

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
June 12, 2018

The Forsyth SWCD Board met on June 12, 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 May 8, 2018 were reviewed and approved as presented.

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

Forsyth County

Kim Gressley discussed the Cost of Services Study and the benefits of the study. She advised the board about the direction of the marketing efforts underway in the Cooperative Extension Office. Preliminary Farm City plans were discussed along with potential budget needs.

NRCS

James Rodriguez presented the board with some updated Conservation plans for review and approval.

DSWC

Rick McSwain, Regional Coordinator, discussed the supervisor training information and indicated that the new guidelines should be forthcoming by the end of the year. He discussed some of the upcoming workshops and gave the board a brief background on himself as this was his first meeting,

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program

A request for payment was presented from Thomas Kapp for CPO 34-2018-004 in the amount of \$4,690. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and was passed unanimously.

A request for payment was presented from Neil Westmoreland for CPO 34-2018-003 in the amount of \$4,831. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and was passed unanimously.

Farmland Preservation Program

The board was reminded that the VAD Ordinance Revision is scheduled to be on the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners agenda for June 28.

Old Business

The board discussed the legislative liaison position. Beth Tucker made a motion to appoint Wes Schollander to the position. The motion was seconded by Ed Wall and was passed unanimously.

New Business

The board reviewed Ethics Statement and its use as policy for the board. Beth Tucker made a motion to adopt the statement with an annual review. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and was passed unanimously.

The board members were reminded of the election filing dates and the process for the reappointment of Wes Schollander to the board.

Jerry Dorsett presented an opportunity to apply for a grant from the Foundation for pasture management. Wes Schollander made a motion to apply. The motion was seconded by Ed Wall and was passed unanimously, with Beth Tucker abstaining.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

The next meeting date:

July 10, 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
Davis Ferguson, Regional Coordinator
Rhonda Ferguson, NRCS Administrative Assistant
Damon Sanders-Pratt, Deputy County Manager