

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
August 14, 2018

The Forsyth SWCD Board met on August 14, 2018 in the Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 106.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair
Wes Schollander, Vice Chair
Ed Wall, Secretary/Treasurer
Beth Tucker, Member
Kim Gressley, Extension Director
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Jerry Dorsett, Soil & Water Conservationist
Rick McSwain, Regional Coordinator
James Rodriguez, Soil Conservationist

Call to Order

Toby Bost called the meeting to order at 9:00.

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 June 12, 2018 were reviewed and approved as presented.

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

Forsyth County

Kim Gressley informed the board that Farm City will be held on November 5-6. She advised the board about the potential Multi-use Ag Center being planned. Kim updated the board as to the fact that the Board of Commissioners had approved the revised VAD Ordinance.

NRCS

James Rodriguez presented the board with 3 conservation plans for review and approval. He stated that 4 EQIP applications had been funded for High Tunnels. He has also been working to finish the field work for completing the 569's for FSA. He has submitted the Cultural Resource Review forms for projects associated with NCASCP projects.

DSWC

Rick McSwain, Regional Coordinator, discussed the supervisor training information and indicated that the new guidelines will require 6 hours of training per term. He briefly detailed the court case with the Lincoln board concerning easements. He reminded everyone of the listening session to be held on August 23 concerning JAA and CCP requirements.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program

An application was presented from Steve Myers for Stream Restoration. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by ED Wall and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Steve Myers in the amount of \$22,000 for CPO 34-2019-001 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker and seconded by Ed Wall. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Michael Shields for Cover Crop. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Ed Wall and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Michael Shields in the amount of \$1,956 for CPO 34-2019-002 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Wes Schollander and seconded by Ed Wall. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Sharing Rose Farm for Cropland Conversion. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Ed Wall and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Sharing Rose Farm in the amount of \$4,714 for CPO 34-2019-003 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker and seconded by Ed Wall. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Leopoldo Anzola for a Livestock Watering Well. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Leopoldo Anzola in the amount of \$7,891 for CPO 34-2019-801 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker and seconded by Wes Schollander. The motion was passed unanimously.

Old Business

Jerry Dorsett informed the board that the Foundation approved the grant for pasture management. Wes Schollander made a motion to enter into the contract. The motion was seconded by Ed Wall and was passed unanimously, with Beth Tucker abstaining.

New Business

The board reviewed the Secondary Employment Certification forms for Mike Bowman and Jerry Dorsett. Wes Schollander made a motion to approve the forms. Beth Tucker seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The board members were reminded of the upcoming Area 2 Fall Meeting.

Adjourn

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

The next meeting date:

September 11, 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
Rick McSwain, Regional Coordinator
Rhonda Ferguson, NRCS Administrative Assistant
Damon Sanders-Pratt, Deputy County Manager