



GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FY 2021 – 2022 Meeting Number 9; April 6, 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
Jordyn Rosichan, NRCS Soil Conservationist
Ralston James, DSWC Reg. Coordinator

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 read the Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any conflicts of interest; none were stated.

Agenda

George asked everyone to review the agenda as presented. Ray Briggs moved to approve the agenda as presented and Josh Myers seconded, the motion was approved.

Minutes

George asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Josh Myers moved to approve the March minutes as presented. Harold Alexander seconded, and the motion was approved.

Comments from the County

Leslie provided an update from the county. He informed us that the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year budget was accepted, and no changes were requested.

NRCS

Jordyn Rosichan gave the NRCS update and let us know that they were starting the pre-approval process for EQUIP projects. Guilford county does not have any new EQIP projects to be reviewed at this time. Jordyn also said that they were working on (2) eligible CSP applications which have a deadline of April 15th.

District Conservation Programs

Gary Cox presented the Cost Share Program, AgWRAP and CCAP update and reported no change to their current status. Gary also reported no change to the VAD or StRAP programs status other than them being active and in progress.

Millie gave us an update on the Stoney Creek project and reported that the engineer has completed about 60-70% of the design. Millie did note that the estimates for supplies and materials will need to be updated since prices have changed since the project was first developed.

Gary was happy to say that the final report was submitted for the OELC project and that work has been completed at South East Middle middle school.

District Operations/Education

Jamey reviewed both budget reports with the board. Jamey requested from the board approval to purchase additional hats and signage for the office for educational purposes. Jamey asked the board to approve the purchase of (36) hats at an estimate of \$16/each. He stated that the hats will be used by staff members and farmers for advertisement and education while out in the public. Josh moved to approve this request and Anna seconded, the motion was approved.

Jamey next mentioned the need for new signage for the office and events. The office would like to update signs with current logos and information. These signs will be used for future board meetings, tree sales, and wildflower seed advertisement. Older signs appear faded and worn and have inaccurate information on them. Jamey estimated that the office would need to replace three to four signs at an estimate of \$20/each. Josh moved to amend the previous motion to include the additional costs of purchasing three to four new signs and the (36) hats at appropriate costs, Anna seconded, and the motion was approved as amended.

Next Jamey reported that on Monday, April 11th George Teague will meet with Julie Henshaw at the Guilford Agriculture Center for a Commission Orientation.

Millie reported that the State Envirothon at Cedarock Park is all set to go, and she has recruited 42 judges so far with some volunteers on stand-by should the need arise. Millie mentioned that she is the new State Representative and Ralston is the new State Coordinator for the Envirothon. The State Envirothon is set to run at the end of the month April 29th and 30th.

Nicole reported that she has attended (2) in person work shops and (2) virtual workshops in the pursuit of her Environmental Education Certification. By attending these workshops, she has been gaining knowledge and experience. One new educational tool she would like to implement would be a worm composter also known as a vermicomposter. This tool can be used to show students the importance of recycling and reducing waste.

Gary mentioned the upcoming Conservation Easement Training set to occur May 11th-12th at the Guilford County Agriculture Center. It was noted that Gary and Nicole would be attending this training.

Finally, Jamey asked the board for approval for costs associated with repairing the No-Till Drill. Josh motioned to approve costs up to \$400 for parts and repairs on the No-Till Drill, Anna seconded, and the motion was approved.

New Business

No new business to report.

Adjournment

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

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 4th, 2022 at 9:00am in the Guilford County Agriculture Building Auditorium.



Secretary/Treasurer