

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
April 20, 2021

The Forsyth SWCD Board met on April 20, 2021 in Auditorium C of the Forsyth County Agriculture Building

Present: Toby Bost, Chair
Wes Schollander, Vice Chair
Elizabeth Tucker, Secretary/Treasurer
Neal Dagenhart, District Supervisor
Kim Gressley, Extension Director
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Rick McSwain, Regional Coordinator
Kayleigh McHugh, CREP Specialist
Luke Weavil

Call to Order

Toby Bost called the meeting to order at 9:35.

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 Board. 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 March 8, 2021 were reviewed and approved by unanimous consent. The financial report of the SWCD was reviewed and approved by unanimous consent

NRCS

Jim Propst sent a report detailing the status of EQIP applications and current field work. A new Team 4 Leader has been named.

DSWC

Rick McSwain stated that there are several virtual training opportunities that can be found on the Division website training calendar. JAA is being awarded by the Commission. He discussed the district rankings concerning cost share funds utilized through CS2. He mentioned that the Conservation Farm Family program is being held this year. He briefly discussed legislation concerning stream debris removal.

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Kim Gressley discussed the return to work policy being implemented in the Agriculture Building.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program

Beth Tucker made a motion to ask for a one year extension of contract number 34-2019-001. Wes Schollander seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Farmland Preservation Program

The board discussed a request from Tracie Bullins and reviewed the opinion from the County Attorney's office. Wes Schollander made a motion to approve the request. Beth Tucker seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Old Business

Wes Schollander made a motion to purchase a Weeping Red Bud tree for placement on the Ed Wall farm. Neal Dagenhart seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

CREP Update

Kayleigh McHugh discussed the CREP program with the board members. She detailed items such as goals, policies, BMP's, program parameters, options, restrictions, and financial incentives for landowners. Currently, there are two landowners interested in the program

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

The next meeting date:

May 11, 2021 at Noon

By Teleconference

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chair, Forsyth SWCD

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