



GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FY 2019 - 2020 Meeting Number 9; June 3, 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
Ariane Webb – County Clerk’s Office

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:00 a.m. at the Guilford Agriculture Center Auditorium with additional public access via GoToMeeting. Social distancing policies were met. He read the Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any conflicts of interest; none were stated.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Ray informed the board that the secretary and treasurer is now Josh Myers, so his title needs to be changed.

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

Comments from the County

Leslie Bell brought up the public budget hearing, which will be held tomorrow (June 7th). He also discussed the possibility of building modifications to combat COVID-19.

NRCS:

Harrison Wilkes represented NRCS and discussed the 2020 MOU. The board agreed, by consensus, to keep the 2018 MOU, since it has already been prepared and there are no major changes. He also discussed that Equip & CSP application deadline is approaching.

District Conservation Programs

Jamey Walker presented the Cost Share Programs Update. There have been no new VAD or EVAD applications submitted. Jamey also informed the board that annual spot checks have been postponed till September 30th due to the virus. He informed the board that there is \$7,491 remaining from impaired/impacted streams Earmark (II).

Jamey presented the updated drill rental agreement & checkout forms. The board reviewed the forms and George proceeded with a vote to approve the updated rental agreements. *Anna Amoriello*

motioned to approve the updated forms, and Harold Alexander seconded. The updated drill rental forms were approved.

Millie discussed the funding situation for the Stoney Creek stream restoration project and discussed with the board the functionality of the project. In the event that a Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF) Grant is awarded, an easement on both sides of the creek along the project area will be required. The question is will Guilford SWCD be willing to hold the easement? *Josh Myers moved to approve the holding of the easement, and Ray Briggs seconded. The district board has approved to being responsible for holding the easement for the Stoney Creek project.*

Millie informed the board that the Piedmont Conservation Council RC&D has received a \$400,000 grant from CWMTF to do restoration of Buffalo Creek at Revolution Mills site.

District Operations

- Millie updated us on the monthly expenditures and let us know that we have spent nearly all of our allotted 2020 funds, and the remaining budgeted fund were not spent do to causes we had no control of.
- Sean updated the board on how Farmer Highlight interviews were going and informed the board of the different virtual activities he has been part of to continue education.
- Sean told the board about the potential OELC funding for a school garden from the division.
- 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:

Millie informed the board that the district supervisor elections filing period starts Monday (June 8th) at noon. One seat will be up for election/re-election; that is Ray Briggs seat. She also mentioned that the NC Envirothon School for Advisors would be held this summer, although it will be online of 'virtual'. It will be the week of July 20 – 23.

Adjournment:

With no other business to discuss, Josh Myers moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:00 am. Anna Amoriello seconded and the motion was approved.

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



Secretary/Treasurer