

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
May 8, 2018

The Forsyth SWCD Board met on May 8, 2018 in the Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 106.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair
Beth Tucker, Member
Tim Disher, Member
Kim Gressley, Extension Director
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Jerry Dorsett, Soil & Water Conservationist
Lee Holcomb, Supervisory Soil Conservationist
James Rodriguez, Soil Conservationist

Call to Order

Toby Bost called the meeting to order at 9:25.

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meetings on April 10, 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 preliminary preparations for Farm City Week. She reminded the board of the meeting today concerning the Cost of Community Services study. The Extension focus will be geared toward the 4H & Youth Programs and the incorporation of more science into these programs.

NRCS

Lee Holcomb updated the board on the status of EQIP applications, stating that one application for a high tunnel was funded in Forsyth County. An application on a beef cattle farm is in the early stages of planning and has potential to become a large project. Lee introduced James Rodriguez to the board.

DSWC

Rick McSwain, Regional Coordinator, sent a report concerning topics such as supervisor terms, fiscal year deadline dates, individual development plans, upcoming workshops, Resource Conservation Workshop, scholarship opportunities, and the North American Envirothon.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program

A request for payment was presented from Sullivan Farm for CPO 34-2016-009 in the amount of \$5,930. Tim Disher made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and was passed unanimously.

Farmland Preservation Program

Lee informed the Board the conservation plan for properties utilizing Federal funds for FRPP had been reviewed and 3 of the plans are in the process of being updated.

Old Business

The board reviewed and discussed the 2019 Strategy Plan. Tim Disher made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and was passed unanimously.

New Business

The board reviewed the IDP's for Mike Bowman and Jerry Dorsett. Tim Disher made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and was passed unanimously.

A request was made from the Grounds Maintenance Division for 120' of filter cloth for a project with the Humane Society. Tim Disher made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and was passed unanimously.

The board conducted the annual spot checks of the cost share programs at this time.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

The next meeting date:

June 12, 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