#### Minutes

# Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting September 16, 2025

The Forsyth SWCD Board met on September 16, 2025 in Auditorium A of the Forsyth County Agriculture Building.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair

Wes Schollander, Vice Chair Mark Apple, District Supervisor

Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist Madeline Loman, Soil & Water Conservationist

Tyquan Davis, NRCS Lance Parker, NRCS

Elise McLaughlin, Regional Coordinator

Leslie Rose, Extension Director

#### 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.

### Approval of Agenda

Wes Schollander made a motion to approve the agenda. Mark Apple seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

### **Minutes/Financial Report**

Mark Apple made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on August 19, 2025. Wes Schollander seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

### **Forsyth County**

Leslie Rose discussed the StRAP grant with the board members. She mentioned that the Farm City Banquet will be held on November 13 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

### **DSWC**

Elise discussed the details concerning the Area 2 Fall meeting on October 9 in Granite Falls. She informed the board that a USDA Block Grant in the amount of 221 million dollars has been approved for Helene impacted counties. Elise also discussed upcoming training opportunities and discussed Area 2 leadership vacancies.

#### **NRCS**

Lance Parker reported that 4 EQIP contracts were approved in Forsyth County. He discussed the process for the upcoming program year. Lance performed the Annual Civil Rights Review with the board.

### **Cost Share Programs**

A request for payment was presented from Charles Taft for CPO 34-2025-007 in the amount of \$2,205. Wes Schollander made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Mark Apple and it was passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

After review, Mark Apple made a motion to approve the Secondary Employment Certification forms for Mike Bowman and Madeline Loman. Wes Schollander seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mark Apple made a motion to donate \$200 to the Area 2 NW Envirothon Event. Wes Schollander seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

## Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

# The next meeting date:

October 21, 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