

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
April 13, 2020

The Forsyth SWCD Board met on April 13, 2020 by teleconference.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair
Wes Schollander, Vice Chair
Beth Tucker, Secretary/Treasurer
Jordan Jones, District Supervisor
Tim Disher, District Supervisor
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Jerry Dorsett, Soil & Water Conservationist
Rick McSwain, Regional Coordinator
James Rodriguez, Soil Conservationist
Jim Propst, Supervisory Soil Conservationist

Call to Order

Toby Bost called the meeting to order at Noon.

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. Jordan Jones indicated that the board would be discussing a contract revision on his behalf.

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on March 10, 2020 were reviewed and approved by unanimous consent.

The financial report of the SWCD was reviewed and approved by unanimous consent.

NRCS

James Rodriguez has been working on 4 applications for EQIP in Forsyth County. He has been teleworking for the most part. He informed the board that he has accepted a position in Austin, Texas. The board wished him well and stated that he will be missed.

Jim Propst updated the board on some personnel matters. He indicated that a new Supervisory Soil Conservationist as well as an Engineering Technician will soon join Team 4. He briefed the board concerning an opportunity to update the existing 2018 MOA. There were 174 EQIP applications within team 4 and field visits are scheduled as needed.

DSWC

Rick McSwain reminded the board about the upcoming program and year end deadlines. He informed the group that the Resource Conservation Workshop has been cancelled for 2020. The Division is awaiting the passage of the Farm Act to begin the implementation of the JAA Program.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program

An application was presented from Mike Westmoreland for Heavy Use Area. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Jordan Jones and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Mike Westmoreland in the amount of \$754 for CPO 34-2020-011 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker and seconded by Jordan Jones. The motion was passed unanimously.

A contract revision for Jones Plant and Nursery was presented. A motion for approval was made by Tim Disher and seconded by Beth Tucker. The motion was passed unanimously, with Jordan Jones abstaining.

A contract revision for Zachary Martin was presented. A motion for approval was made by Wes Schollander and seconded by Jordan Jones. The motion was passed unanimously.

A contract revision for Rod Poindexter was presented. A motion for approval was made by Tim Disher and seconded by Wes Schollander. The motion was passed unanimously.

A request for payment was presented from Anh Nghiem for CPO 34-2019-803 in the amount of \$21,914. Tim Disher made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Jordan Jones and was passed unanimously.

A request for payment was presented from Mike Westmoreland for CPO 34-2019-006 in the amount of \$2,766. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Tim Disher and was passed unanimously.

A request for payment was presented from Mike Westmoreland for CPO 34-2020-011 in the amount of \$754. Tim Disher made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and was passed unanimously.

A request for payment was presented from Zachary Martin for CPO 34-2020-006 in the amount of \$4,319. Tim Disher made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and was passed unanimously.

Tim Disher made a motion to request a one year extension for 34-2018-008 and 34-2018-802, which are pended for engineering designs. The motion was seconded by Jordan Jones and was passed unanimously.

Old Business

Wes Schollander made a motion to use board funds to pay for the lunch delivered to the board meeting on March 10, 2020 in the amount of \$96.63. Tim Disher seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

New Business

Tim Disher made a motion to allow the Creek Week Committee to keep the unused \$500 from the 2020 contribution and credit the same amount to the 2021 program contribution. The motion was seconded by Jordan Jones and was passed unanimously.

Tim Disher made a motion to submit the 2021 Strategy Plan as submitted. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and was passed unanimously.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

The next meeting date:

May 11, 2020 at NOON by teleconference

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chair, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDA&CS: Division of Soil and Water
Rick McSwain, Regional Coordinator