

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
February 9, 2012

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 9:00 a.m. on February 9, 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
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Linda Birdsong, Community Conservation Coordinator
Ralston James, Area Coordinator
Dede DeBruhl, District Conservationist
Eddie Cooley, Grounds Maintenance Manager

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on January 9, 2011 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented.

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

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Dede reported on the on-going EQIP application process and the batching periods. She stated that there will be a CRP general sign up period from March 12 to April 16. She briefly explained the conservation Reserve Program (CPR). Dede stated that she has finished her assignment in Davie and Davidson counties.

Dede provided a watershed update. Repair work on the principal spillway pipe on WS #5 will be completed in the spring. The Division of Land Resources (DENR) has completed their dam inspections on all four watershed structures. No problems were observed on #2 and #5. She reviewed the report on #1B. DENR officials observed flow from underneath the toe drain and no flow coming through the toe drain pipe. DENR states that the flow must be investigated and a written report submitted outlining the cause of the flow and a repair plan. Dede said she will contact the Area NRCS engineer and set up a time for inspection. She will keep DENR informed of this process. The report for WS #6 states that DENR officials observed minor seepage around the toe drain and that the seepage should be inspected periodically. Dede will request the Area engineer to visit the site. Eddie Cooley, Forsyth County Grounds Maintenance supervisor, will be invited on the site visits with the engineer. Also, the report requests that an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) be developed for WS #6. Dede will work on preparing the EAP for the next board meeting.

There was discussion concerning WS structure #1B. Eddie stated that the fence has been constructed to keep the horses away from the dam. As advised by the board, Dede will prepare a letter to Ms. Venable reminding her of the need to keep livestock off the dam. She will have the letter ready for review at the March meeting.

Division of Soil and Water Conservation

Ralston James updated the board on Division activities and events. The board discussed the Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program (AgWRAP) allocations and BMPS.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP)

Applications:

An application was presented from Chris Crump for Irrigation Pond (AgWRAP). Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin Briggs, and it was passed unanimously.

Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP)

Requests for Payment

A request for payment was presented from R & K Properties for CPO 34-12-515-16 in the amount of \$975. Kevin Briggs made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Ed Wall and was passed unanimously.

Cancellation

A request for cancellation due to lack of BMP installation was presented from Florence Norris for CPO 34-11-509-16 in the amount of \$221. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin Briggs and was passed unanimously.

New Business

Communications Contact

Mike Bowman discussed the request from NCASWCD for all SWCDs to designate a Chief Communications Contact to distribute high priority information. Toby Bost opened the floor for nominations for the office of Chief Communications Contact. Ed Wall made a motion to nominate Mike Bowman. Kevin Briggs seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Promotional Planners

Ed Wall made a motion to reserve two hundred 2013 pocket planners for district use. Kevin Briggs seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Drill Use

Mike Bowman discussed the request from Tanglewood Park for use of the drill to sow seven acres of native warm season grass. Ed Wall made a motion to waive the fee associated with the use of the drill. Kevin Briggs seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Drill Repair

Ed Wall made a motion to purchase drill parts (coulters) at a cost of approximately \$350. Kevin Briggs seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Ed Wall made a motion to pre-approve up to \$500 for drill repair without prior board authorization. Kevin Briggs seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Area 2 Spring Meeting

The Area 2 Spring meeting will be held on March 8th in Lenoir.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

The next meeting date:

March 8, 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