

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
August 10, 2021

The Forsyth SWCD Board met on August 10, 2021 in Auditorium C of the Forsyth County Agriculture Building.

Present: Wes Schollander, Vice Chair
Elizabeth Tucker, Secretary/Treasurer
Neal Dagenhart, District Supervisor
Kim Gressley, Extension Director
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Jerry Dorsett, Soil & Water Conservationist
Rick McSwain, Regional Coordinator

Call to Order

Wes Schollander called the meeting to order at 9:55 am.

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 May 11, 2021 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 updated the board concerning the events occurring during the Farm City Week celebration. She also reviewed the improvements recently completed in the building in terms of painting, equipment, and furniture.

DSWC

Rick McSwain reviewed the Commission JAA process. He reviewed the details of the upcoming Fall Meeting. The board members were reminded about the required amount of training per 4-year term of service. Rick detailed a potential funding source dedicated to stream debris removal.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program

An application was presented from Byron Hooker for Pastureland Conversion. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Neal Dagenhart and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Byron Hooker in the amount of \$4,091 for CPO 34-2022-001 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker and seconded by Neal Dagenhart. The motion was passed unanimously.

A request for payment was presented from Fair Share Farm for CPO 34-2021-006 in the amount of \$600. Neal Dagenhart made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and was passed unanimously.

A request for payment was presented from David Mecum for CPO 34-2021-005 in the amount of \$1,500. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Neal Dagenhart and it was passed unanimously.

Neal Dagenhart made a motion to cancel contract number 34-2020-002. Beth Tucker seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

New Business

The board members discussed the BMP Certification form and process. Neal Dagenhart made a motion to approve the form as presented. Beth Tucker seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Beth Tucker made a motion to contribute \$1,000 to the Farm City Week celebration. The motion was seconded by Neal Dagenhart and it was passed unanimously.

The Board discussed a request of support from Resource Institute, but tabled the matter until the full board can discuss it further.

Adjourn

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

The next meeting date:

September 14, 2021 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