

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
November 13, 2008

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 13, in Auditorium A of the Forsyth County Agriculture Building. The meeting was called to order by Grover McPherson, Chairman.

Present: Grover McPherson, Chairman
Wes Schollander, Vice Chairman
Ed Wall, Secretary
Toby Bost, Member
Michelle Lovejoy, Area 2 Coordinator
Mark Tucker, Director Cooperative Extension
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Linda Birdsong, Soil and Water Community Conservation Coordinator
Gary Cox, District Conservationist

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on October 16, 2008 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented.

The Financial Report of the SWCD Board was reviewed. The item was approved as presented.

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Gary Cox reported that he is currently working in Forsyth and Guilford Counties. He has completed an EQIP contract for Tony Church and is working on a shared EQIP / ACSP contract for Reginald Teague. He and Mike Bowman recently met with three engineers at Tanglewood Park to look at potential sites for the horse manure composter which will be under ACSP contract.

Division of Soil and Water Conservation

Michelle Lovejoy reminded members of the Foundation Scholarship January 15th deadline. Members were encouraged to register online for the NCASWCD Annual Meeting to be held at the Sheraton in Durham, January 4- 6, 2009. Registration deadline is December 12th. Changes in the Association bylaws will be mailed soon to all Soil and Water Supervisors and will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting. Michelle also reported on upcoming Area 2 events including EEP Local Watershed Planning for Upper Roanoke, November 13th and 18th; ACSP New Employee Orientation, December 9th; Dan River Coalition, November 19th; and Area Envirothon Committee December 12th.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program Report

Contract Approvals

An application was presented from Larry W. Boyles for Long Term No Till. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for Larry W. Boyles in the amount of \$4,800 for CPO

34-09-18-12 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Ed Wall and was seconded by Wes Schollander. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Bobby Church for Pasture Renovation. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for Bobby Church in the amount of \$ 5,625 for CPO 34-09-20-16 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Ed Wall and was seconded by Wes Schollander. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Linda Birdsong for Pasture Renovation. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for Linda Birdsong in the amount of \$ 810 for CPO 34-09-22-16 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Wes Schollander and was seconded by Toby Bost. The motion was passed unanimously.

Contract Requests for Payment

A Request for Payment was presented from Mike Brady for Pasture Renovation for CPO 34-09-01-16 in the amount of \$1,620. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and it was passed unanimously.

Ed Wall made a motion to approve a Request for Payment from Emerson Crawford on CPO 34-09-18-16 in the amount of \$1,800. Toby Bost seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Ed Wall made a motion to approve a Request for Payment from William Weatherall on CPO 34-09-13-12 in the amount of \$1,620. Toby Bost seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Ed Wall made a motion to approve a Request for Payment from Wayne Woosley on CPO 34-08-18-16 in the amount of \$2,250. Toby Bost seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Ed Wall made a motion to approve a Request for Payment from William Weatherall on CPO 34-08-02-12 in the amount of \$810. Toby Bost seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Ed Wall made a motion to approve a Request for Payment from John Kloc on CPO 34-09-09-12 in the amount of \$3,375. Toby Bost seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Contract Cancellations

Ed Wall made a motion to cancel CPO 34-09-12-16 from Ray Cates for Pasture Renovation in the amount of \$2,700. Toby Bost seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Ed Wall made a motion to cancel CPO 34-09-10-12 from Robert Poindexter for a Livestock Well in the amount of \$4,875. Toby Bost seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

No Till Drill

Grover McPherson reported that he had received a letter from Cecil Settle informing him that Golden Leaf will not be giving No Till Drills to all Districts. The Board discussed the feasibility of purchasing a used drill. Ed Wall will look into availability and pricing.

Community Conservation Assistance Program

Linda Birdsong gave an update and financial report on CCAP. The Board discussed the need for more publicity for the CCAP program. Linda will contact David Bare of the Winston- Journal to discuss publishing an article on CCAP.

Old Business

Farm City Banquet

Mark Tucker reported that \$1,400 is still needed to cover the cost of the Farm City Banquet to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18th at the Fairgrounds. Board members discussed the possibility of contributing up to \$800 to help offset the Banquet cost. Ed Wall made a motion that the Forsyth SWCD contribute an initial \$500 towards the total cost of the banquet. Wes Schollander seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Cisterns

Grover McPherson reported that he had sent David Williams a letter requesting that the TRC look into adding cisterns as an ACSP BMP. He has not heard back from David Williams.

New Business

Association Executive Director

The Board discussed a request from the Association for all Districts to make a financial commitment to support the cost of an Association Executive Director position before the Annual Meeting in January, 2009 .Ed Wall made a motion for the Forsyth SWCD to contribute \$1,000 towards funding the position. Wes Schollander seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously. Grover McPherson will write a letter expressing our commitment.

Associate Membership

Grover McPherson asked Wes Schollander if he would be interested in staying on the Board as an Associate Member, and Wes replied that he would be interested in doing so. Ed Wall made a motion that Wes be made an Associate Member of the Board at the conclusion of his current term. Toby Bost seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

The next meeting date:

December 11, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Library

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chairman, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDENR: Division of Soil and Water
Michelle Lovejoy, Area 2 Coordinator
Angela Little, Assistant State Conservationist
Damon Sanders-Pratt, Deputy County Manager