Minutes Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting March 19, 2024

The Forsyth SWCD Board met on March 19, 2024 in Room 106 of the Forsyth County Agriculture Building.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair Wes Schollander, Vice Chair Mark Apple, District Supervisor Neal Dagenhart, District Supervisor Kimberly Gressley, Extension Director Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist Alex Kiser, Soil & Water Conservationist Elise McLaughlin, Regional Coordinator Lance Parker, Soil Conservationist Tyquan Davis, Soil Conservationist Technician

Call to Order

Toby Bost called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He asked if there were any potential conflicts of interest and there were none.

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on February 20, 2024 were reviewed and approved by unanimous consent. The financial report of the SWCD was reviewed and approved by unanimous consent.

Forsyth County

Kim Gressley gave an update on the FY 25 budget and discussed the options for board members to communicate with county commissioners. An update was given regarding the current Creek Week activities and future pop-up field days. Kim informed the board of her upcoming retirement.

NRCS

Lance updated the board on the EQUIP application deadline of March 23, 2024. An update was given that currently two applications have been submitted. Lance gave an update to concerning the recently completed BMP. Two applications for the CSP have been received from Forsyth County farmers.

DSWC

Elise discussed the upcoming Fundamentals of Conservation Planning training in Waynesville. The DSWC and NRCS are planning a Local Work Group meeting to be held in Yadkinville. Elise discussed the upcoming Contest Night and the State Envirothon.

Old Business

The board members discussed the Foundation no-till drill grant.

Wes Schollander made a motion to approve one applicant to attend the Resource Conservation Workshop. Mark Apple seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business

Neal Dagenhart made a motion to approve up to \$60 for snacks for the Northwest Envirothon. Mark Apple seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Neal Dagenhart made a motion to approve the matching funds request for \$3,600. Mark Apple seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

The next meeting date:

April 16th, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Forsyth County Agriculture Building

Chair, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDA&CS: Division of Soil and Water Elise McLaughlin, Regional Coordinator