

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
November 14, 2013

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 9:00 a.m. on November 14, 2013 in the Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 11. The meeting was called to order by Toby Bost, Chairman.
Present:

Toby Bost, Chairman
Kevin Briggs, Member
James Knox, Member
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Linda Birdsong, Community Conservation Coordinator
Dede DeBruhl, District Conservationist
Eddie Cooley, Ground Maintenance Manager
1 visitor

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on October 3, 2013 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented.

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

Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

Dede reported that Forsyth compliance reviews have been completed, and all farms were in compliance.

Dede reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between USDA, NRCS and NCDA&CS, the Division of Soil and Water, the Forsyth SWCD and Forsyth County. She noted the changes to the 1998 MOU made by request of the board at the September meeting.

Division of Soil and Water Conservation

The board reviewed the Division report submitted by Rob Baldwin.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP)

Request for Payment:

A request for payment was presented from Sharing Rose Farm for CPO 34-2012-008-16 in the amount of \$8,498. James Knox made a motion for approval, pending final checkout. The motion was seconded by Kevin Briggs and was passed unanimously.

Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP)

Request for Payment:

A request for payment was presented from Riverwood Therapeutic Riding Center for CPO 34-2014-501-16 in the amount of \$3,555. James Knox made a motion for approval, pending final checkout. The motion was seconded by Kevin Briggs and was passed unanimously.

Six Month Extension

A request for a Six Month Extension was presented from Deborah Hord for CPO 34-3013-501-16. James Knox made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin Briggs and was passed unanimously.

A request for a Six Month Extension was presented from Stanley Fogg for CPO 34-3013-502-16. James Knox made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin Briggs and was passed unanimously.

Old Business

James Knox made a motion to approve the revised MOU as presented by Dede DeBruhl. Kevin Briggs seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

New Business

James Knox made a motion to contribute \$1,000 to help sponsor the 2013 Farm City Banquet. Kevin Briggs seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

James Knox made a motion to order 150 promotional pens for district use. Kevin Briggs seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Toby Bost discussed the NC Master Gardener Conference to be held in May, 2014. James Knox made a motion to contribute \$500 to help sponsor the conference. Kevin Briggs seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The board discussed installing additional livestock exclusion fencing at Town Fork Creek Watershed Structure #1B. James Knox made a motion for staff to provide cost estimates for the fence at the December board meeting. Kevin Briggs seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

The next meeting date:

December 12, 2013 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
Robert Baldwin, Area 2 Coordinator
Rhonda Ferguson, NRCS Administrative Assistant
Damon Sanders-Pratt, Deputy County Manager