

**Minutes**  
**Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting**  
**September 13, 2012**

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 9:00 a.m. on September 13, 2012 in the Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 11. The meeting was called to order by Toby Bost, Chairman.

Present: Toby Bost, Chairman  
Grover McPherson, Vice-Chairman  
Kevin Briggs, Member  
Wes Schollander, Associate Member  
Mark Tucker, Director, Cooperative Extension  
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist  
Linda Birdsong, Community Conservation Coordinator  
Robert Baldwin, Area 2 Coordinator  
Ralston James, Area 8 Coordinator  
Dede DeBruhl, District Conservationist  
Eric Parker  
Mindy Mock

**Minutes/Financial Report**

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on July 12, 2012 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 discussed the Keeping the Farm in the Family program which provides farmland protection tools for North Carolina landowners.

**Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**

Dede reported on the completion of the installation of the monitoring wells at watershed structure #1B. The seven monitoring wells were installed on 7/31 and 8/1 with the assistance of Kim Kroeger, NRCS state geologist and the Forsyth County Grounds Maintenance staff. The county staff will periodically measure the water levels in the wells and send the information to Dede.

Dede stated that she had completed her compliance team assignments in other counties.

Dede provided a copy of the "Field Office of the Future" report to the board members. She reviewed a few of the major points in the document.

Dede informed the board of a class action lawsuit filed against the USDA by Hispanic and female farmers. She explained the claim process and discussed the USDA's actions to prevent discrimination and their commitment to protect the civil rights of all customers.

**Division of Soil and Water Conservation**

Robert Baldwin reviewed and discussed the Division report.

## **NC Agriculture cost Share Program (ACSP)**

### Applications:

An application was presented from Tanner Boyles for Long Term No Till. Grover McPherson made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin Briggs and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Tanner Boyles in the amount of \$5,671 for CPO 34-2013-001-16 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Grover McPherson and seconded by Kevin Briggs. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Leo Whicker for Cropland Conversion. Grover McPherson made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin Briggs and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Leo Whicker in the amount of \$450 for CPO 34-2013-004-16 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Grover McPherson and seconded by Kevin Briggs. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Shane Sells for Long Term No Till. Grover McPherson made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin Briggs and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Shane Sells in the amount of \$12,495 for CPO 34-2013-003-16 was presented. A motion for approval, pending allocation of funds, was made by Grover McPherson and seconded by Kevin Briggs. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

A Foundation grant request for payment was presented for the completion of the native warm season grass test plot. Grover McPherson made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Kevin Briggs and was passed unanimously.

Members discussed the Area 2 nomination for the office Vice Chairman. Toby Bost opened the floor for nominations. Kevin Briggs made a motion to nominate Toby Bost. Grover McPherson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Grover McPherson made a motion to order 300 promotional pens at a cost of approximately \$150 for district use. Kevin Briggs seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Grover McPherson made a motion to preorder 200 planners for district use. Kevin Briggs seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Members discussed the upcoming Area 2 Fall meeting to be held on Thursday, October 11 in Granite Falls, NC.

Gator tickets were distributed.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

### **The next meeting date:**

October 18, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 11

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary

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Chairman, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDA&CS: Division of Soil and Water  
Robert Baldwin, Area 2 Coordinator  
Rhonda Ferguson, NRCS Administrative Assistant  
Damon Sanders-Pratt, Deputy County Manager