

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
February 13, 2023

The Forsyth SWCD Board met on February 13, 2023 in Room 111 of the Forsyth County Agriculture Building.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair
Mark Apple, District Supervisor
Neal Dagenhart, District Supervisor
Kim Gressley, Extension Director
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Alex Kiser, Soil & Water Conservationist
Rick McSwain, Regional Coordinator
Jim Propst, NRCS

Call to Order

Toby Bost called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

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 Board. 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 meeting on January 9, 2023 were reviewed and approved by unanimous consent. The financial report of the SWCD was reviewed and approved by unanimous consent.

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Kim Gressley updated the board on the FY 2024 budget process and asked for input concerning any potential changes the board members may want to incur. She discussed the request for upgrading the part time position to full time. Kim also informed the board on the progress of the new Extension building which will be in Tobaccoville.

DSWC

Rick McSwain discussed the upcoming LWG meeting. He gave an overview of the various educational programs available for the district to pursue. Rick detailed the resolutions that were adopted at the Annual Meeting.

NRCS

Jim Propst is the acting team leader for team 4. He said that Forsyth has 2 EQIP applications for the current funding cycle. Most of the activity on Team 4 right now is focused on performing site evaluations and ranking applications.

Cost Share Programs

A request for a 6-month extension from Daniel Lasley for CPO 34-2022-005 was discussed. Neal Dagenhart made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mark Apple and it was passed unanimously.

New Business

Lisa Fine, cost share specialist, met with the board by Teams and discussed the results of the 5 year program review and follow up requirements. The board members discussed the details of the NRCS Urban Farm Grant.

Adjourn

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

The next meeting date:

March 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chair, Forsyth SWCD

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