

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
June 8, 2020

The Forsyth SWCD Board met on June 8, 2020 by teleconference.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair
Wes Schollander, Vice Chair
Beth Tucker, Secretary/Treasurer
Jordan Jones, District Supervisor
Tim Disher, District Supervisor
Kim Gressley, CED
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Jerry Dorsett, Soil & Water Conservationist
Rick McSwain, Regional Coordinator

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. Jordan Jones indicated that the board would be discussing a Request for Payment on his behalf.

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on April 11, 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 discussed the effects of the 3% budget cut on the 2021 program year. The Ag building will remain closed to the public and the extension staff will begin reporting back to work in person on a staggered basis next week.

NRCS

James Boyett sent a report to the board members. The topics covered were EQIP updates, CSP activity, and outreach efforts.

DSWC

Rick McSwain discussed the contract extension policy with the board. He reminded the group that there are 2 Supervisor positions expiring this year. The Association is not certain as to whether or not there will be in person Fall Meetings or an Annual Meeting in January. He gave an update on the status of the Farm Act. He also discussed the merits of the JAA survey sent out by the Division.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program

A request for payment was presented from Daniel Lasley for CPO 34-2020-007 in the amount of \$1,250. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Tim Disher and was passed unanimously.

A request for payment was presented from Tommy Kapp for CPO 34-2018-004 in the amount of \$5,730. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Tim Disher and was passed unanimously.

A request for payment was presented from Tom Overby for CPO 34-2020-008 in the amount of \$2,700. Tim Disher made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and was passed unanimously.

A request for payment was presented from Jones Nursery for CPO 34-2020-801 in the amount of \$21,924. Tim Disher made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and was passed unanimously, with Jordan Jones abstaining.

Old Business

Wes Schollander made a motion to keep the current MOA with NRCS in place and not perform a revision at this time. Beth Tucker seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The board members were informed that the Spot Check deadline has been extended to September 30, 2020.

New Business

Toby Bost briefly discussed a grant opportunity to partner with The Crossnore School & Children's Home. Further discussion will be held as more details become available.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

The next meeting date:

July 13, 2020 at NOON by teleconference

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chair, Forsyth SWCD

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