

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
March 15, 2012

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 9:00 a.m. on March 15, 2012 in the Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 11. The meeting was called to order by Toby Bost, Vice-Chairman.

Present: Toby Bost, Vice-Chairman
Ed Wall, Secretary-Treasurer
Kevin Briggs, Member
Wes Schollander, Associate Member
Mark Tucker, Director Cooperative Extension
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Linda Birdsong, Community Conservation Coordinator
Dede DeBruhl, District Conservationist

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on February 9, 2012 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented.

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

Forsyth County

Mark Tucker reported that Beth Tucker and Marvin Eaton have been appointed to serve on the Agricultural Advisory Board.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Dede gave an EQIP update. She has 14 applications for Forsyth and Stokes. She will continue to take applications until March 30, 2012. No contracts have been finalized at this time. Dede reminded board members of the CRP sign-up from March 12 to April 6.

Dede provided a watershed update. She discussed the inspection reports from DENR-Land Quality Section and follow-up action. Site investigations were conducted on March 15th at WS structures #1B, #6 and #5. She reviewed the findings and the follow-up letters to DENR. Plans of Action were as follows: #1B- Analyze soil and iron ochre lab results, install monitoring wells and continue to monitor seepage. #6- Functioning as designed, continue to monitor. #5- Complete concrete repair of principal spillway pipe. Dede also reviewed a letter prepared for Elizabeth Venable regarding horses on the dam of structure #1B. The board agreed that the letter should be sent to Ms. Venable.

Division of Soil and Water Conservation

Ralston James submitted a Division report for review by the board.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP)

Applications:

An application was presented from Robert Poindexter for Long Term No Till. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin Briggs and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Robert Poindexter in the amount of \$11,805 for CPO 34-12-06-12 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Ed Wall and seconded by Kevin Briggs. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Rodney Poindexter for Long Term No Till. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin Briggs and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Rodney Poindexter in the amount of \$11,805 for CPO 34-12-07-12

was presented. A motion for approval was made by Ed Wall and seconded by Kevin Briggs. The motion was passed unanimously.

Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP)

Requests for Payment:

A request for payment was presented from Ann Winters for CPO 34-12-512-16 in the amount of \$616. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin Briggs and was passed unanimously.

A request for payment was presented from Nancy Hoover for CPO 34-12-513-16 in the amount of \$558. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin Briggs and was passed unanimously.

A request for payment was presented from Cynthia Bernard for CPO 34-12-511-16 in the amount of \$2,185. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin Briggs and was passed unanimously.

A request for payment was presented from William Crowley for CPO 34-12-508-16 in the amount of \$1,185. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin Briggs and was passed unanimously.

Cancellation

A request for cancellation due to lack of BMP installation was presented from George Brendle for CPO 34-12-504-16 in the amount of \$847. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin Briggs and was passed unanimously.

New Business

Ed Wall made a motion to donate \$200 to the Northwest Envirothon. The motion was seconded by Kevin Briggs and was passed unanimously.

Ed Wall made a motion to donate up to \$50 for the purchase of drinks and snacks for the Northwest Envirothon. The motion was seconded by Kevin Briggs and was passed unanimously.

Ed Wall made a motion to purchase a \$25 gift card for Perry Wyatt for serving as an Envirothon soils resource professional. The motion was seconded by Kevin Briggs and was passed unanimously.

Ed Wall made a motion to order one hundred promotional pens for district use. Kevin Briggs seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Ed Wall made a motion to continue the liability insurance obtained from Farm Bureau. The motion was seconded by Kevin Briggs and was passed unanimously.

Adjourn

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

The next meeting date:

April 19th, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 11

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chairman, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDA&CS: Division of Soil and Water
Ralston James, Area 2 Coordinator
Rhonda Ferguson, NRCS Administrative Assistant
Damon Sanders-Pratt, Deputy County Manager