

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
September 14, 2020

The Forsyth SWCD Board met on September 14, 2020 by teleconference.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair
Wes Schollander, Vice Chair
Elizabeth Tucker, Secretary/Treasurer
Jordan Jones, District Supervisor
Kim Gressley, Extension Director
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Jerry Dorsett, Soil & Water Conservationist
Rick McSwain, Regional Coordinator
James Boyett, SSC

Call to Order

Toby Bost called the meeting to order at Noon.

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 Commission. 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 August 10, 2020 were reviewed and approved by unanimous consent.

The financial report of the SWCD was reviewed and approved by unanimous consent.

Forsyth County

Kim Gressley presented information concerning the virtual Farm City event to be held in November. She updated the board members of the Covid policies concerning meetings in the Agriculture Building.

NRCS

James Boyett presented a summary of activity within the various cost share programs offered by NRCS. He also summarized the outcomes that were achieved as a result of the Local Work Group meeting.

DSWC

Rick McSwain informed the board members that the JAA rule making public hearing is coming up. He stated that there was a lot of positive feedback concerning the virtual CET. There will be some opportunities to receive EWP training. Rick said that all the LWG meetings were finished in Area 2 and there were some positive results. He mentioned that there is a need for alternates of some of the standing committees of the Association.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program

An application was presented from Linda Davis for Cropland Conversion. Jordan Jones made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Linda Davis in the amount of \$5,292 for CPO 34-2021-001 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Jordan Jones and seconded by Beth Tucker. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Neil Westmoreland for Cropland Conversion. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Neil Westmoreland in the amount of \$1,046 for CPO 34-2021-002 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker and seconded by Wes Schollander. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Samuel Evans for Abandoned Well Closure. Jordan Jones made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Samuel Evans in the amount of \$1,500 for CPO 34-2021-003 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Jordan Jones and seconded by Beth Tucker. The motion was passed unanimously.

CCAP

Jerry Dorsett discussed 3 potential sites to install BMP's through CCAP. Beth Tucker made a motion to submit 3 applications for regional consideration of CCAP funding. Wes Schollander seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Old Business

Jordan Jones made a motion to approve the BMP Fund Certification for 2020. Beth Tucker seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

The next meeting date:

October 10, 2020 at 9:00 am

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Auditorium B

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chair, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDA&CS: Division of Soil and Water
Rick McSwain, Regional Coordinator