

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
August 13, 2009

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday August 13, 2009 in the Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Auditorium A. The meeting was called to order by Grover McPherson, Chairman.

Present: Grover McPherson, Chairman
Ed Wall, Secretary-Treasurer
Steven Anderson, Member
Beth Tucker, Member
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Linda Birdsong, Community Conservation Coordinator
Dede DeBruhl, District Conservationist

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on July 9, 2009 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented.

The Financial Report of the SWCD Board was reviewed. The item was approved as presented.

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Dede DeBruhl provided follow-up from the last meeting regarding the Town Fork Creek watershed assessment request. Based on further investigation and the board members' comments at the July meeting, she did not request an assessment.

Dede gave an overview of the new Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). Signup started August 10th and will run through September 30th, 2009. She discussed eligibility issues and ranking process. She will send a news article to the Winston-Salem Journal.

Division of Soil and Water Conservation

Grover McPherson updated members on the NCASWCD Executive Director grant. He reported that seven companies responded with proposals for development of a strategic plan. Four of these have been recommended to the personnel committee.

CCAP

An application was presented from Suzette Brown for a cistern. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Steven Anderson and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Suzette Brown in the amount of \$1,617 for CPO 34-10-501-16 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker and was seconded by Steven Anderson. The motion was passed unanimously.

FPP

Mike Bowman reported that he received an opinion from the county attorney concerning Nate Tabor's request to build a house on property currently enrolled in the FPP. A motion to deny Nate Tabor's request to build a house on property currently enrolled in the FPP was made by Ed Wall and was seconded by Steven Anderson. The motion was passed unanimously.

Old Business

Mike Bowman reported that state wide funding for no till drills has been cut and that Forsyth County will not receive one of the drills.

Mike Bowman reported that Toby Bost is working with Forsyth Tech Community College (FTCC) on construction of a portable BMP model. Construction of the model may be used as a Winter Quarter project for construction technology students.

New Business

The Area 2 Fall meeting will be held in Taylorsville on Thursday, October 8th. Registration deadline is September 25th.

Ed Wall Made a motion to donate \$200 to the Northwest Envirothon as previously requested. Beth Tucker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The board would like to do more to support Soil and Water education through programs such as poster and speech contests and Envirothon. Linda Birdsong has agreed to serve on the Funding committee for the NW Envirothon. Linda will send information about the 2010 poster contest to Forsyth County Schools this fall.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

The next meeting date:

September 10, 2009 at 9:00 a.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
Kay Starns, NRCS Area 2 Secretary
Damon Sanders-Pratt, Deputy County Manager