

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
November 21, 2023

The Forsyth SWCD Board met on November 21, 2023 in Room 106 of the Forsyth County Agriculture Building.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair
Wes Schollander, Vice Chair
Mark Apple, District Supervisor
Neal Dagenhart, District Supervisor
Kim Gressley, Extension Director
Maxwell Dumas, NRCS Soil Conservationist
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Alex Kiser, Soil & Water Conservationist

Call to Order

Toby Bost called the meeting to order at 9:32 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 September 19, 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 reported that the Farm City Event will be held November 30th. A donation was requested from the FSWCD Board for \$500.00 to the Farm City Committee. A motion for approval was made by Wes Schollander and seconded by Mark Apple. The motion was passed unanimously.

Kim Gressley reported about the upcoming Staff Professional Development Day and mentioned that a new Cooperative Extension Natural Resource Agent has been hired.

NRCS

Max Dumas reported that \$70,000,000 will be available in North Carolina to be used by NRCS to implement conservation practices. \$20,000,000 will be used for the Conservation Stewardship Program. \$50,000,000 will be used for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

DSWC

Rick sent a report covering various topics. Registration is currently open for the NCASWCD Annual Meeting to be held in Durham, NC on January 7-9 2024.

Cost Share Programs

An application was presented from Darrel Cain for Agricultural Road Stabilization. Mark Apple made a motion for approval. Neal Dagenhart seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Darrel Caine in the amount of \$8,748 for CPO 34-2024-006 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Mark Apple and seconded by Neal Dagenhart.

The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Herman Pickett for Cover Crop. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval. Mark Apple seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Herman Pickett in the amount of \$1,587.00 for CPO 34-2024-005 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 Rod Poindexter for CPO 34-2023-001 in the amount of \$10,275. Neal Dagenhart made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously.

A request for payment was presented from Tim Disher for CPO 34-2022-004 in the amount of \$22,880. Mark Apple made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously.

A request for a 6-month extension from John Murray for CPO 34-2023-801 was discussed. Wes Schollander made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mark Apple and it was passed unanimously.

New Business

The Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts requested a donation of \$100 to support the educational activities sponsored by the Association. Wes Schollander made a motion to approve the request. The Motion was seconded by Mark Apple and it was passed unanimously.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

The next meeting date:

January 16th, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Forsyth County Agriculture Building

Chair, Forsyth SWCD

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