



GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FY 2019 - 2020 Meeting Number 7; March 4, 2020 Minutes

Supervisors Present:

George Teague, Chairmen
Harold Alexander, Vice Chairman
Ray Briggs, Secretary/Treasurer
Anna Amoriello, Member
Josh Myers, Member

Others Present:

Millie Langley- Soil Conservationist
Jamey Walker – S & W Technician
Sean Trollinger- Education Coordinator
Leslie Bell – Director, Planning & Dev.
Harrison Wilkes- NRCS
Brandon King- NRCS

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:05 a.m. He read the Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any conflicts of interest; none were stated.

Agenda

Harold Alexander moved to approve the agenda. Josh Myers seconded. The motion carried.

Minutes

Anna Amoriello moved to approve the December 5th, 2019 minutes Harold Alexander seconded. The motion carried.

Comments from the County

Leslie mentioned that the budget is going to be submitted soon as long as it is passed by the board today during the meeting. Leslie also mentioned that Millie will be recognized tomorrow, March 5th, at the Guilford County Commissioners meeting for being inducted into the Envirothon Hall of Fame.

NRCS:

Harrison Wilkes represented NRCS and mentioned that the new EQIP program application deadline is coming up. The new Team 7 Leader, Brandon King attended the meeting. He introduced himself and ensured that he will be working to better the relationship between NRCS and SWCD to help promote conservation.

District Conservation Programs

Jamey Walker presented the Cost Share Programs Update. There are currently two NC-AgWRAP Regional Application submitted for Conservation Irrigation Conversions; one Micro-Irrigation and one Center Pivot for \$25,000 each. There are two NC-ACSP request for payments that need board approval and one NC-AgWRAP request for information only. Jamey also updated the board on the current allocation totals. Millie discussed the TA matching funds.

NC-ACSP Request for Payments for approval:

41-2020-005	Matthew Bowman	\$1,080 (CS) Cover Crop
41-2020-009	Floyd Strader	\$4,000 (CS) Cover Crop

NC-AgWRAP Request for Payments for (Information only):
41-2019-802 Gregg Ward \$5,272 (Ag) Water Supply Well, Pump

Josh motioned to approve the ACSP request for payments, and Anna seconded. The request for payments were approved.

Jamey told the group the updated VAD numbers. He also told the group about the Cost Share workshop he and Sean attended. There is a possibility that the cover cropping will no longer be an incentive payment but converted to an average cost payment. This could provide a higher funding for farmers with a \$80.00 per acre maximum payment. Caps for incentives will be removed as well.

Millie will be meeting with PCC and CWMTF, potential funders for the Stoney Creek project this afternoon with Josh and Jamey

County Budget:

Millie discussed the budget. There were no changes requested, so *George asked for a motion to approve the budget, Josh moved to approve as presented, and Anna seconded. The budget for the next fiscal year was approved.*

District Operations

- Millie updated us on the monthly expenditures and let us know that we received a \$164.00 reimbursement for Dogwood and Crape Myrtles that we did not receive.
- Sean told the group about the New Supervisors Training he attended. Leslie followed Sean by discussing the legalities concerning our board meetings and work place.
- Sean told the group about the outcome of the poster competition. We received roughly 50 posters and selected winners for the county. The top poster for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade moved forward to the Area 3 completion. Our 5th grade poster received 2nd place and our 6th grade poster received 3rd place at the Area 3 competition.
- Millie brought up the banquet and the group agreed to not host one this year.
- Sean updated the group on RCW applications and we currently have two applicant and funding for two scholarships. Board will wait to vote on applications in May.
- Millie brought up the 2021 tree sale, and the group decided it would be best to order and pick up trees as early as possible. George offered his refrigeration space to house the trees until the sale. We are looking at January 10th through 15th for the 2021 tree sale. The group also discussed other fundraising ideas, and Jamey talked about the sale of Geotextile material, further research will be done before a decision is made. Other fund raising ideas mentioned were a possible raffle or barn dance.

New Business:

No new business

Adjournment:

With no other business to discuss, Josh moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:20am. Anna seconded and the motion was approved.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 1st, 2020, 9:00AM at the Guilford County Agriculture Building

Conference Room. Sean Trollinger will be providing the snack for this meeting



Secretary/Treasurer