

Minutes
REVISED
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
June 4, 2007

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 4, 2007 in Auditorium B of the Forsyth County Agriculture Building. The meeting was called to order by Grover McPherson, Chairman.

Present: Grover McPherson, Chairman
Wes Schollander, Vice Chairman
Toby Bost, Member
Beth Tucker, Member
Mark Tucker, Director Cooperative Extension
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Michelle Lovejoy, Area 2 Coordinator
Gary Cox, District Conservationist

1. Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD for May 7 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented.

Financial Report for SWCD Board was reviewed. The financial report was approved as presented.

2. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Gary Cox informed the Board on the recent workload increase in terms of HEL determinations being requested by FSA. He also discussed the detailing of DC's to other parts of the State where agriculture is still flourishing. A multi-county approach to the service feature is now becoming commonplace. Michelle Lovejoy added that a committee is being formed to study the effects of NRCS restructuring on districts and she encouraged the Board Members to send in comments or concerns to that group.

3. Cost Share Program Report

A Request for Payment was presented for Ed Wall in the amount of \$648 on CPO 34-05-05-16. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and it was passed unanimously. An application and contract was presented from Ed Wall (34-07-08-16) in the amount of \$3,675 for Cover Crop and Long Term No Till. Toby Bost made a motion to approve the CPO. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and it was passed unanimously. An application and contract was presented from Disher Brothers Farm Partnership (34-07-09-16) in the amount of \$25,073 for Cover Crop and Long Term No Till. Toby Bost made a motion to approve the CPO. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the memo from Jacquie Simon concerning the cost share contract with Kerry Venable.

The Annual Spot Check Report was discussed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Farmland Preservation

Correspondence from the County Attorney concerning the Frank Beeson property was reviewed with the members. Toby Bost made a motion to approve the transfer of ownership of 0.5 acres of land from the Beeson Estate to Keith Beeson, one of the heirs. Wes Schollander seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

5. Old Business

The Board Members once again were informed that the supervisor travel funds were depleted. After discussing the topic, a motion was made by Wes Schollander to cover the shortfall with District funds. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and it passed by a vote of 2-1 with Toby Bost voting no.

6. New Business

The Board was presented with a legislative update, information concerning the Foundation's effort to purchase no till drills, and the Conservation Leaders Tour. Toby Bost made a motion to pay for a seat on the bus tour provided a suitable and willing candidate can be identified before the deadline. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously.

Adjourn

The next meeting date:

July 2, 2007 5:00 p.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
Jacquie Simon, Assistant State Conservationist
Ron Graham, Deputy County Manager