



GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FY 2022 – 2023 Meeting Number 6 December 6, 2022 Minutes

Supervisors Present:

George Teague, Chair
Josh Myers, Vice Chair
Anna Amoriello, Secretary/Treasurer
Ray Briggs, Member

Others Present:

Harold Alexander, Guest
Jamey Walker, S&W Conservation Manager
Gary Cox, S&W Conservation Technician
Nicole Carolan, Soil & Water Coordinator
Millie Langley, Soil Conservationist
Brandon King, NRCS Sup. Soil Conservationist
Leslie Bell, Director - Guilford Co. Planning & Dev.
Ralston James, DSWC Reg. Coordinator

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 10:00 AM at the Guilford Agriculture Center Barn Kitchen Meeting Room. George Teague read the Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any conflicts of interest; none were stated.

Agenda

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

Minutes

George asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes from the November meeting. Ray Briggs moved to approve the November minutes as presented. Josh Myers seconded, and the motion was approved.

New Business

Ralston gave his report before the board and noted that the deadline to register for the Annual Meeting is Friday (12/9/22).

NRCS

Brandon King gave the NRCS update and indicated that the team is currently making multiple farm visits across the county in order to assess applications for various programs. Brandon said they will rank EQIP contracts in January.

District Education/Operations

The monthly Foundation report was viewed and discussed, and no questions or comments were noted.

Nicole gave the education update and noted two upcoming classroom visits for the Incredible Journey program. Nicole provided an update on the Beaver Management Program (BMAP) and noted a few more people have called seeking assistance. Nicole updated the board on the annual tree seedling sale and noted that the "Save the Date" bulletin for the upcoming tree sale was posted on the Facebook page.

Closed Session for Personnel Reasons

The board at this time asked to move into a closed session to discuss personnel matters. Ray Briggs moved to take the meeting into a closed session to discuss personnel matters. Josh Myers seconded, and the motion was approved. At this time staff left the room and the board moved into their closed session.

Ray Briggs moved to take the meeting back into open session, Josh Myers seconded, and the motion was approved. At this time staff reentered the room and the board meeting proceeded with staff present.

Comments from the County

Leslie reported that staff would be starting work on the budget early in January.

District Conservation Programs

Gary Cox presented the Cost Share Program update. He asked for the following NC-ACSP Request for payment to be approved by the board. *Josh Myers moved to approve the request for payment as presented; Ray Briggs seconded the motion. The motion was approved.*

41-2022-001 Clarence Marshall 6,253 (CS) Well/Pump

Gary presented the following NC-AgWRAP Regional application for Cabell Early before the board. *Josh Myers moved to approve the application as presented; Ray Briggs seconded. The motion was approved.*

41-2023-802 C.F. Early 30,000 (AG) Center-Pivot

Gary noted that the NC-ACSP contract 41-2023-001 Emily Fields is awaiting an engineer design from the Division before the contract can be finalized.

Gary gave an update on the StRAP program and discussed the timeline as shown:

Advertisement for Bids Date: November 15, 2022; Pre-Proposal Meeting: November 22, 2022; Site Walk Through: November 23, 2022; Last Day for Questions: November 29, 2022; Proposal Due Date: December 8, 2022

Gary applied for another grant for a new No-Till Drill through the NC-Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation via their Soil Health Grant. The request consists of \$30,000 in funds.

Guilford County's VAD and EVAD totals are 17,244.66 acres and 1,765.68 acres respectively.

Millie updated the board that construction was complete for the Stoney Creek Stream Restoration Project and will be processing reimbursement requests as soon as the invoices come in.

District Operations

Jamey presented the regular account for review. He announced that the office had finally received a replacement vehicle for the County Jeep Liberty. We now have a new Ford Escape. It's a small four door All wheel drive SUV. The old vehicle was taken to the county prison farm and will be auctioned off at a later time. Jamey also presented the 2023 Board meetings schedule. It is much the same as last year's but will meet in the barn kitchen more often. *Josh moved to approve the meeting schedule, Ray seconded the motion and the motion was approved.*

Millie reported that the Master agreement is underway for receiving State Technical Assistance Matching Funds of \$24,369 and regular matching funds of \$3,600.

Supervisor training credits are now available to see. All of the board members are up to date and have more than the minimum hours required (supervisors must receive 6 hours of training per 4 year term).

New Business

George Teague mentioned the board vacancy and that they needed to fill the elected position (unexpired term) vacated by Josh Myers when he moved to the appointed position. Ray nominated Lewis Brandon former supervisor and Anna Amoriello nominated Grace Summers to fill the position. Since there were two nominees George asked for a vote. Grace Summers won the vote, with Josh abstaining from the vote.

Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, Ray moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:40 am. Josh seconded, and the motion was approved.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 1st, 2022 at 9:00am in the Guilford County Barn Kitchen



Secretary/Treasurer