

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
April 18, 2023

The Forsyth SWCD Board met on April 18, 2023 in Room 111 of the Forsyth County Agriculture Building.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair
Mark Apple, District Supervisor
Neal Dagenhart, District Supervisor
Wes Schollander, District Supervisor
Jordan Jones, District Supervisor
Kim Gressley, Extension Director
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Alex Kiser, Soil & Water Conservationist
Rick McSwain, Regional Coordinator
Jim Probst, NRCS

Call to Order

Toby Bost 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 March 13, 2023 were reviewed and approved by unanimous consent. The financial report of the SWCD was reviewed and approved by unanimous consent.

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Kim Gressley discussed the FY 2024 budget process. She informed the board the budget request is moving forward and will update the board as progress is made.

DSWC

Rick McSwain discussed the Senate Bill 27: General Assembly of NC Session 2023; Soil and Water/Partisan Election Option. He informed the board concerning the NC House and NC Senate proposed NSWCD Budget Increase for StRAP (\$20 million), AGCS (\$4 million), & CCAP (\$1 million). Rick also discussed possible training for Districts regarding Code of Conduct during board meetings. Likewise, he discussed Conservation Employment Training (CET) September 18-21 of 2023. Lastly, Rick spoke about supervisor W-9 forms that will need to be submitted to the Division after July 1st.

NRCS

Jim Probst discussed the Inflation Reduction Act; change in the funding process for Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) extending the time line. Jim stated that Climate Smart BMP and urban components have has been a successful cost share program thus far.

Cost Share Programs

An application was presented from John Murray 34-2023-004 for AGCS abandoned well closure

- \$2160.00. Mark Apple made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Jordan Jones and it was passed unanimously. The contract for John Murray in the amount of \$2160.00 for CPO 34-2023-004 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Mark Apple and seconded by Jordan Jones. The motion was passed unanimously.

Request for a 6-month extension for Nathan Peifer 34-2022-501 for CCAP cistern was presented. A motion for approval was made by Wes Schollander and seconded by Neal Dagenhart. The motion was passed unanimously.

Old Business

A donation request of \$208.00 was presented to the FSWCD board from the Atkins Envirothon Team. A motion for approval was made by Neal Dagenhart and seconded by Jordan Jones. The motion was passed unanimously.

New Business

A donation request of \$500.00 was presented to the FSWCD board from the NC Foundation of Soil & Water Conservation support. A motion for approval was made by Neal Dagenhart and seconded by Jordan Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Wes Schollander to edit the FSWCD Annual Strategic Plan to include a \$10,000.00 request for Education and include a \$25,000.00 request for Technical Assistance. Mark Apple seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Spot Checks were conducted at 5 different cost-share BMP locations with Mark Apple (District Supervisor), Neal Dagenhart (District Supervisor), Kim Gressley (Extension Director), Mike Bowman (FSWC), & Alex Kiser (FSWC) being present.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

The next meeting date:

May 16, 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