

Minutes

Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting

March 7, 2006

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 8:15 a.m. on Tuesday March 7, 2006 in room 39 of the Forsyth County Agriculture Bldg. The meeting was called to order by Kerry Venable, Chairman.

Present: Kerry Venable, Chairman
Grover McPherson, Vice Chairman
Ed Wall, Secretary/Treasurer
Wes Schollander, Member
Stacey Manning, Member
Randy Blackwood, District Conservationist
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Michelle Lovejoy, Area II Coordinator

1. Minutes/Financial Report

- A. Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD for February were reviewed. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Ed Wall motioned for approval. Second by Stacey Manning. Approved unanimously.
- B. Financial Report for SWCD Board was reviewed. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Grover McPherson motioned for approval. Second by Ed Wall. Approved unanimously.

2. Natural Resources Conservation Service

- A. Randy Blackwood informed the board that he will be attending a training session from March 20 - 24.

3. Cost Share Program Report

- A. Request for Payment – Karen Bruce (34-06-02-16) \$2488. Grover McPherson motioned for approval, second by Ed Wall. Approved unanimously.
- B. Contract Worth Masencup (34-06-10-16) \$6692 – Heavy Use Area, Fencing, Critical Area Planting, French Drain, Animal Trail and Walkway. Grover McPherson motioned for approval, second by Ed Wall. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-1 with Kerry Venable voting no.

4. Farmland Preservation

Kerry Venable made a request to subdivide the Joseph Pierce property, a 26 acre farm currently in the FPP. The County Attorney has reviewed the request and has given written approval to the project. Wes Schollander motioned for approval, second by Ed Wall. Motion approved unanimously, with Kerry Venable abstaining.

The Board discussed the Enhanced Voluntary Ag District program.

5. Old Business

The Board decided to leave at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday to attend the Area 2 Spring meeting.

6. New Business

The Board approved the attendance of Mike Bowman at a 3 day soil quality workshop in Browns Summit on March 28-30.

Adjourn

The next meeting date:

April 13, 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