

Minutes
Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
February 18, 2025

The Forsyth SWCD Board met on February 18, 2025 in Auditorium A of the Forsyth County Agriculture Building.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair
Wes Schollander, Vice Chair
Mark Apple, District Supervisor
Jordan Jones, District Supervisor
Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Madeline Loman, Soil & Water Conservationist
Tyquan Davis, NRCS
Samuel Soots
Scott Sexton

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 January 21, 2025 were reviewed and approved by unanimous consent. The financial report of the SWCD was reviewed and approved by unanimous consent.

DSWC

Elise sent a report covering various topics including the Area 2 Spring Meeting, supplemental allocations, RCW, training opportunities, Association activities, and the Education Hub.

NRCS

Tyquan Davis reported that the EQIP and CSP application period has ended and the eligibility process has begun.

Cost Share Programs

A request for payment was presented from JH Murray Farms LLC for CPO 34-2025-008 in the amount of \$3,775. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Mark Apple and it was passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Samuel Soots spoke to the board members concerning his request to construct a home on property that is enrolled in the Forsyth County Farmland Preservation Program.

Farmland Preservation

The board discussed a request from Brian Murphy to construct a home on property enrolled in the Forsyth County Farmland Preservation Program. Wes Schollander made a motion to deny the request based on an opinion from the County Attorney. The motion was seconded by Jordan Jones and was passed unanimously.

The board discussed a request from Samuel Soots to construct a home on property enrolled in the Forsyth County Farmland Preservation Program. Jordan Jones made a motion to deny the request based on an opinion from the County Attorney. The motion was seconded by Mark Apple and was passed unanimously.

The board discussed a request from Michael Berry to construct a home on property enrolled in the Forsyth County Farmland Preservation Program. Mark Apple made a motion to deny the request based on an opinion from the County Attorney. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and was passed unanimously.

Old Business

The board reviewed proposed changes to the CCAP, AgWRAP, and NCACSP ranking forms. Wes Schollander made a motion to approve the changes to the forms beginning in fiscal year 2026. Mark Apple seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

New Business

The board reviewed an event support request from Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful in the amount of \$300 for the Community Roots Day. Mark Apple made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Wes Schollander and was passed unanimously.

Mark Apple made a motion to approve up to \$75 for snacks for the Northwest Envirothon. Jordan Jones seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Wes Schollander made a motion to approve \$600 to cover registration costs for the State Envirothon on behalf of the Atkins Envirothon Teams if they compete. Mark Apple seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting date:

March 18, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.
Forsyth County Agriculture Building

Chair, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDA&CS: Division of Soil and Water
Elise McLaughlin, Regional Coordinator