

Minutes

Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting

April 06, 2005

The Forsyth SWCD Board met in regular session at 8:35 a.m. on Wednesday April 06, 2005 in Room 39 at the Forsyth County Agriculture Bldg. The meeting was called to order by Kerry Venable, Chairman.

Present: Kerry Venable, Chairman
Grover McPherson, Vice-Chairman
Ed Wall, Secretary/Treasurer
Wes Schollander, Member
Christine Collins, Office Assistant
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Randy Blackwood, District Conservationist

1. Minutes/Financial Report

- A. Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD for March were reviewed, Kerry Venable made necessary revisions. Kerry Venable motioned approval with revisions. Wes Schollander approved, Second by Ed Wall. Approved unanimously.
- B. Financial Report for SWCD Board was reviewed. Motion made by Kerry Venable for approval. Ed Wall approved, Second by Wes Schollander. Approved unanimously.

2. Natural Resources Conservation Service

A. Randy Blackwood presented the 2005 Approved EQIP contracts. Randy advised Board that \$44,000 was turned in unused.

- 1) Tony Church – Well, Livestock Exclusion, Heavy Use Areas, Watering Facilities **\$12,518**
- 2) David Chappell – Pasture and Hayland Planting **\$1,190**
- 3) Edgar Miller – Stock Trail, Access Road, Heavy Use Area **\$10,711**
- 4) David Dillon – Pasture and Hayland Planting **\$1,260**
- 5) Rodney Speas – 5 year long term no-till **\$3,458**
- 6) Bill Wetherall – Heavy use area, Animal trails & walkways **\$3,423**

3. Cost Share Program Report

A. Mike Bowman presented contracts for approval.

- 1) Kerry Venable (34-05-13-12) \$5,046. Motion made by Ed Wall to approve contract. Approved by Wes Schollander, Second by Grover McPherson. Approved unanimously. Kerry Venable abstained.

B. Cost Share Spot Checks performed by Kerry Venable, Grover McPherson, Wes Schollander, Ed Wall and Mike Bowman:

Bill Howard	Stacey Manning
Johnny Kapp	Children's Home

4. Farmland Preservation

- A. FPP Spot Checks to be completed by staff with any problems to be referred back to the board.

5. Old Business

- A. William Linville Memorial – Board was shown the finished plaque to honor Mr. William Linville. All Board Members were pleased. Plaque is to be dedicated April 26, 2005. Invitations are to sent to Betty and Juanita Crim as well as William's first cousins. Kerry Venable will get the names of the first cousins. Board to select speaker for the presentation.
- B. Nominations for New Supervisor to fulfill William Linville's – Stacey Manning nominated by Ed Wall and Kerry Venable. Chuck Woolard nominated by Wes Schollander. Voted was taken for Chuck Woolard. Chuck Woolard was withdrawn. Board voted for Stacey Manning unanimously. Nominee will be presented to the SWCD Commission at the next session, May 18, 2005.

6. New Business

- A. Pens – Christine Collins presented the Board with pen offer from National Pen. Buy 150 @ \$.58 each, get 150 free. Motion was made by Kerry Venable to place order. Ed Wall approved, Second by Wes Schollander.
- B. Board agreed have list of prospective speakers for the Fall Banquet by the May 12, 2005 Board Meeting.
- C. Supplier price increases on Filter Cloth were reviewed by the board. Recent increases in gravel costs should be submitted to the TRC for consideration.
- D. Kerry Venable would like all members of the Board and Staff of FSWCD to reach out to serve small farmers as well as large farmers. Other counties who have seen the newsletter made comments on receiving useful information. Kerry Venable would like to see 90% contracts for smaller farmers (gross sales under \$100,000 per year and income not to exceed \$55,000 per year). Kerry Venable would like Randy to take a look at James Scales and Vern Switzer.
- E. Christine Collins Evaluation – Done in Executive Session

Adjourn

The next meeting date:

May 12, 2005

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chairman, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDENR: Division of Soil and Water
Steve Ferguson, DSWC Area 2 Coordinator
Mike Sugg, Assistant State Conservationist
Ron Graham, Deputy Manager