# Minutes Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting May 16, 2023

The Forsyth SWCD Board met on May 16, 2023 in Room 106 of the Forsyth County Agriculture Building.

Present: Wes Schollander, Vice Chair

Mark Apple, District Supervisor Neal Dagenhart, District Supervisor Jordan Jones, District Supervisor

Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist Alex Kiser, Soil & Water Conservationist Rick McSwain, Regional Coordinator

Jim Probst, NRCS

#### Call to Order

Wes Schollander called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He asked if there were any potential conflicts of interest and there were none.

### **Minutes/Financial Report**

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on April 18, 2023 were reviewed and approved by unanimous consent. The financial report of the SWCD was reviewed and approved by unanimous consent.

#### **DSWC**

Rick informed the board of the Soil & Water Commission meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Rick updated the board on a proposed change to cropland conversion; change of spot check process. Rick informed the board of a proposal to the extension request process. Rick informed the board he will be leaving Area 2 to encompass Area 8 due to retirement of Ralston James.

#### **NRCS**

Jim updated the board on Team 4 and the Inflation Reduction Act. NRCS has been involved highly erodible determinations on land in Forsyth County. Ranking of applications has been completed. Jim Probst presented a conservation plan for Jeanne Giordano in Forsyth county. Jordan Jones mad a motion for approval. Neal Dagenhart seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

## **Cost Share Programs**

A request for payment was presented from Neil Westmoreland for CPO 34-2022-004 in the amount of \$638. Mark Apple made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Jordan Jones and it was passed unanimously.

A request for payment was presented from Marvin Eaton for CPO 34-2022-002 in the amount of \$9,240. Neal Dagenhart made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Mark Apple and it was passed unanimously.

A request for payment was presented from Daniel Lasley for CPO 34-2022-005 in the amount of \$556. Neal Dagenhart made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Mark Apple and it was passed unanimously.

## **Old Business**

The quote for Beth Tuckers service award was presented. Neal Dagenhart made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Mark Apple and it was passed unanimously.

## **New Business**

The board discussed the option to make supervisors partisan through senate bill 27.

## Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

## The next meeting date:

June 20, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Forsyth County Agriculture Building

	Respectfully submitted,
	Recording Secretary
Chair, Forsyth SWCD	

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