Minutes Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting May 9, 2013

The Forsyth SWCD Board met at 9:00 a.m. on May 9, 2013 in the Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 11. The meeting was called to order by Toby Bost, Chairman.

Present: Toby Bost, Chairman

Kevin Briggs, Member James Knox, Member

Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist

Linda Birdsong, Community Conservation Coordinator

Robert Baldwin, Area 2 Coordinator Dede DeBruhl, District Conservationist

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on April 11, 2013 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented.

The Financial Report of the SWCD Board was reviewed. The item was approved as presented.

Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

Dede discussed the EQIP program and the application process. She will be conducting quality reviews on audit contracts in other counties and will be serving on the compliance review team this summer. She stated that there is no news on the DC vacancy in Davie/Davidson counties.

Division of Soil and Water Conservation

Rob Baldwin updated the board on Division activities. Rob reported that a farm from the Allegheny SWCD won the Area 2 Outstanding Conservation Farm Family Contest and they also won the Mountain Regional Contest.

Farmland Preservation Program

James Knox discussed some possible revisions to the Farmland Preservation Program guidelines.

New Business

The board discussed the 2014 Strategy Plan and Cost Share Ranking Forms. Kevin Briggs made a motion to approve the documents as presented. James Knox seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The board discussed liability insurance coverage for the Board. James Knox made a motion to no longer purchase liability insurance. Kevin Briggs seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

James Knox made a motion to purchase one hundred fifty promotional pens for district use. Kevin Briggs seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

2013 ACSP and CCAP spot checks were completed by the Board and staff.

The Board members discussed the depletion of travel funds for PY 2013. James Knox made a motion to cover the shortfall with District funds. The motion was seconded by Kevin Briggs and was passed unanimously.

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The meeting was	adjourned	at 1:15	p.m.

The next meeting date:

June 13, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. The Forsyth County Agriculture Building, Room 11

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Chairman, Forsyth SWCD

cc: NCDA&CS: Division of Soil and Water Robert Baldwin, Area 2 Coordinator Rhonda Ferguson, NRCS Administrative Assistant Damon Sanders-Pratt, Deputy County Manager