was passed unanimously.

Farmland Preservation Program

The board discussed a request from Mark Bennett to construct a home on property enrolled in the Farmland Preservation Program. Beth Tucker made a motion to approve the request. Wes Schollander seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

New Business

The board discussed the reappointment of Wes Schollander. Beth Tucker made a motion to recommend the reappointment to the Soil & Water Commission. Neal Dagenhart seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously, with Wes Schollander abstaining.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The next meeting date:

September 12, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.
Forsyth County Agriculture Building

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chair, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDA&CS: Division of Soil and Water
Rick McSwain, Regional Coordinator