



*GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT*

FY 2020 - 2021 Meeting Number 8 April 7, 2021 Minutes

**Supervisors Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

Jamey Walker – Soil & Water Conservation Manager  
Leslie Bell – Director, Guilford Co. Planning & Dev.  
Millie Langley,  
Brandon King- NRCS  
Ray Briggs- Associate Supervisor

*The board meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:05 AM at the Guilford Agriculture Center Auditorium. Social distancing policies were met. George Teague read the Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any conflicts of interest; none were stated.*

George welcomed Millie back from retirement to work part-time to assist with office transition.

Agenda

Millie asked to add the Envirothon Update to the District Conservation Programs item. *Harold Alexander moved to approve the agenda with the requested addition, Josh Myers seconded and the motion was approved.*

Minutes

*Josh moved to approve the March minutes. Anna Amoriello seconded. The motion was approved.*

Comments From The County

Leslie mentioned that the Soil & Water budget was accepted so far. There will be budget meetings beginning April 19<sup>th</sup> for the county. The Soil Technician vacancy was advertised, and interviews were completed yesterday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. The board will meet in closed session to discuss the candidates.

NRCS:

Brandon King represented NRCS. He also let the board know that sign-ups for the 2021 CSP ended March 25<sup>th</sup>. He has 6 active EQIP contracts on file and new EQIP and CSP contracts will soon be approved. On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, NRCS will also be bringing on a new Soil Conservationist for the NRCS in the Guilford Office. He also informed the board that the 2018 MOU was lost and would need a new copy to be signed by the division of Soil & Water and NRCS.

District Conservation Programs

Jamey Walker presented the Cost Share Programs Update and informed the board that we had received \$13,822 in additional funds from the March Re-allocation and that two of our three AgWRAP regional applications had been approved for Craven Smith (Micro-Irrigation) and Mike Herbin (Irrigation Conversion – Center Pivot). In addition:

**NC-AgWRAP Contracts to be Approved:**

41-2021-803	Craven Smith	\$25,000 (AG) Irrigation Conversion – Micro-Irrigation
41-2021-804	Michael Herbin	\$25,000 (AG) Irrigation Conversion – Center Pivot

*Josh Myers moved to approve the AgWRAP contracts; Anna seconded. The motion carried.*  
**NC-ACSP Applications to be Approved and Ranked:**

Colton Perdue	Tier 1	110 Points, Qualified	Stream Protection System
Michael Herbin	Tier 1	100 Points, Qualified	Critical Area Seeding/FB
Richard Rumley	Tier 1	95 Points, Qualified	Cropland Conversion
Cobb & Black	Tier 1	90 Points, Qualified	Cover Crop
O' Red Farm	Tier 1	85 Points, Qualified	Cover Crop

*Anna moved to approve the NC-ACSP applications as ranked; Harold seconded. The motion carried.*

**NC-ACSP Contracts to be Approved:**

41-2021-010	Colton Perdue	\$6,456	Stream Protection System
41-2021-011	Michael Herbin	\$6,016	Critical Area Seeding/FB
41-2021-012	Richard Rumley	\$1,350	Cropland Conversion
41-2021-013	Cobb & Black	\$5,200	Cover Crop
41-2021-014	O' Red Farm	\$4,080	Cover Crop

*Anna moved to approve the NC-ACSP contracts; Josh seconded. The motion carried.*

Jamey noted that four new VAD applications had been approved: One parcel of 15.12 acres for Jerry Ring of Colfax, one parcel of 16.81 acres for Peter Clark of Climax, two parcels; one of 119.87 acres and one of 155.75 acres for Daniel Mosca of Brown Summit and two parcels; one of 73.16 acres and one of 32.53 acres for John Clapp & Michael Clapp; bringing total enrollment to:

- Totals (VAD and EVAD): 419 parcels for 18,451.40 acres
- Total VAD: 377 parcels 16,714.16 acres; Total EVAD: 42 parcels 1,737.24 acres

Jamey and Molly Alexi will be going out to Andy Clapp's farm to meet with a News and Observer reporter to do a story on the Voluntary Agriculture District Program on the 14<sup>th</sup> of this month. Jamey reminded the board that Ag Cost Share Program spot checks must be completed by June 1, so he would contact each one very soon to schedule their day to spot check in mid-April thru mid-May.

Millie updated the board on recent PCC activities. They have a new Executive Director Ginelle Rogers and several Guilford projects are in planning stages; Rock Creek (Stoney Creek HOA) Streambank Stabilization, Revolution Mill Stream Restoration and College Branch Stream Enhancement. One of Millie's tasks is to assist with the Stoney Creek Project.

District Operations

Jamey updated the board on the Munis financial report and that the Regular and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter T.A. Matching funds from the Division should be showing up soon. Millie will help complete those requests for the rest of the year, ASAP. No change this month in Foundation Account.

Jamey reviewed the remaining work to be done to complete the OELC project with Southeast Middle School. Jamey will contact Allison Brown, the teacher that is heading up the project at the school and possible volunteers to help, such as boy scouts, etc.

Jamey also announced that the Conservation Employee Training is planned for Wilmington August 22 – 26, 2021. It will be in-person unless Covid-19 situation deteriorates.

New Business:

Ralston asked if the staff and board was aware of the Division's offer to purchase Conferencing Equipment, such as cameras, conferencing microphones, etc. Josh moved that staff should check on needed items and request them by 5:00 PM today; Harold seconded, and the motion was approved.

Josh moved for the board to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Harold seconded and the motion was approved.

Josh moved to come out of Executive Session; Anna seconded. Motion was approved.

Josh moved to take funds from operational budget for Millie's retirement party; Anna Seconded and the motion was approved.

Adjournment:

*With no other business to discuss, Harold Alexander moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:45 am. Josh Myers seconded, and the motion was approved.*

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00am in the Guilford County Agriculture Building Auditorium.**



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Secretary/Treasurer