

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
August 11, 2008

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 11, 2008 in Room 12 of the Forsyth County Agriculture Building. The meeting was called to order by Grover McPherson, Chairman.

Present: Grover McPherson, Chairman
Wes Schollander, Vice Chairman
Ed Wall, Secretary
Toby Bost, Member
Mark Tucker, Director Cooperative Extension
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Linda Birdsong, Community Conservation Coordinator

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on July 7 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented.

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

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Gary Cox was unable to attend the meeting, therefore an NRCS report was submitted stating that Elmer Knapp was in the process of completing his EQIP contract. Information concerning the workload with HEL determinations was included in the report and he made mention of the upcoming Engineering Spot Check to begin on September 3, 2008.

Division of Soil and Water Conservation

Michelle Lovejoy was unable to attend the meeting. She sent a report to the members for review. Topics covered included Area 2, DSWC, and SWCC updates. The report was approved as presented.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program Report

Matching Fund Request

Mike Bowman reviewed the request for matching funds. A motion for approval was made by Ed Wall and seconded by Toby Bost. The motion was passed unanimously.

Utilities Commission Request for Funding

Mike Bowman presented the Utilities Commission request for funding. A motion for approval was made by Ed Wall and seconded by Wes Schollander. The motion was passed unanimously.

Contract Prioritization

A review of DRP allocation prioritization was followed by a discussion of Livestock Water Supply (Well) parameters. Ed Wall made a motion to fund wells up to a total depth of 500 feet. Any expenses incurred from additional drilling, either as increased depth or

subsequent wells, are to be incurred by the cooperators with no cost share monies provided. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and approved unanimously. Ed Wall requested that staff ensure that cooperators fully understand that (1) there is a 500 foot cap on well depth and (2) wells are to be used for livestock water supply only.

Contract Approvals

An application was presented from Albert Bullard for Pasture Renovation. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for Albert Bullard in the amount of \$6,750 for CPO 34-09-05-12 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Ed Wall, and was seconded by Toby Bost. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from David Lawson for Pasture Renovation. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for David Lawson in the amount of \$1,350 for CPO 34-09-04-12 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Ed Wall, and was seconded by Toby Bost. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Mike Brady for Pasture Renovation. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for David Lawson in the amount of \$1,620 for CPO 34-09-01-16 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Ed Wall, and was seconded by Toby Bost. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Steve Walton for Pasture Renovation. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for Steve Walton in the amount of \$1,080 for CPO 34-09-02-12 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Ed Wall, and was seconded by Toby Bost. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Daren Ziglar for Pasture Renovation and Cropland Conversion. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for Daren Ziglar in the amount of \$810 for CPO 34-09-03-12 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Ed Wall, and was seconded by Toby Bost. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from John Kloc for Pasture Renovation. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for John Kloc in the amount of \$3,375 for CPO 34-09-09-12 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Ed Wall, and was seconded by Toby Bost. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from John Murray for a well. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for John Murray in the amount of \$7,650 for CPO 34-09-08-12 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Ed Wall, and was seconded by Toby Bost. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Robert Poindexter for a well. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for Robert Poindexter in the amount of \$4,875 for CPO 34-09-10-12 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Ed Wall, and was seconded by Toby Bost. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from John Booth for a well. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for John Booth in the amount of \$8,832 for CPO 34-09-07-16 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Ed Wall, and was seconded by Toby Bost. The motion was passed unanimously.

Stimpson Applicant

The Board reviewed an application made by Jim Stimpson requesting cost share reimbursement for a water meter installed prior to his notification of the Drought Response Program. After speaking with Mike Bowman, Mr. Stimpson contacted David McLeod of NCDA and was told to contact David Williams. David Williams told Mr. Stimpson to submit the application and await a decision from the TRC. The TRC met and did not include Water Meters in the DRP. Mike Bowman asked the Board if the application should be brought before the Commission for consideration. In order to reimburse him, a Supervisor would need to ask the Commission for post approval and use regular cost share funds of \$800. Grover McPherson asked Mike Bowman to call David Williams and ask if David could submit the request to the Commission.

Community Conservation Assistance Program

An application was presented from James Mitchell for one Cistern and two Rain Gardens. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for James Mitchell in the amount of \$1,698 for CPO 34-09-501-16 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Wes Schollander and seconded by Toby Bost. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Daniel Wood for a Cistern. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for Daniel Wood in the amount of \$1,289 for CPO 34-09-502-16 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Wes Schollander and seconded by Toby Bost. The motion was passed unanimously.

Old Business

Meeting Time

The Board discussed changing the monthly Board Meeting time to 9:00 a.m. on the second Thursday of every month. All the members agreed to set this as the meeting time and day.

No Till Drill

The Board reviewed a letter sent to Cecil Settle by Grover McPherson thanking the Foundation for consideration concerning a potential no till drill and that farmers in surrounding counties would be able to use the drill when not in use by Forsyth County farmers.

New Business

Grover read a letter from Mayor Allen Joines in response to Beth Tucker's meeting with him and Commissioner Gloria Whisenhunt.

Mark Tucker gave the Board members an update on the recent RC&D meeting he attended. He also presented a letter from Joseph Rickards thanking the Board for sponsoring him at the Resource Conservation Workshop.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting date:

September 11, 2008 9:00 a.m.

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 12

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chairman, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDENR: Division of Soil and Water

Michelle Lovejoy, Area 2 Coordinator

Angela Little, Assistant State Conservationist

Damon Sanders-Pratt, Deputy County Manager