Minutes Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting September 14, 2015

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 5:00 p.m. on September 14, 2015 in the Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 11.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair

Wes Schollander, Vice Chair Beth Tucker, Member James Knox, Member

Mark Tucker, Director Cooperative Extension Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist Jerry Dorsett, Soil & Water Conservationist

Rob Baldwin, Regional Coordinator

Alan Walker, Assistant State Conservationist Dede DeBruhl, District Conservationist

Call to Order

Toby Bost called the meeting to order at 5:00.

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on August 6, 2015 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented.

The financial report of the SWCD was reviewed. The item was approved as presented.

Forsyth County

Mark Tucker updated the board on the upcoming activities including Farm City and Heritage Days, and discussed the Farmland Protection Plan progress. He introduced Jerry Dorsett to the Board and briefly discussed the duties and priorities of the position.

National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

Dede reported on upcoming deadlines, the Farmland Preservation Program site visits and reports, and the completion of Compliance Status Reviews. She stated that she is making every effort to complete the Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) for the watershed dams by the end of the calendar year. She said that the NRCS state office is working on 2016 EQIP guidelines and training will be provided in November. She reminded everyone that the Local Work Group will be held following the board meeting.

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP)

An application was presented from Debbie Hauser for Cropland Conversion to Grass. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by James Knox and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Debbie Hauser in the amount of \$1,521 for CPO 34-2016-002 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker and seconded by James Knox. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Tim Disher for Cropland Conversion to Grass. Beth Tucker made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by James Knox and it was passed

unanimously. The contract for Tim Disher in the amount of \$506 for CPO 34-2016-003 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Beth Tucker and seconded by James Knox. The motion was passed unanimously.

New Business

The Board discussed the upcoming Area 2 Fall meeting and the opportunity to nominate a representative to a standing committee.

James Knox made a motion to contribute \$1,000 to the Farm City program. Wes Schollander seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

After discussion, Wes Schollander made a motion to approve the BMP Fund Certification form. James Knox seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

The next meeting date:

October 12, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 11

	Respectfully submitted,	
	Secretary	Recording
Chair, Forsyth SWCD		

cc: NCDA&CS: Division of Soil and Water Rob Baldwin, Regional Coordinator Rhonda Ferguson, NRCS Administrative Assistant Damon Sanders-Pratt, Deputy County Manager