



GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FY 2022 – 2023 Meeting Number 2 August 3, 2022 Minutes

Supervisors Present:

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
Nicole Carolan, Soil & Water Coordinator
Leslie Bell, Director - Guilford Co. Planning & Dev.
Brandon King, NRCS Sup. Soil Conservationist
Jordyn Rosichan, NRCS, Soil Conservationist
Chris Willis, USDA District Supervisor
Brandon Emert, USDA Wildlife Specialist

The board meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, Josh Myers, at 9:05 AM at the Guilford Agriculture Center Auditorium. Social distancing policies were met. Josh read the Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any conflicts of interest; none were stated.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Josh asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes from the June meeting and the special meeting in July. Anna Amoriello moved to approve the June minutes as presented. Harold seconded, and the motion was approved. Next, Harold moved to approve the July special meeting minutes as presented. Anna seconded, and the motion was approved.

BMAP Presentation

Chris Willis, USDA District Supervisor, and Brandon Emert, USDA Wildlife Specialist, presented the Beaver Management Assistance Program before the board. Following the presentation, Brandon and Chris answered various questions from those present. Guilford County has opted to join BMAP and look forward to offering the program to Guilford County residents.

Comments from the County

Leslie Bell commented that the county passed the 2023 FY Budget on July 1st. He also mentioned that the BMAP program is in place for the county but not currently active due to technical delays. We will be updated when the program becomes active and functional.

NRCS

Brandon King gave the NRCS update. He stated that all EQIP applications submitted have received funding and one CSP application has received pre-approval funding. NRCS is currently working on obligation documents and expect to have them finished at the end of August.

District Conservation Programs

Gary Cox presented the Cost Share Program, AgWRAP and CCAP update. Gary noted no change to the allocation of funds for the 2023 FY for each cost share program. Currently there are twelve applications for Ag Cost Share. We are still accepting 2023 applications for all programs.

Gary gave an update on the following AgWRAP contract and said that it is extended.

41-2019-803 Aaron Sink 35,001 (AG) New Water Supply Pond

Gary next gave us an update on the following Ag Cost Share contract which was approved for an extension. He said that the contract is just waiting on engineer approval.

41-2020-004 Ken Troxler 5,000 (CS) Sediment Removal

Gary also updated us on the Ag Cost Share contract that has been approved for payment and said that the contract has been signed and is currently in Raleigh.

41-2020-004 Ken Troxler 5,000 (CS) Sediment Removal

Gary next reported that the districts' one StRAP contract is working its way through the necessary county approval process. This process is taking longer than initially expected and because of this there was some discussion with the board about the possibility of asking for an extension. The contract must be secured within 30 days of notice and because of this delay, a letter of extension may be drafted to be presented before the commission.

Gary was happy to report no change to the current VAD and EVAD totals.

District Operations/Education

The monthly expenditure reports were reviewed by the board. Both the Regular and Foundation reports were discussed, and no questions or comments were noted. Gary gave an update of the Stoney Creek Project. Contract approval will occur on June 29th and working permits have been approved. Nicole discussed upcoming district and educational events. The 2023 Tree sale seedlings have been ordered and staff will determine a sale date soon. Some upcoming educational events include a Junior Ranger Day event at the Military Park in Greensboro on August 6th. Staff are also looking forward to an educational week up in Cherokee, NC for the yearly Conservation Employees Training held August 15th-18th. Additionally, the board discussed the upcoming Area 3 Fall meeting and the NCASWCD 79th Annual Meeting.

New Business

No new business to report.

Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, Anna moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 09:52 am. Harold seconded, and the motion was approved.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 7th, 2022 at 9:00am in the Guilford County Agriculture Building Auditorium.



Secretary/Treasurer