

Minutes

Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting January 18, 2007

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2007 in Room 39 of the Forsyth County Agriculture Building. The meeting was called to order by Grover McPherson, Chairman.

Present: Grover McPherson, Chairman
Wes Schollander, Vice Chairman
Ed Wall, Secretary/Treasurer
Toby Bost
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Gary Cox, NRCS District Conservationist
Ron Graham, Deputy County Manager
Lynn Sprague, Division of Soil & Water

1. Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD for December 14th were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented.

Financial Report for SWCD Board was reviewed. The financial report was approved as presented.

2. Natural Resources Conservation Service

3. Cost Share Program Report

A Request for Payment was presented by Dave Joslin (34-06-12-16) for livestock exclusion in the amount of \$1361.00. A motion was made by Wes Schollander for approval and was seconded by Toby Bost. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Farmland Preservation

Ron Graham suggested that Paul Norby, Director of City/County Planning, meet with the Board to discuss the possibility of starting a Voluntary Ag District Program.

The Board discussed the Beeson property and the various options available to the children of the original landowner in relation to the building of additional homes.

5. Old Business

6. **New Business**

Lynn Sprague spoke to the Board about possible options available to the District, including grant opportunities, educational efforts, and Community Conservation. He suggested starting by updating the long range plan. Lynn discussed the Urban Conservation efforts of the Mecklenburg and Durham SWCD's and Wes Schollander made a motion that the staff attempt to set up a meeting with someone from the Mecklenburg office and arrange for a power point presentation to be given at an upcoming Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and passed unanimously.

Ron Graham spoke to the Board about a potential need to reorganize the department and place the County employees currently in the Conservation of Natural Resources Department under the Cooperative Extension Department. The Board discussed the pros and cons of this move and decided to delay giving a response to the County Manager's office until later.

The Board discussed the Impaired and Impacted Streams Initiative and decided to participate in the program if candidates meeting the requirements can be identified.

Adjourn

The next meeting date:

February 5th, 2007 5:00 p.m.

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 39

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chairman, Forsyth SWCD

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