



GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FY 2022 – 2023 Meeting Number 7 February 1, 2023 Minutes

Supervisors Present:

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

Others Present:

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.
Jordyn Rosichan, NRCS Soil Conservationist
Dan Marcum, Associate Supervisor

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 welcomed everyone, including newly appointed and sworn in supervisor Grace Summers. George asked Grace to introduce herself and then asked everyone attending to introduce themselves as well.

He then 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 December meeting. Ray Briggs moved to approve the December minutes as presented. Grace Summers seconded, and the motion was approved.

Election of Officers

Ray moved to keep the current slate of officers (George Teague, Chair; Josh Myers, Vice-Chair; Anna Amoriello Sec./Treasurer) the same. Josh seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Comments from County

Leslie Bell reported that county budget work was moving forward and is due March 1 which is before the next board meeting. Leslie asked Jamey to review the proposed 2024 budget with the board. Jamey reviewed the budget, noting that although the NC Assoc. dues may be going down somewhat, that we were asked to maintain our current level to make up for other counties with less capacity for increasing theirs. Anna Amoriello moved to approve the budget as presented and to allow minor edits as needed. Grace seconded and the motion was approved.

NRCS

Brandon King gave the NRCS update and reported that he had 7 eligible EQIP applications. They will be having "Form 52" training on Monday. He also has a new staff member for the NRCS area; Roman will work part-time 12 - 4 on Tuesdays and Thursdays and all day Friday. He also discussed the space needed for district staff and his staff. The county/USDA leasing contracts are being considered and discussed as well. The impending sale of the Farm Bureau building was discussed as an opportunity for either the county or NRCS to purchase since the Farm Bureau is currently constructing a new building on Burlington Rd (Hwy 70), just east of town.

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 moved to approve the request for payment as presented; Grace seconded the motion. The motion was approved.*

41-2022-001 Clarence Marshall 3,338.00 (CS) Exclusion Fence

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

Gary gave an update on the StRAP program; Jessie uploaded the contract to Munis on January 30th and plans to have the contract signed before the deadline of February 23, 2023.

Guilford County's Voluntary Ag District totals are VAD, 386 parcels and 17,244.66 acres and EVAD 43 parcels and 1,765.68 acres; total of both VAD and EVAD is 429 parcels and 19,010.34 acres.

Millie updated the board that construction was complete for the Stoney Creek Stream Restoration Project and is beginning reimbursement request as the invoices are beginning to come in. Still waiting on permanent seeding and live stakes to be completed. The Live stakes are supposed to be done on F

District Education/Operations

Nicole presented the monthly Foundation report. She noted that she had \$250 for No Till Drill rental plus tree sale deposits for trees (\$892) and Bird boxes (\$373). So that is all going well!

Nicole also reported giving several school presentations in the past month. Nicole provided an update on the Beaver Management Program (BMAP) and noted she's had 6 new calls, making a total of 12 since the program started this year.

Nicole gave the update on the Area 3 Envirothon coming up March 14th at Elon University. She has also been asked to serve as Co-Chair for the Area 3 Envirothon. Congratulations to Nicole!

District Operations

Jamey gave an update on the Munis Report for the regular district expenses. He noted that the PCC dues had not been paid but had been re-sent to Jessie for payment.

The Master Agreement (for Technical Assistance Matching Funds) is still going through the County Contracting process.

Millie noted that the Supervisor Training Credits were starting over for the newly elected/appointed supervisors. Six hours are required for each supervisor per term. All Guilford supervisors are in compliance for the training and Grace will be taking the New Supervisor Training this spring.

New Business

The Spring Area meeting will be March 2nd in Rockingham Co. George will not be able to attend. Dan Marcum reported on the Jordan Lake – One Water; the group is working on a 501c3 for this group.

Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, Josh moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:32 am. Ray seconded, and the motion was approved.

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



Secretary/Treasurer