

Minutes

Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting

August 10, 2006

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 10, 2006 in Room 39 of the Forsyth County Agriculture Building. The meeting was called to order by Kerry Venable, Chairman.

Present: Kerry Venable, Chairman
Ed Wall, Secretary/Treasurer
Wes Schollander, Member
Stacey Manning, Member
Charles Anderson, Acting District Conservationist
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Danielle Winebarger, Soil Conservationist
Michelle Lovejoy, Area 2 Coordinator

1. Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD for July were reviewed. Ed Wall motioned for approval. Second by Stacey Manning. The motion was approved unanimously.

Financial Report for SWCD Board was reviewed. Stacey Manning motioned for approval. Second by Ed Wall. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Danielle Winebarger updated the board on the status of a compliance review concerning Lawrence Pope that occurred as a result of a whistleblower. Danielle and Mike Washington visited the site and determined that he needed to install grass waterways and perform contour farming. She stated the possible outcomes if the farmer was found to be out of compliance. Kerry Venable said that we are here to assist and work with farmers. The Board instructed the staff to offer cost share assistance to Mr. Pope.

Danielle stated that the Richard Newsome whistleblower complaint had been withdrawn.

Danielle presented a conservation plan for a CRP renewal contract for Donald James and Judy Cockerham for approval. It was approved and signed.

3. Cost Share Program Report

The 2007 Matching Funds application was reviewed. Ed Wall motioned for approval. Second by Wes Schollander. The motion was approved unanimously.

The 2007 Allocation was reviewed with the Board.

Request for Payment: Vernell Switzer 34-06-06-12 \$623.00 Ed Wall motioned for approval second by Stacey Manning. The motion was approved unanimously.

Request for Payment: Scottie Emerson 34-06-03-16 \$3561. Ed wall made a motion for approval, second by Stacey Manning. The motion was approved unanimously.

CPO 34-07-01-16 for Phil Fishel for a stream protection system in the amount of \$5361 was presented and reviewed. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval, second by Ed Wall. The motion was approved unanimously.

CPO 34-06-11-12 for Kerry Venable, pending earlier for design approval, is now ready for final approval. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval, second by Ed Wall. The motion was approved unanimously, with Mr. Venable abstaining.

4. Farmland Preservation

A request by Daren Ziglar to build one home on a property in the Program was reviewed by the Board. This structure is allowed under the terms of the deed of conveyance. Ed Wall made a motion to approve the request, second by Stacey Manning. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Old Business

Kerry Venable informed the board that he had attempted to contact Lt. Governor Beverly Perdue concerning speaking at the fall banquet and he is awaiting a return call.

6. New Business

The Board asked the staff to contact the Spease family to see if they would be willing to serve as the 2007 Conservation Farm Family.

A File Request Policy and Form were reviewed. Ed Wall motioned for approval of the form and added that contact should be made to the Chairman when any requests are made for information. The motion was seconded by Stacey Manning. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board discussed the CCPI grant and the upcoming kick-off meeting in Davie County on August 24 @ 1:00. Ed Wall made a motion to send Mike Bowman to the meeting, second by Stacey Manning. The motion was approved unanimously. A meeting of the Area 2 District Issues Committee will be held on September 14, in Wilkes County @ 1:00. Ed Wall made a motion to send Mike Bowman to the meeting, second by Stacey Manning. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board was notified that the Area 2 Fall meeting will be held in Stone Mountain State Park on October 12 @ 10:00.

Michelle Lovejoy gave the Board an update on the CWMTF grant application for the CCAP. The application made it through the first round and the next round of meetings will be held on August 13-14.

Adjourn

The next meeting date:

September 14, 2006 8:30 AM

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 39

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