

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
April 9, 2015

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 9:00 a.m. on April 9, 2015 in the Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 11.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair
Wes Schollander, Vice Chair
Ed Wall, Secretary-Treasurer
Beth Tucker, Member
Mark Tucker, Director Cooperative Extension
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Linda Birdsong, Community Conservation Coordinator
Rob Baldwin, Regional Coordinator
Dede DeBruhl, District Conservationist

Call to Order

Toby Bost called the meeting to order at 9:00.

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on March 19, 2015 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented.

The financial report of the SWCD was reviewed. The item was approved as presented.

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Mark Tucker invited board members to attend the Volunteer Luncheon on April 24th at noon in Auditorium C.

Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

Dede discussed the proposed reorganization plan for NRCS. The 2016 Stokes/Forsyth work unit will be expanded to Stokes/Forsyth/Surry/Yadkin/Wilkes for ranking EQIP applications.

Division of Soil and Water Conservation

Rob Baldwin reported on Division activities. House bill 378 was discussed.

New Business

The board discussed the 2016 Strategy Plan. The board will review the plan prior to the May 14th board meeting.

Ed Wall made a motion to donate \$200 towards NCASWCD co-sponsorship of NC Museum of Natural History's summer exhibit, "Dig It- Secrets of Soil." Beth Tucker seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Ed Wall requested that Farm Bureau be asked for a donation to cover the cost of meals and snacks for the two Forsyth District Envirothon teams competing at the State Envirothon on April 24-25th.

The board is currently accepting applications for the 2015 Resource Conservation Workshop. Application deadline is May 1st.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next meeting date:

May 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chair, Forsyth SWCD

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