

Minutes

Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting April 2, 2007

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 2, 2007 in Auditorium A of the Forsyth County Agriculture Building. The meeting was called to order by Grover McPherson, Chairman.

Present: Grover McPherson, Chairman
Wes Schollander, Vice Chairman
Ed Wall, Secretary/Treasurer
Beth Tucker
Ron Graham, Deputy County Manager
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Gary Cox, District Conservationist
Michelle Lovejoy, Area Coordinator
Mark Tucker, Director Cooperative Extension
Glenn Simmons, City/County Planning Office
Kirk Ericson, City/County Planning Office

1. Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD for March 5th were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented.

Financial Report for SWCD Board was reviewed. The financial report was approved as presented.

2. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Gary reported on the influx of HEL determination requests that had been sent over from the FSA office recently.

3. Cost Share Program Report

The Board discussed the PY 06 contracts that had been approved but not started. Beth Tucker made a motion to cancel CPO 34-06-07-16 for Tommy Sells because he did not ask for a six month extension. Ed wall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Beth Tucker made a motion to cancel CPO 34-06-05-12 for Zane Walker because he did not ask for a six month extension. Ed wall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Ed Wall made a motion to grant a 6 month extension for CPO 34-06-11-12 for Kerry Venable. Beth Tucker seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Wes Schollander made a motion to grant a 6 month extension for CPO 34-06-10-16 for Worth Masencup. Ed Wall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

A Request for Payment was presented for Phil Fishel for \$4614 on CPO 34-07-01-16. Mr. Fishel is finishing his project and NRCS will do the final check out this week. Ed Wall made a motion to approve the request, based on successful completion of the final check out. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and it passed unanimously. An application and contract was presented from Johnny Kapp (34-07-06-16) for \$5600 for Sod Based Rotation. Ed Wall made a motion to approve the CPO. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and passed unanimously.

4. Farmland Preservation

Glenn Simmons and Kirk Ericson from the City/County Planning Department discussed the proposed Voluntary Agriculture District Program. Details and duties of the various agencies involved were presented and reviewed by the Board.

A request from Frank Beeson concerning property in the Farmland Preservation Program has been forwarded to the County Attorney for an opinion.

5. Old Business

The Board discussed the flooding issues on Silas Creek. Ron Graham suggested that the City Stormwater section be contacted to pursue available options.

Mike Bowman informed the members that the insurance policy with Farm Bureau has been renewed.

The stakeholder meeting for the CCPI grant was reviewed.

6. New Business

Mark Tucker and Ron Graham discussed the transition of the CNR Department into the Cooperative Extension Department. Mark gave the Supervisors a list of programs and opportunities and asked for them to prioritize them in order of importance. This ranking of priorities will help Mark to begin working on the long range plan.

The Board discussed the donation request from Food, Land, and People. Ed Wall made a motion to make a \$100 donation to the FLP program. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and was passed unanimously.

Wes Schollander made a motion to purchase card stock to keep in the office. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the memo from Teresa Furr concerning Average Costs for the NCACSP. Ed Wall made a motion to recommend an increase in the incentive payment for no till Tobacco from \$500 per acre to \$1000 per acre. Wes Schollander seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjourn

The next meeting date:

May 7th, 2007 5:00 p.m.

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Auditorium A

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chairman, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDENR: Division of Soil and Water
Michelle Lovejoy, Area 2 Coordinator
Jacquie Simon, Assistant State Conservationist
Ron Graham, Deputy County Manager