

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
May 9, 2022

The Forsyth SWCD Board met on May 9, 2022 in Auditorium B of the Forsyth County Agriculture Building.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair
Wes Schollander, Vice Chair
Beth Tucker, Secretary/Treasurer
Neal Dagenhart, District Supervisor
Kim Gressley, Extension Director
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Roger Toledo, NRCS
Kaitlyn Markey, NRCS
Rick McSwain, Regional Coordinator
Allie Dinwiddie, DSWC
Joey Hester, DWR
Mark Apple

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 April 11, 2022 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 discussed the status of the vacant position for a part time Soil & Water Conservationist.

DSWC

Rick McSwain detailed the upcoming Local Work Group meeting to be held in Surry County. He also gave an overview concerning the progress of the StRAP to date.

NRCS

Roger Toledo advised the board that the funding notifications for EQIP applications in Forsyth County should be received soon. He stated that the team leader, Mark Ferguson, was back from leave and available if needed.

Cost Share Programs

An application was presented from Heritage Harvest for a supplement. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Heritage Harvest in the amount of \$1,245 for CPO 34-2022-801 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Wes Schollander and seconded by Beth Tucker. The motion was passed unanimously.

Wes Schollander made a motion to approve a revision to 34-2022-802 in the amount of \$15,000 of reallocated AgWRAP funds. The motion was seconded by Neal Dagenhart and was passed unanimously.

A request for payment was presented from Heritage Harvest for CPO 34-2021-801 in the amount of \$9,871. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously.

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A request for payment was presented from Neil Westmoreland for CPO 34-2022-004 in the amount of \$3,204. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Neal Dagenhart and it was passed unanimously.

Beth Tucker made a motion to approve a one year extension for CPO 34-2019-001. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and was passed unanimously.

New Business

Allie Dinwiddie and Joey Hester presented information to the board concerning the proposed High Rock Lake Nutrient Management Strategy development. Long term problems are being studied for viable solutions. The waters have been impaired since 2004, with Nitrogen and Phosphorus being the main contaminants. The end result will consist of a restoration plan to bring the lake back into compliance with Federal law.

Adjourn

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

The next meeting date:

June 13, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Forsyth County Agriculture Building

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chair, Forsyth SWCD

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