Minutes Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting December 14, 2015

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 5:00 p.m. on December 14, 2015 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

Dede DeBruhl, DC

Wendi Hartup, Extension Agent

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 October 12, 2015 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented.

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

Division of Soil & Water

Rob Baldwin prepared a report on Division activities and upcoming events and the report was distributed to the board members.

Forsyth County

Mark Tucker updated the board on the Farm City and Heritage Days activities and outcomes.

NRCS

Dede gave a report on the progress of the EQIP contracts and she reminded the board that the applications are now ranked within a 5 county work group. She also discussed the Emergency Action Plans for the 4 watershed structures in Forsyth County.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP)

An application was presented from Gray Saylor for Well Construction. James Knox made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Gray Saylor in the amount of \$10,378 for CPO 34-2016-801 was presented. A motion for approval was made by James Knox and seconded by Wes Schollander. The motion was passed unanimously.

Community Conservation Assistance Program

A request for a 6 month extension was presented from Praise Assembly for CPO 34-2015-501. A motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker and seconded by Ed Wall. The motion was passed unanimously.

Farmland Preservation Program

Jerry Dorsett updated the board concerning the Farmland Protection Plan. He discussed the Leadership Group meeting being held on December 15.

New Business

The Board discussed a request from Creek Week for a \$1,000 donation. A motion for approval was made by Ed Wall and seconded by Beth Tucker. The motion was passed unanimously.

Jerry reported on the progress of the envirothon teams, the outdoor learning center grants through the Foundation, and the outreach opportunities he had utilized within local schools.

The board discussed the possibility of supporting the efforts to bring the 2019 National Envirothon to North Carolina in 2019. All the members agreed it would be worthy of support.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

The next meeting date:

January 11, 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