

GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FY 2021 – 2022 Meeting Number 10 May 4, 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. Jordyn Rosichan, NRCS Soil Conservationist Ralston James, DSWC Reg. Coordinator

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:07 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. Josh Myers moved to approve the agenda as presented and Anna Amoriello seconded, the motion was approved.

Minutes

George asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Anna moved to approve the March minutes as presented. Josh 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 moving along and no changes were requested. This was all from the county.

NRCS

Brandon King gave the NRCS update. He has 2 pre-approvals in progress for EQUIP projects for R&R Farms and Keith Peeples. Jordyn also said that they were working on eligible CSP applications as well. Brandon also asked the district to schedule the Local Workgroup Meeting. the board decided that they would hold the workgroup meeting following the next board meeting on June 1st. We will invite FSA, NC Forest Service and possibly other agency representatives to attend.

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 that the VAD program had added two new parcels (total 96.75 acres) for Philip and Mary Wray. Jamey and Gary visited two sites for potential StRAP projects. One site did qualify and was submitted for a total request of \$150,600.

Millie gave us an update on the Stoney Creek project and reported that the engineer has completed about 60-70% of the design.

District Operations/Education

Jamey reviewed both budget reports with the board. Jamey reported that the hats had come, and the shirts for the board and staff had been ordered. seconded, the motion was approved. Jamey asked Gary to review the District's 2023 Strategic Plan for Ag Cost Share, AgWRAP and CCAP programs. After reviewing the plan, Ray moved to approve the plan, Josh seconded, and the motion

was approved. He also reviewed the ACSP Program Funds Audit for the previous 3 years. Anna moved to approve the funds audit as presented and Harold seconded. the motion was approved.

The 2023 ACSP, AgWRAP and CCAP ranking sheets were also reviewed by the board. *Josh moved to approve the Ranking Sheets; Ray seconded and the motion was approved.*

Gary discussed the upcoming Conservation Easement Training set to occur May 11th-12th at the Guilford County Agriculture Center. The staff was also asked to provide refreshments for the 30 or so attendees and presenters.

Millie reported that the State Envirothon at Cedarock Park was this past weekend and was a great success. Having skipped 2 years (2020 was cancelled, 2021 was virtual), the committee worried that things would be forgotten or missed.

New Business

No new business to report.

<u>Adjournment</u>

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, June 1st, 2022 at 9:00am in the Guilford County Agriculture Building Auditorium, followed by the 2023 Local Workgroup Meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer

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