

#### GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FY 2021 – 2022 Meeting Number 4; November 3, 2021 Minutes

### **Supervisors Present:**

George Teague, Chair Josh Myers, Secretary/Treasurer Anna Amoriello, Member Ray Briggs, Member

#### Others Present:

Jamey Walker, S&W Conservation Manager Gary Cox, S&W Conservation Technician Millie Langley, Soil Conservationist Leslie Bell, Director Guilford Co. Planning & Dev. Jimmy Holt, NC Forest Service Ralston James, DSWC Reg. Coordinator

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:06 AM at the Guilford Agriculture Center Auditorium. Social distancing policies were met. Harold 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 as presented; Ray Briggs seconded and the motion was approved.

### Minutes

George asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Ray moved to approve the October minutes. Anna Amoriello seconded. The motion was approved.

# NRCS:

There was no NRCS report.

### District Conservation Programs

Gary Cox presented the Cost Share Programs Update for November. All ACSP funds have been obligated, so there were no applications, contracts or RFPs to approve or new VAD applications to report. Gary did report that he has checked into grants to help the district purchase a new no-till drill and will apply for them in early January. Our no-till drill needs to be replaced due to its age as well as its small size. Possibly usage will increase if it's wider, yet still easy to move from Ag Center to farm.

# Comments From The County

Leslie mentioned that the county plans to award every full-time county employee with a 5% raise instead of the usual merit raise that is tied to the Employee Evaluation. This raise will be effective November 26 this year. He also mentioned that we haven't heard from HR on the possible new hire for the S&W Education Coordinator.

# **District Operations**

Jamey reviewed the budget reports with the board. Millie reported that it was time to send funds to support the FLP program. The \$100 is in the dues and memberships line item.

Millie reported that the Stoney Creek project is kind of on hold until the PCC/Guilford County contract is

approved. Leslie reported that that contract should be approved at the county commissioners meeting tomorrow (Thursday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>).

Gary reported the OELC for Southeast Middle School was close to being completed. Alan Branson donated 4 tons of clean gravel for the project. In addition to the \$500 approved last month, additional funding to complete these last few things may be needed in the amount of \$250. Josh moved to use up to \$250 for completing this project from the Foundation Account. Anna seconded and the motion was approved.

Millie discussed that our usual Christmas luncheon may need to be changed due to the lack of meeting space in the building. She suggested that we have a breakfast or brunch instead of lunch. This was approved by consensus to have breakfast.

The tree sale dates also needed to be approved. Since the annual meeting is later this year and the King Holiday is January 17, it looks like the week of January 24 – 28, would be best. This date was approved by consensus.

# New Business:

Ralston reported that the Annual meeting is to be in person at the newly renovated Sheraton Imperial RTP, Jan. 9-11, 2022. He also mentioned that there is a possibility he could get a small rotary composter donated to the school for the OELC project. He will let us know.

George also welcomed Jimmy Holt from the NC Forest Service.

Josh moved to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel matters. Anna seconded and the motion was approved.

Josh moved to go back into regular session. Anna seconded and the motion was approved.

Millie mentioned to the board that she and Jamey needed a few hours for their Technical Specialist Certification, so they signed up for the NC Irrigation Society training for 4.5 credit hours each and the cost was \$75 each.

### Adjournment:

With no other business to discuss, Anna moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:30 am. Josh seconded, and the motion was approved.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 9:00am in the Guilford County Agriculture Building Auditorium. We will have a pot luck breakfast!

Secretary/Treasurer