

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
April 9, 2019

The Forsyth SWCD Board met on April 9, 2019 in the Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 106.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair
Wes Schollander, Vice Chair
Beth Tucker, Member
Kim Gressley, Extension Director
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Jerry Dorsett, Soil & Water Conservationist
James Rodriguez, Soil Conservationist

Call to Order

Toby Bost called the meeting to order at 9:15.

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 March 12, 2019 were reviewed and approved as presented.

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

Forsyth County

Kim Gressley discussed the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon with the board. She updated the board on the efforts of the Forsyth County Agricultural Advisory Board. She also discussed the marketing options available to the board on the county website.

DSWC

Rick McSwain sent a report covering topics such as Cost Share Program Rules Revision, Resource Conservation Workshop, Job Approval Authority, Pasture Renovation Seed Initiative, and the International Envirothon.

NRCS

James Rodriguez informed the board that the EQIP application process is moving forward. He also indicated that there is hurricane damage funding available.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program

Beth Tucker made a motion to cancel ACSP contract number 34-2019-003 for Sharing Rose Farm. Wes Schollander seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Mike Westmoreland for a Heavy Use Area. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Mike Westmoreland in the amount of \$2,766 for CPO 34-2019-006 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker and seconded by Wes Schollander. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Fair Share Farm for an Irrigation Well. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Fair Share Farm in the amount of \$5,645 for CPO 34-2019-802 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Wes Schollander and seconded by Beth Tucker. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Anh Nghiem for an irrigation well. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Anh Nghiem in the amount of \$14,246 for CPO 34-2019-803 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker and seconded by Wes Schollander.

The motion was passed unanimously.

A request for payment was presented from Fair Share Farm for CPO 34-2017-803 in the amount of \$9,601. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and was passed unanimously.

A request for payment was presented from Fair Share Farm for CPO 34-2019-802 in the amount of \$5,645. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and was passed unanimously.

Old Business

Beth Tucker made a motion to contribute \$150 to the NC Leadership Academy to cover the registration fee for the State Envirothon. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and was passed unanimously.

New Business

Wes Schollander made a motion to change the meeting time to 9:30. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and was passed unanimously.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

The next meeting date:

May 14, 2019 at 9:30 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