



GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FY 2021 – 2022 Meeting Number 5; December 1, 2021 Minutes

Supervisors Present:

George Teague, Chair
Harold Alexander, Vice-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.
Brandon King, NRCS Sup. Soil Conservationist
Jordyn Rosichan, NRCS, Soil Conservationist

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:45 AM at the Guilford Agriculture Center Auditorium after partaking in a fabulous breakfast. 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

George Teague asked if any items needed to be added to the agenda. He asked if the officer elections should be added. Harold Alexander moved to approve the agenda adding Officer Elections under New Business. 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 November minutes. Anna Amoriello seconded. The motion was approved.

Comments From The County

Leslie mentioned that the county manager now has the Assistant County Managers in place. Erris Dunston will be the one dealing with his/our area. He plans to invite her to attend a board meeting in the near future. He also has been discussing our limited office space with Rick Moser with County Facilities. With two NRCS staff, (soon to be) three full time and one part-time staff, it is quite crowded in our small office. He plans to schedule a tour of the office and possible other locations with Mr. Moser soon with he and Jamey.

NRCS:

Brandon King gave the NRCS Update. He said that he would like to encourage more producers in Guilford county to apply for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). We received one application for CSP in FY2021, and currently have zero active CSP contracts. The Conservation Stewardship Program allows producers to expand their level of conservation by implementing additional enhancements. We feel that Guilford county producers can better benefit from applying to the program. We are currently working on completing EQIP applicant field visits. Guilford county has 17 applications on file.

District Conservation Programs

Gary Cox presented the Cost Share Programs Update for December. All ACSP funds have been obligated. He reported that there were two new VAD applications to report. One VAD Application

#2021-07, Robert & Allie Roth of Climax for 32.94 acres; one VAD Application #2021-08, for Lawrence Ross of Pleasant Garden for 188.28 acres. These applications bring the total participation to:

- Totals (VAD and EVAD): 423 parcels for 18,768.66 acres
- Total VAD: 380 parcels 17,002.98 acres; Total EVAD: 43 parcels 1,765.68.24 acres

Gary also reminded the board that he would be applying for grants to purchase a new No-till Drill for the district. These grant application periods open January 1, 2022.

District Operations

Jamey reviewed the budget reports with the board. Millie reviewed the Foundation Budget going back several years to make sure all was accounted for properly.

Jamey also reported that the New Soil & Water Coordinator, Nicole Carolan would be starting on Monday, December the 6th.

Jamey also reported that he and Gary had gotten volunteer badges for Southeast Middle School and were planning to work on the OELC for Southeast Middle School a few days this week and next and would hopefully get it completed by the end of the year.

Jamey mentioned that Gary and Millie had received their Re-Certification hours (6 hours each) and he would soon have his final 1.5 hours to complete his requirement.

Jamey asked Millie to update on the Stoney Creek Stream Restoration Project. She reported that the contract is progressing through the channels with the county and should be approved soon.

New Business:

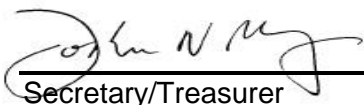
George Teague called for nominations for officers. *Harold nominated George Teague to continue as Chairman. Josh seconded. Anna moved that the nominations be closed. Ray seconded and the motion was approved. Harold nominated Josh Myers for Vice-Chair and Ray seconded. Anna moved that the nominations be closed and the motion was approved. Ray nominated Anna Amoriello for Secretary Treasurer and Josh seconded. Harold moved that the nominations be closed. Josh seconded and the motion was approved.*

The new officers for 2022 will be George Teague, Chairman; Josh Myers, Vice Chair and Anna Amoriello, Secretary/Treasurer.

Adjournment:

With no other business to discuss, Anna moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:15 am. Josh seconded, and the motion was approved.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 5th, 2022 at 9:00am in the Guilford County Agriculture Building Auditorium. Happy New Year!



Secretary/Treasurer