Minutes Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting December 3, 2007

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 3, 2007 in Auditorium A of the Forsyth County Agriculture Building. The meeting was called to order by Grover McPherson, Chairman.

Present: Grover McPherson, Chairman Wes Schollander, Vice Chairman Toby Bost, Member Beth Tucker, Member Mark Tucker, Director Cooperative Extension Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist Michelle Lovejoy, Area Coordinator

1. Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on November 5 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented.

The Financial Report of the SWCD Board was reviewed. The item was approved as presented.

2. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Gary Cox was unable to attend the meeting. The situation with the EQIP contract with Edgar Miller has been worked out and as a result, the State Office has cancelled the contract. Bob Lightner and Elmer Knapp are in the process of completing the work under their respective EQIP contracts.

3. Cost Share Program Report

An application was presented by Danny Byerly for Cover Crop. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for Danny Byerly in the amount of \$4,350 for CPO 34-08-08-16 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker, and was seconded by Wes Schollander. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented by Tony Spease for Cover Crop. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for Tony Spease in the amount of \$15,000 for CPO 34-08-13-16 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Wes Schollander, and was seconded by Toby Bost. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented by Marvin Eaton for Cover Crop. Toby Bost made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for Marvin Eaton in the amount of \$1,425 for CPO 34-08-12-12 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Toby Bost, and was seconded by Wes Schollander. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented by Robert Poindexter for Sod Based Rotation. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for Robert Poindexter in the amount of \$600 for CPO 34-08-16-12 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Wes Schollander, and was seconded by Toby Bost. The motion was passed unanimously. A Request for Payment was submitted for William Wetherall concerning Cropland Conversion in the amount of \$3240 for CPO 34-08-02-12. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval and it was seconded by Wes Schollander. The motion was passed unanimously.

A Request for Payment was submitted for WC Idol concerning Cover Crop in the amount of \$578 for CPO 34-08-05-16. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval and it was seconded by Toby Bost. The motion was passed unanimously.

4. CCAP

The Board discussed the Tanglewood and Davis sites. Preliminary design work has begun and contracts should be ready soon. Michelle Lovejoy informed the Board that the second CWMTF grant was awarded in the amount of \$612,000. She also indicated that the Commission has made changes to the average cost list for the CCAP.

5. Voluntary Agricultural District

Mark Tucker discussed the status of the Voluntary Agricultural District Program. He presented an updated draft ordinance for the Board to review and discuss.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

Grover McPherson discussed a memo from Ned Hudson concerning State Association dues and the possibility of an increase to help support all of the activities of the Association.

A request for support came to the Board from the NCASWCD. Beth Tucker made a motion to contribute \$400 to the 509 Capitol Court Campaign and the motion was seconded by Wes Schollander. The motion was passed unanimously.

A request for support came to the Board from the NCASWCD. Toby Bost made a motion to contribute \$500 to the "Milton S. Heath Jr. Environmental Lecture" fund and the motion was seconded by Beth Tucker. The motion was passed unanimously.

Michelle Lovejoy reviewed the EEP Contract recently entered into by the DSWC and gave the Board an opportunity to participate. Wes Schollander made a motion to participate in the program and the motion was seconded by Toby Bost. The motion passed by a vote of 2-1 with Beth Tucker voting no.

Mike Bowman informed the Board about the recent meeting between Districts in the Dan River Watershed.

Michelle Lovejoy reminded the Board about the upcoming Annual Meeting in Asheville. She informed the members of changes to the Technical Assistance parameters and the recent actions of the Commission concerning the Emergency Drought Funds. Michelle also told the Board that Pat Harris has been selected to replace Manly Wilder. Adjourn The next meeting date: January 10, 2008 7:00 p.m. The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Auditorium A

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chairman, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDENR: Division of Soil and Water Michelle Lovejoy, Area 2 Coordinator Jacquie Simon, Assistant State Conservationist Ed Jones, Deputy County Manager