



*GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT*

FY 2021 – 2022 Meeting Number 7; February 2, 2022 Minutes

**Supervisors Present:**

George Teague, Chair  
Josh Myers, Vice Chair  
Anna Amoriello, Secretary/Treasurer  
Ray Briggs, Member  
Harold Alexander, 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.  
Nicole Carolan, S&W Coordinator  
Brandon King, NRCS Sup. Soil Conservationist  
Jordyn Rosichan, NRCS Soil Conservationist

*The board meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:10 AM at the Guilford Agriculture Center Auditorium. Social distancing policies were met. George 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; Anna Amoriello seconded, and the motion was approved.*

Minutes

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

Comments from the County

Leslie provided an update from the county. He mentioned they are starting on the budget process for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year. George asked if the future budget will also include the No-Till Drill and Leslie said it would be discussed. The 2022-2023 Fiscal Year budget will be due on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Leslie also mentioned that the Rock Creek Stream Restoration project has been progressing with the inclusion of a signed contract with PCC as well as an approved text amendment to the floodplain ordinance allowing minor fill in the floodplain.

NRCS:

Brandon King gave the NRCS update and said that all projects are moving along well. Brandon announced that the EQUIP CIC application period ends on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

District Conservation Programs

Gary Cox presented the Cost Share Program, AgWRAP and CCAP update and reported no change to their current status. Gary reported that one CCAP project seeks application and contract approval. This project is:

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*Harold moved to approve the request for application and Anna seconded. The motion was approved. Josh moved to approve the request for contract approval and Anna seconded. The motion was approved.*

The VAD and EVAD totals are reported to have no change in status. Gary noted that the "No Till Drill" grant had been successfully submitted. We should hear back on this grant in the Fall. Gary also gave a report on the StRAP program and how its' funds may be used within Guilford county. At this time, we do not have active projects for this program, but the department will stay vigilant. Ralston stepped in to provide some additional background and details on the StRAP program. Ralston stated that the program funds could be used for administrative, engineering, and project costs. The funds must be encumbered in projects by June 2023.

#### District Operations/Education

Jamey reviewed both budget reports with the board. Jamey asked the board for questions regarding the reports. None were reported. Millie asked for the possibility of a monthly report from Jessie Baptist on the districts deposits to streamline the budget review process. Leslie mentioned the possible implementation of a new cashiering system to allow the district to accept credit/debit card purchases. The cashiering system would help the district to take pre-orders and in person sales and help diversify incoming funds.

Millie reported that the Stony Creek project met with PCC and the project engineer to finish up the contract. The engineering design is currently being worked on and should be finished in late March. Leslie asked for written requests to be sent to him for approval.

The Area 3 SWCD Meeting is coming up on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and everyone is signed up to attend. Nicole reported that the annual tree sale is wrapping up with the last few orders being picked up. Millie reported that the Area 3 Envirothon will be held in person at Elon University. Millie also reported that she is assisting the State Envirothon in recruiting not only the Oral Presentation Judges, but also the test writers and presenters, as Sandra Weitzel is retiring.

Jamey requested for the Board to send Nicole to the Supervisor Basic Training in Chatham County in February at a cost of \$150. *Josh moved for the board to approve this request and Harold seconded. the motion was approved.* There was no update on the OELC Project due to the school being shut down to visitors because of Covid case numbers. Work needs to be completed on the project by August so hopefully we can get back out there soon.

#### New Business:

Ralston reported on the Regional Coordinator's Newsletter and provided some clarification and details on the area highlights and updates.

#### Adjournment:

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

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022 at 9:00am in the Guilford County Agriculture Building Auditorium.**



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Secretary/Treasurer