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

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

Present: Toby Bost, Chair

Wes Schollander, Vice Chair

Beth Tucker, Member James Knox, Member

Mark Tucker, Extension Director

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

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 June 13, 2016 was reviewed and approved as presented.

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

Division of Soil & Water

Rob Baldwin submitted a report on Commission actions and upcoming Division and Association activities.

Forsyth County

Mark Tucker informed the board that Edgar Miller received the 2016 Service To Agriculture Award. The honor was bestowed upon him by the NC Association of County Agricultural Agents.

Mark updated the board about the new farm manager at the Children's Home, Adam Keener. The onsite farm store is up and running at the Children's Home and they are considering supplementing their stock with other locally grown products and goods from local farmers.

NRCS

Dede sent a report on the progress of EQIP. She has several activities to pursue in order to make the upcoming deadlines.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program

A request for payment was presented from Larry Boyles for CPO 34-2016-007 in the amount of \$1,372. James Knox made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and was passed unanimously.

A request for a 6 month extension was presented from William Wetherall for CPO 34-2015-803. Beth Tucker made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by James Knox and it was passed unanimously.

Old Business

Jerry Dorsett informed the board that the Plan for the Farmland Preservation Program will be presented to the Planning Board on July 14 and the Board of Commissioners on July 28.

The Foundation grant for an outdoor learning center at the NCLA was discussed. James Knox made a motion to enter into a contract to secure the funding. Wes Schollander seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

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

The next meeting date:

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

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	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