

**Minutes**  
**Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting**  
**February 11, 2020**

The Forsyth SWCD Board met on February 11, 2020 in the Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 106.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair  
Wes Schollander, Vice Chair  
Beth Tucker, Secretary/Treasurer  
Jordan Jones, District Supervisor  
Kim Gressley, Extension Director  
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist  
Jerry Dorsett, Soil & Water Conservationist  
James Rodriguez, Soil Conservationist

**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 Commission. 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 January 14, 2020 were reviewed and approved by unanimous consent.

The financial report of the SWCD was reviewed and approved by unanimous consent.

**NRCS**

James Rodriguez discussed the upcoming program rollout process and the new Conservation Desktop, which replaces Toolkit. A new engineer has been hired for Area 1 and a new Supervisory Soil Conservationist has been hired for Team 4. James reminded the group that the EQIP application deadline is March 6.

**DSWC**

Rick McSwain sent a report detailing the various disaster programs available to districts. The report contained information of the upcoming Resource Conservation Workshop and the Careers in Conservation Workshop. The 2020 State Envirothon volunteer information was detailed.

**NC Agriculture Cost Share Program**

An application was presented from Daniel Lasley for Critical Area Planting. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Jordan Jones and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Daniel Lasley in the amount of \$6,794 for CPO 34-2020-007 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker and seconded by Jordan Jones. The motion was passed unanimously.

A request for payment was presented from Rod Poindexter for CPO 34-2020-009 in the amount of \$700. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Jordan Jones and was passed unanimously.

**New Business**

The Board discussed the potential of the BMAP in Forsyth County. The consensus of the board was to recommend that Forsyth County not participate.

A donation request was received from the Northwest Envirothon Committee. Beth Tucker made a motion to contribute \$200. Wes Schollander seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Wes Schollander made a motion to recommend Nathan Motsinger for a Careers in Conservation Scholarship. Jordan Jones seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Information was given to the board members concerning the registration for the Area 2 Spring Meeting as well as the Northwest Envirothon volunteer opportunities.

Beth Tucker made a motion to send Karen Bruce a letter of acknowledgement concerning her participation in the cost share programs, pending County Attorney opinion. Wes Schollander seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

**The next meeting date:**

March 11, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 106

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary

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Chair, Forsyth SWCD

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