Minutes Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting May 14, 2019

The Forsyth SWCD Board met on May 14, 2019 in the Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 106.

Present: Wes Schollander, Vice Chair Beth Tucker, Member Tim Disher, Member Kim Gressley, Extension Director Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist Jerry Dorsett, Soil & Water Conservationist Rick McSwain, Regional Coordinator

Call to Order

Wes Schollander called the meeting to order at 9:30.

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 Commission. If any member knows of a conflict of interest or potential conflict, please state so at this time.

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meetings on April 9, 2019 were reviewed and approved as presented.

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

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Kim Gressley discussed the various activities being undertaken by the Extension office at this time.

DSWC

Rick McSwain reminded the board members that the Division is researching appropriate methods of issuing Job Approval Authority for district employees through the Commission. He discussed the efforts to streamline a Record Retention Schedule for all the boards in the state. Rick also informed the board of legislation that would potentially require all boards in NC to become partisan.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program

An application was presented from Grady Phillips for Livestock Exclusion. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Tim Disher and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Grady Phillips in the amount of \$1,948 for CPO 34-2019-007 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker and seconded by Tim Disher. The motion was passed unanimously.

A request for payment was presented from Fair Share Farm for CPO 34-2017-803 in the amount of \$2,400. Tim Disher made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and was passed unanimously.

New Business

Tim Disher nominated Beth Tucker for the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Being no other nominations, Beth was elected by acclamation.

The board reviewed and discussed the 2020 Strategy Plan. Tim Disher made a motion to submit the plan. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and was passed unanimously.

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

The next meeting date:

June 11, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 106

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chair, Forsyth SWCD

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