

Minutes

Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting

December 08, 2005

The Forsyth SWCD Board met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday December 08, 2005 in room 39 of the Forsyth County Agriculture Bldg. The meeting was called to order by Kerry Venable, Chairman.

Present: Kerry Venable, Chairman
Ed Wall, Secretary/Treasurer
Wes Schollander, Member
Randy Blackwood, District Conservationist
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Christine Collins, Office Assistant

1. Minutes/Financial Report

- A. Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD for November were reviewed. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Ed Wall motioned for approval. Second by Wes Schollander. Approved unanimously.
- B. Financial Report for SWCD Board was reviewed. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Ed Wall motioned for approval. Second by Wes Schollander. Approved unanimously.

2. Natural Resources Conservation Service

3. Cost Share Program Report

- 1) Request for 6 month extension Bill George (34-05-07-12). Kerry Venable informed board that situation is out of land owner's control. No engineer has been available to design project. Mr. Venable would like Mike Bowman to write a letter asking David Williams for a waiver concerning the cancellation of the contract after 6 month extension.
- 2) Contract Thomas Sells (34-06-07-16) – 5 year Sod Based Rotation - \$8498. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Wes Schollander motioned for approval. Second by Ed Wall. Approved unanimously.
- 3) Randy Blackwood suggested board look into the possibility of hiring a part-time engineer. Mr. Venable would like Randy to look into this matter.

4. Farmland Preservation

5. Old Business

- A. Kerry Venable, Ed Wall, Wes Schollander, Stacey Manning, Grover McPherson and Mike Bowman will attend the NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts 2006 Annual Meeting on Monday, January 9th.
- B. Mike Bowman advised board that Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation grant was denied.

6. New Business

- A. Board reviewed Winter 2005 Newsletter. Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Wes Schollander motioned for approval. Second by Ed Wall. Approved unanimously
- B. Proposed meeting with Charles Anderson – RC&D & Dick Everhart – NRCS will be held at the January 12, 2006 Board Meeting.
- C. Randy Blackwood presented results from the 2006 Resource Concern Survey. Board would like the ranking to go as follows:
 - 1. Soil Erosion /Sedimentation
 - 2. Water Quality/Nutrient and Pest Mgmt.
 - 3. Grassland/Livestock Mgmt.
 - 4. Animal Waste/Mortality
 - 5. Wildlife Habitat Development/Mgmt.
 - 6. Air Quality

Board would like applications with the following practices to be awarded additional points:

- 1. No-Till
- 2. Grassy Waterway
- 3. Access Roads
- 4. Fencing

Kerry Venable asked for motion of approval. Ed Wall motioned for approval. Second by Wes Schollander. Approved unanimously.

- D. Kerry Venable advised board members of an opening on the City/County Utility Commission, to be appointed by the County Commissioners.

Adjourn

The next meeting date:

January 12, 2005 8:30 AM

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 39

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chairman, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDENR: Division of Soil and Water
Jerry Dorsett, Acting DSWC Area 2 Coordinator
Jacquie Simon, Assistant State Conservationist
Ron Graham, Deputy County Manager