

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
July 9, 2009

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday July 9, 2009 in the Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Auditorium A. The meeting was called to order by Grover McPherson, Chairman.

Present: Grover McPherson, Chairman
Steven Anderson, Member
Beth Tucker, Member
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Linda Birdsong, Community Conservation Coordinator
Dede DeBruhl, District Conservationist
Michelle Lovejoy, Area 2 Coordinator
Robin Willard, guest

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on June 11, 2009 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented.

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

Forsyth County

Mark Tucker was unable to attend the meeting. The final 2009-2010 Departmental budget has been approved by the Board of Commissioners with few changes having been made.

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Dede DeBruhl reported that she had completed the quarterly national EQIP audit for Forsyth and Stokes counties. She also completed National Resource Inventory (NRI) data collection for both counties. She is making site visits to folks requesting technical/financial Agency.

Dede discussed the recent changes to the soil survey. Most of the soil names have changed because of the temperature regime reclassification. 17 counties in the state are affected by this recent update. This is the first step in joining and modernizing all soil surveys in the state, regardless of age or political boundaries. Further amendments are possible. Dede suggested that folks go to the websoilsurvey for soils information.

Dede provided copies of an email she received the morning of the meeting. The memo concerned watershed rehabilitation funds for two high hazard PL-566 dams (Town Fork Creek watershed structures #2 and #6). Funds will be used to conduct assessments and then determine the rehabilitation needs of the dams. The board members discussed the pros and cons of requesting an assessment. It was noted that these dams are inspected annually and no serious structural problems have been identified. Grover will discuss this issue with Mark Tucker before making a final decision. The deadline to request consideration for a dam assessment is July 20, 2009

Division of Soil and Water Conservation

Michelle Lovejoy reminded members of the upcoming Area 2 District Issues meeting to be held in Watauga on July 28th and the CCAP and Water Resources Committee meetings to be held in Winston-Salem on July 23rd.

Michelle reported that possible budget cuts within the Division are not known at this time. Following state budget approval, the Commission will decide on how to spend allocations.

Michelle informed board members that NCASWCD standing committee representatives need to be in place before the Fall Area 2 meeting.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program Report

Requests for Payment

A request for payment was presented from Michael Brady for CPO 34-09-25-16 in the amount of \$1,650. Steven Anderson made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and was passed unanimously.

FPP

Mike Bowman reported that he received a request from Nate Tabor to build a house on property currently enrolled in the FPP. He is waiting for an opinion and notification from the county attorney.

Old Business

Grover McPherson reported that interest is being generated for the NCASWCD Executive Director position. Funding for the position is covered through June 30, 2010.

Grover informed members that the 2010 Annual meeting will be shortened as a cost cutting measure.

New Business

Austin Willard, Forsyth RCW student representative, highlighted some of his workshop experiences and thanked the board for supporting his application and attendance at the workshop.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The next meeting date:

August 13, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Auditorium A

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chairman, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDENR: Division of Soil and Water
Michelle Lovejoy, Area 2 Coordinator
Kay Starns, NRCS Area 2 Secretary
Damon Sanders-Pratt, Deputy County Manager

