

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
April 19, 2012

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 9:00 a.m. on April 19, 2012 in the Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 11. The meeting was called to order by Toby Bost, Vice-Chairman.

Present: Toby Bost, Vice-Chairman
Ed Wall, Secretary-Treasurer
Kevin Briggs, Member
Mark Tucker, Director Cooperative Extension
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 March 15, 2012 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented.

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

Forsyth County

Mark Tucker discussed possible cost cutting measures for county cell phone usage.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Dede updated the board on TFC WS structure #1B. Kim Kroeger, NRCS State Geologist and Tommy Cutts, State Engineer have developed a plan to monitor the seepage around the toe drain. They plan to install seven monitoring wells. Estimated cost for materials will be approximately \$250. The Forsyth County Grounds Maintenance Department will install the wells with assistance from NRCS.

Dede discussed the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The second batching period has ended. Sixteen applications have been submitted. She anticipates funding 12 contracts for approximately \$80,000. Dede stated that the NRCS financial system will be shut down for upgrades until May 7th. No payments, modifications or obligations can be processed during this time period.

Division of Soil and Water Conservation

Ralston James submitted a Division report for review by the board.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP)

Applications:

An application was presented from Sharing Rose Farm, LLC for Stream Protection System. Kevin Briggs made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Ed Wall and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Sharing Rose Farm, LLC in the amount of \$10,046 for CPO 34-12-08-16 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Kevin Briggs and seconded by Ed Wall. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Jerry Hancock for Cropland Conversion. Kevin Briggs made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Ed Wall and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Jerry Hancock in the amount of \$1,969 for CPO 34-12-03-16 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Kevin Briggs and seconded by Ed Wall. The motion was passed unanimously.

NC Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program (AGWRAP)

Applications:

An application was presented from Chris Crump for a Pond. Kevin Briggs made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Ed Wall and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Chris Crump in the amount of \$18,000 for CPO 34-12-801-12 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Kevin Briggs and seconded by Ed Wall .The motion was passed unanimously.

Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP)

Requests for Payment:

A request for payment was presented from Mike Fritts for CPO 34-12-506-16 in the amount of \$953. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin Briggs and was passed unanimously.

A request for payment was presented from Wake Forest University for CPO 34-12-509-16 in the amount of \$1,597. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin Briggs and was passed unanimously.

New Business

Ed Wall made a motion to reimburse the Atkins High School Envirothon team up to \$150 for state Envirothon competition expenses. The motion was seconded by Kevin Briggs and was passed unanimously.

Ed Wall made a motion to spend up to \$3,000 to purchase and apply the prescribed amounts of lime and fertilizer to the Watershed Dams at suitable times. Kevin Briggs seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Ed Wall made a motion to spend up to \$600 to purchase depth bands and scrapers necessary for Truax drill repairs. The motion was seconded by Kevin Briggs and was passed unanimously.

The board discussed the NC ACSP Supplemental Allocation Process.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

The next meeting date:

May 10th, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 11

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chairman, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDA&CS: Division of Soil and Water
Ralston James, Area 2 Coordinator
Rhonda Ferguson, NRCS Administrative Assistant
Damon Sanders-Pratt, Deputy County Manager