# Minutes Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting January 11, 2016

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 5:00 p.m. on January 11, 2016 in the Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 11.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair

Wes Schollander, Vice Chair Ed Wall, Secretary-Treasurer

Beth Tucker, Member James Knox, Member

Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist Jerry Dorsett, Soil & Water Conservationist

Mark Tucker, Extension Director Rob Baldwin, Regional Coordinator Dede DeBruhl, District Conservationist

Joel Cooper

#### Call to Order

Toby Bost called the meeting to order at 5:00.

## **Minutes/Financial Report**

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on December 14, 2015 were reviewed and approved as presented.

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

#### **Division of Soil & Water**

Rob Baldwin discussed the Annual Meeting held last week in Durham, and that Craig Frazier was replaced on the Commission by Wayne Collier. He informed the Board concerning the upcoming Supervisor Workshop and the possible change in requirements for attendance by Supervisors, and he reminded the members about the SE Regional meeting to be held in Cherokee NC. Rob conveyed the message that the ban on live poultry shows and poultry sales was lifted a week early. The CCAP Regional allocation and application process was discussed, as well as the JAA process review. Rob discussed the Area 2 Spring Meeting in Stokes County and mentioned that the 2nd Vice President for the State Association would be from the Western Region.

## **Forsyth County**

Mark Tucker updated the board on the Farm City Budget. There will be some funds left in the Board allocation and it could be utilized for the VAD workshop lunch. He will present final numbers next month. He also informed the members that the Forsyth County Budget process was underway.

### **NRCS**

Dede gave a report on the progress of the EQIP process. She stated that the Emergency Action Plans for the 4 watershed structures in Forsyth County were completed before the deadline. The Forsyth/Stokes NRCS office is now in NRCS Area 1. She briefly discussed the Freedom of Information Act with the members of the board.

# NC Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP)

An application was presented from Johnnie Kapp for 5 Year Sod Based Rotation. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by James Knox and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Johnnie Kapp in the amount of \$4,079 for CPO 34-2016-006 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Ed Wall and seconded by James Knox. The motion was passed unanimously.

A request for payment was presented from Rita Yost for CPO 34-2016-004 in the amount of \$1,736. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by James Knox and was passed unanimously.

# **Community Conservation Assistance Program**

An application was presented from Property Transact, LLC for Abandoned Well Closure. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Ed Wall and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Property Transact, LLC in the amount of \$1,447 for CPO 34-2016-501 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker and seconded by Ed Wall. The motion was passed unanimously.

## **Farmland Preservation Program**

The Board discussed the State VAD workshop being held here on March 17.

#### **New Business**

Toby reported on the activities and events of the State Association meeting.

## Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

# The next meeting date:

February 8, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 11

	Respectfully submitted,	
	Secretary	Recording
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