



GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FY 2019 - 2020 Meeting Number 8; May 6, 2020 Minutes

Supervisors Present:

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

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:00 a.m. via GoToMeeting. 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

Harold Alexander moved to approve the May 6th, 2020 minutes Anna Amoriello seconded. The motion carried.

Comments from the County

Leslie Bell told the board that the current COVI-19 situation has affected the budget and we could see some alterations to the first quarter. He also informed us that the Guilford County employees will be making incentives to ensure that spread of the virus doesn't continue once returning back to work.

NRCS:

Harrison Wilkes represented NRCS and mentioned that the ranking process has begun on applications, but eligibility review is still open for producers.

District Conservation Programs

Jamey Walker presented the Cost Share Programs Update. There are currently two NC-AgWRAP requests for payment for (Information Only), and there have been no new VAD or EVAD applications submitted. Jamey also informed the board that annual spot checks have been postponed due to the virus.

NC-AgWRAP Request for Payments for (Information only):

41-2020-007	R&R Farms	\$4,000 Cover Crops
41-2020-008	Alton Baker	\$1,920 LT No-Till

Millie presented the updated 2021 strategic plan for programs.

George asked for a motion to approve the plans, Harold moved to approve as presented, and Anna seconded. The Strategic Plan for 2021 year was approved.

Millie informed the board on updates for technical assistance and matching funds.

Jamey presented the idea of charging a cleaning fee for the No-Till Drill if returned muddy or with seeds in hoppers. The board discussed various options and decided to table the decision till next meeting when Jamey can present an updated rental contract.

BMP Funds Audit:

Millie presented the audit reports to show what amount of money was allocated for the year 2019, and how much of that money was used.

George asked for a motion to approve the audit, Josh moved to approve as presented, and Anna seconded. The 2019 audit was approved.

District Operations

- Millie updated us on the monthly expenditures and let us know that we received a \$500.00 donation from Farm Bureau and \$362.00 from equipment rental. The Farm Bureau donation was intended to cover the cost of the educational banquet, but the board voted to not host one this year. The money has now been used for poster competition awards.
- Sean told the group about the recent social media postings, and discussed future plans for our social media platforms.
- Millie told the board about her new roll on the board of trustees for NCF.
- Mille informed the board that all up coming scheduled events have been cancelled.

New Business:

Ralston James updated the board on extension for cost share programs, and the extended spot check due dates. There are new meeting rules being put in place to combat the virus, and all upcoming events have been cancelled for the division.

Adjournment:

With no other business to discuss, Harold moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:35 am. Josh seconded and the motion was approved.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 3rd, 2020, 9:00AM at the Guilford County Agriculture Building, Auditorium.

