#### Minutes

# Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting July 9, 2019

The Forsyth SWCD Board met on July 9, 2019 in the Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 106.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair

Wes Schollander, Vice Chair Beth Tucker, Secretary/Treasurer

Tim Disher. Member

Kim Gressley, Extension Director

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

Terry Motsinger Jordan Jones

#### Call to Order

Toby Bost called the meeting to order at 9:30.

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 June 11, 2019 were reviewed and approved as presented.

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

#### **Forsyth County**

Kim Gressley discussed the events of Farm City Week, which will be observed October 14-18. She reviewed the highlights of last year's events and discussed some of the potential pursuits related to this year's event.

#### **NRCS**

James Rodriguez informed the Board that his team is busy with HEL compliance reviews. He gave an update on the status of the EQIP applications and progress, as well as the hurricane funding opportunities. He also discussed a newly released program called the Grassland Conservation Initiative.

## **DSWC**

Rick McSwain sent a report covering such topics as Commission updates, Disaster Response, Document Retention Schedule, RCW, JAA & CCP Training, Part Time EQIP Positions, and Association updates.

#### **Old Business**

Jerry briefly discussed the Record Retention Schedule requirements with the Board. More details will be presented at a later meeting. The board reviewed the events that occurred at the Pasture Improvement Field day at the Beth Tucker farm on July 9.

# **New Business**

Jerry Dorsett presented an information package detailing the process involved with

obtaining and maintaining a drone. The package is attached to the minutes as an addendum. Kim Gressley indicated that Tim Hambrick has a drone and could possibly assist with projects related to soil and water conservation.

The Board members discussed the available seat vacated by Ed Wall. Terry Motsinger and Jordan Jones expressed interest in the position.

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

## The next meeting date:

August 13, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 106

Respectfully submitted,	
 Recording Secretary	

Chair, Forsyth SWCD

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