

## Minutes

### Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting November 5, 2007

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 5, 2007 in Room 12 of the Forsyth County Agriculture Building. The meeting was called to order by Grover McPherson, Chairman.

Present: Grover McPherson, Chairman  
Ed Wall, Secretary/Treasurer  
Toby Bost, Member  
Beth Tucker, Member  
Mark Tucker, Director Cooperative Extension  
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist  
Gary Cox, District Conservationist  
Michelle Lovejoy, Area Coordinator  
Wendi Hartup, Area Extension Agent-Natural Resources

#### 1. Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on October 1 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 informed the Board that Jacquie Simon is transferring to Illinois and will be leaving later this month. He also discussed the upcoming training relating to the Crop Advisor Program.

#### 3. Cost Share Program Report

An application was presented for Phil Fishel for Pasture Renovation. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Ed Wall and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for Phil Fishel in the amount of \$3825 for CPO 34-08-11-16 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker, and was seconded by Ed Wall. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented for Karen Bruce for Pasture Renovation. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for Karen Bruce in the amount of \$4500 for CPO 34-08-14-16 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker, and was seconded by Toby Bost. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented for Roland Turner for Pasture Renovation. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for Roland Turner in the amount of \$1080 for CPO 34-08-07-12 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Ed Wall, and was seconded by Beth Tucker. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented for Tony Church for Pasture Renovation. Toby Bost made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Beth Tucker and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for Tony Church in the amount of \$3375 for CPO 34-08-06-16 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Toby Bost, and was seconded by Beth Tucker. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented for Ed Wall for Pasture Renovation. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and it was passed unanimously, with Ed Wall abstaining. The Contract for Ed Wall in the amount of \$1620 for CPO 34-08-10-16 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker, and was seconded by Toby Bost. The motion was passed unanimously, with Ed Wall abstaining.

An application was presented for Beth Tucker for Pasture Renovation. Ed Wall made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and it was passed unanimously, with Beth Tucker abstaining. The Contract for Beth Tucker in the amount of \$810 for CPO 34-08-09-16 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Ed Wall, and was seconded by Toby Bost. The motion was passed unanimously, with Beth Tucker abstaining.

An application was presented for Tony Church for Long Term No Till. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and it was passed unanimously. The Contract for Tony Church in the amount of \$5000 for CPO 34-08-15-16 was presented and a motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker, and was seconded by Toby Bost. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented for Danny Byerly for Cover Crop. After a discussion, the Board postponed action on this application until the Conservation Plan can be reviewed.

An application was presented from Tanglewood Park for a Stream Protection System. The members decided to wait until the final design is available before taking action on this application.

#### **4. CCAP**

The Board discussed the BMP Priority List and the Ranking Form to be used for the CCAP. Wendi Hartup presented one version of a ranking form for the members to review and discuss.

An application was presented for Mark Davis for Rain Gardens. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Ed Wall and was passed unanimously. The Contract for Mark Davis will be completed when the designs are finished and then presented to the Board.

An application was presented for Tanglewood Park for Stormwater Retention Measures. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Toby Bost and was passed by a vote of 3-1, with Ed Wall voting no. The Contract for Tanglewood Park will be completed when the designs are finished and then presented to the Board.

#### **5. Voluntary Agricultural District**

Mark Tucker discussed the status of the Voluntary Agricultural District Program. A resolution was presented to the Board for consideration concerning the creation of a Use Classification for Agricultural Tourism. Beth Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution and the motion was seconded by Ed Wall. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **6. Old Business**

The Members discussed the memo from NRCS concerning Job Approval Authority. The Request for Assignment of Job Approval Authority form was discussed; this form will be filled out and reviewed at a later meeting. Michelle Lovejoy stated that the Job Approval Authority will gain importance as NRCS employees become more spread out due to budget constraints.

The CCPI Grant is coming to an end and there will be a final wrap up meeting in Davie County on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The Board members set the following 3 items as their top priority action items: 1. Conservation of soil and water resources on agricultural lands, 2. Conservation of soil and water resources on non-agricultural lands, and 3. Outreach and education.

Grover reminded the other members of Dr. Cooper's interest in a stream stabilization project on Salem Creek.

## **7. New Business**

A request for support came to the Board from the NCFLP. Beth Tucker made a motion to contribute \$100 to the Food, Land, and People program and the motion was seconded by Toby Bost. The motion was passed unanimously.

A request for support came to the Board from the Farm City Week Committee. Beth Tucker made a motion to contribute \$200 to the Farm City Week program and the motion was seconded by Ed Wall. The motion was passed unanimously.

Michelle Lovejoy reviewed the Area 2 Training Needs Survey with the Board members.

Grover McPherson has been selected by the DEA as the Supervisor of the Year for NC. His name was submitted to the Southeastern Regional competition. He was also named the Supervisor of the Year for the Region as well. Congratulations to a well deserving individual!

## **Adjourn**

### **The next meeting date:**

December 3, 2007 5:00 p.m.

The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 12

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary

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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