

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
August 15, 2023

The Forsyth SWCD Board met on August 15, 2023 in Room 106 of the Forsyth County Agriculture Building.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair
Wes Schollander, Vice Chair
Mark Apple, District Supervisor
Jordan Jones, District Supervisor
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Alex Kiser, Soil & Water Conservationist
Kim Gressley, Extension Director
Rick McSwain, Regional Coordinator

Call to Order

Toby Bost called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He asked if there were any potential conflicts of interest and there were none.

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on July 18, 2023 were reviewed and approved by unanimous consent. The financial report of the SWCD was reviewed and approved by unanimous consent.

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Kim Gressley updated the board members on the progress of upgrading the part time position to full time. It was not approved for the FY 24 budget. She discussed the importance of the board making contact with county officials to assist with this endeavor.

NRCS

Jim Propst sent a report updating the board on the EQIP application progress. He detailed the various activities occurring in the field. Jim will still be the acting Team Leader until someone is hired to fulfill the position.

DSWC

Rick McSwain discussed the current Supervisor training credits and informed the board members of upcoming opportunities available to earn some credits. He mentioned that David Williams is the new director of the Division. Rick informed the board that the Association is polling districts as to the feasibility of funding a full time statewide education coordinator. The CET will be held in Greensboro in September, and the Area 2 Fall meeting will be held in October.

Cost Share Programs

An application was presented from James Hester for Residue Tillage Management and Cover Crop. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval. Jordan Jones seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The contract for James Hester in the amount of \$14,441 for CPO 34-2024-001 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Wes Schollander and seconded by Jordan Jones. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Tony Spease for Residue Tillage Management. Mark Apple made a motion for approval. Jordan Jones seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Tony Spease in the amount of \$7,599 for CPO 34-2024-002 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Mark Apple and seconded by Jordan Jones. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Rod Poindexter for Residue Tillage Management. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval. Mark Apple seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Rod Poindexter in the amount of \$9,166 for CPO 34-2024-003 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Wes Schollander and seconded by Mark Apple. The motion was passed unanimously.

A request for payment was presented from Fair Share Farm for CPO 34-2023-003 in the amount of \$210. Jordan Jones made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Mark Apple.

The board discussed the regional application process for the Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program. Mark Apple made a motion to submit applications. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously.

New Business

The board discussed the annual BMP Fund Certification. A motion for approval was made by Wes Schollander and seconded by Mark Apple. The motion was passed unanimously

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

The next meeting date:

September 19, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
Forsyth County Agriculture Building

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chair, Forsyth SWCD

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