

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
May 14, 2015

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 9:00 a.m. on May 14, 2015 in the Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 11.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair
Wes Schollander, Vice Chair
Ed Wall, Secretary-Treasurer
Beth Tucker, Member
James Knox, Member
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Linda Birdsong, Community Conservation Coordinator
Rob Baldwin, Regional Coordinator
Dede DeBruhl, District Conservationist
Joel Cooper

Call to Order

Toby Bost called the meeting to order at 9:00.

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on April 9, 2015 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented.

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

Forsyth County

Beth Tucker received the Volunteer of the Year in Agriculture award at the Forsyth Cooperative Extension Volunteer Banquet on April 24th.

National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

Dede DeBruhl reported that she and Mike Bowman are inspecting farms enrolled in the Farmland Preservation Program.

Dede updated the board on EQIP contracts and the proposed NRCS reorganization.

Dede has been assigned to the Area Compliance Team.

Division of Soil and Water Conservation

Rob Baldwin reported that districts may apply for AgWrap technology grant funds.

Rob advised the board that future discussions of cost share applications must occur in closed session if names are to be revealed unless a release form (1R) has been signed by the applicant.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP)

Applications

An application was presented from Ed Wall for Cropland Conversion. James Knox made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and it was passed unanimously, with Ed Wall abstaining. The contract for Ed Wall in the amount of \$1,350 for CPO 34-2015-005 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker and seconded by James Knox. The motion was passed unanimously, with Ed Wall abstaining.

An application was presented from The Children's Home for Stream Protection System. James Knox made a motion for approval, pending Commission approval. The motion was

seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously. The contract for The Children's Home in the amount of \$9,223 for CPO 34-2015-006 was presented. A motion for approval, pending Commission approval, was made by James Knox and seconded by Wes Schollander. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Tim Weavil for Cropland Conversion. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by James Knox and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Tim Weavil in the amount of \$18,304 for CPO 34-2015-007 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker and seconded by James Knox. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Bill Wetherall for a Well. James Knox made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Bill Wetherall in the amount of \$13,295 for CPO 34-2015-803 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker and seconded by James Knox. The motion was passed unanimously.

Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP)

Applications

An application was presented from David Hill for a Cistern. James Knox made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously. The contract for David Hill in the amount of \$618 for CPO 34-2015-503 was presented. A motion for approval was made by James Knox and seconded by Wes Schollander. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Wallace Williamson for a Cistern. James Knox made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Wallace Williamson in the amount of \$580 for CPO 34-2015-504 was presented. A motion for approval was made by James Knox and seconded by Wes Schollander. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth, Inc. for a Cistern. James Knox made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Ed Wall and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth, Inc. in the amount of \$3,480 for CPO 34-2015-505 was presented. A motion for approval was made by James Knox and seconded by Ed Wall. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Salem College for a Cistern. James Knox made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Ed Wall and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Salem College in the amount of \$2,353 for CPO 34-2015-506 was presented. A motion for approval was made by James Knox and seconded by Ed Wall. The motion was passed unanimously.

Old Business

Resource Conservation Workshop (RCW)

Applications from two student candidates were reviewed by the board. Beth Tucker made a motion to send both students to the 2015 RCW. Ed Wall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The board suggested that each student submit a brief report of his or her experience at the RCW. Students will be invited to attend the July board meeting.

2016 Strategy Plan

Mike Bowman discussed the revision made to the Strategy Plan with the board members. James Knox made a motion to approve the 2016 Strategy Plan. Beth Tucker seconded

the motion and it was approved unanimously.

2015 State Envirothon

Beth Tucker made a motion to reimburse each of the two Forsyth teams \$100 for their expenses. Ed Wall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

New Business

The board discussed a request from the Association to increase dues by \$100. Toby Bost will seek additional information and report back to the board.

The 2015 Spot Checks were completed.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The next meeting date:

June 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 11

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Recording

Chair, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDA&CS: Division of Soil and Water
Rob Baldwin, Regional Coordinator
Rhonda Ferguson, NRCS Administrative Assistant
Damon Sanders-Pratt, Deputy County Manager