

## Minutes

### Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting

May 12, 2005

The Forsyth SWCD Board met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday May 12, 2005 in Room 39 at 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  
Christine Collins, Office Assistant  
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist  
Randy Blackwood, District Conservationist

#### 1. Minutes/Financial Report

- A. Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD for March were reviewed, Wes Scollander ask for a revision on item 5 B page 2 to show that initial vote was taken for Chuck Woolard. Kerry Venable motioned approval with revisions. Second by Grover McPherson. Approved unanimously.
- B. Financial Report for SWCD Board was reviewed. Motion made by Kerry Venable for approval. Grover McPherson approved, Second by Wes Schollander. Approved unanimously.

#### 2. Natural Resources Conservation Service

- A. Civil Rights Portion of the Mutual Agreement and the Operational Agreement were table until next meeting for future review by the Board.

#### 3. Cost Share Program Report

- A. Mike Bowman presented two requests for payment:
  - 1) Ed Wall (34-05-11-16) - Field Borders **\$441.00**  
Ed Wall abstained. Motion made for approval by Grover McPherson, Second by Wes Schollander. Approved unanimously.
  - 2) Ruby James (34-05-02-16) – Stream Crossing, Livestock Exclusion **\$2348.**  
Contingent on Tommy Burchett’s approval of the completed practice. Motion made by Grover McPherson, Second by Wes Schollander. Approved unanimously.
- B. Cost Share Spot Check Report approved and signed by the Board.
- C. 2006 Strategy Plan – tabled until next meeting for further review by the Board.

#### 4. Farmland Preservation

**5. Old Business**

- A. Banquet Speaker – Suggested speakers:
  - 1) Steve Troxler NC Commissioner of Agriculture
  - 2) Johnny Wynne Dean of Agriculture at NCSU
- B. Banquet Date – Tentative dates marked on calendar for November 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>. To be decided contingent upon availability of speaker.
- C. Grant Opportunities presented by Mike Bowman - EEP Workshop. Grover McPherson will get the details on the workshop for the Board.
- D. Voluntary Ag District – Tabled until next meeting for further review by the Board.

**6. New Business**

- A. NC Conservation Awareness Day – June 1, 2005. Grover McPherson advised that this year the event will be held at the Museum of Natural Science and that most districts are donating \$100 toward the event. Motion was made by Ed Wall for the \$100 donation, Second by Wes Schollander. Approved unanimously.
- B. Mr. Venable asked that the Board members be sent a reminder for meetings and events for which the Board is scheduled to attend one week prior to the event.
- C. Mr. Venable asked that Christine Collins help in preparing a letter to be sent to Members of our Legislator regarding NC Conservation Awareness Day June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**7. Meeting moved to Executive Session**

Regular Board Meeting was adjourned. Motion by Ed Wall, Second Wes Schollander. Approved unanimously.

**Adjourn**

**The next meeting date:**

June 9, 2005

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 39

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary

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Chairman, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDENR: Division of Soil and Water  
Steve Ferguson, DSWC Area 2 Coordinator  
Mike Sugg, Assistant State Conservationist  
Ron Graham, Deputy Manager