



*GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT*

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FY 2023 – 2024 Meeting Number 2      September 6, 2023 Minutes

**Supervisors Present:**

George Teague, Chair  
Josh Myers, Vice Chair  
Anna Amoriello, Sec/Treas  
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  
Jordyn Rosichan, NRCS Soil Conservationist  
Leslie Bell, Guilford Co. Planning Director  
Avery Tew, Guilford Co. Planner  
Jordyn Davis, Intern

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:06 AM at the Guilford Agriculture Center Barn Kitchen Meeting Room. George Teague welcomed everyone in attendance.

He then read the Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any conflicts of interest; *George noted that he had an application and contract to be approved, and a Request for payment for his sister, Ellen Miller. No others were stated.* He then noted the Statement of Professionalism that the Commission recently recommended including at each board meeting.

**Agenda**

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

**Minutes**

George asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes from the August 2023 meeting. *Ray moved to approve the August minutes as presented. Grace Summers seconded, and the motion was approved.*

**Comments from County**

Leslie introduced Avery Tew, a new planner with Guilford Co. Planning Dept. Leslie also reported that the Employee Performance Reviews will be coming up soon. Trainings are being offered in the next week or so for managers and employees.

**NRCS**

Brandon King gave the NRCS update. He said he appreciated George hosting his NRCS group recently. He mentioned that he should have more to report next month as applications/contracts are being finalized. He discussed the space and said that they still don't have any movement there. The Farm Bureau have still not moved out of their building. Leslie offered to follow up with the property manager for the county.

**Division Report**

No report.

## District Conservation Programs

- Gary Cox presented the Ag Cost Share Program update for 2024, including the ACSP 2023 Ranking List, Applications, Contracts and RFPs to be approved. Chairman George Teague recused himself from discussion and actions on the ACSP Applications and Contracts and Vice-Chair Josh Myers took over leading the meeting.

### **2024 ACSP Ranking List** (showing Rank, Practices, Tier, Points, Ranking Status, Fund Source)

- 1 – Stream Protection, Tier 1; 125 pts, Q, CS
- 2 – Grassed Waterway, Tier 1, 120 pts, Q, CS
- 3 – Cover Crop, Tier 1, 115 pts, Q, II
- 4 – Cover Crop, Tier 1, 115 pts, Q, CS
- 5 – Cover Crop, Tier 1, 115 pts, Q, CS
- 6 – Grassed Waterway, Pipe, Tier 1, 115 pts, Q, CS
- 7 – Cover Crop, Tier 1, 105 pts, Q, CS
- 8 – HUA, Tier 1, 70 pts, IE, CS

### **2024 AgWRAP Ranking List** (showing Rank, Practice, Points, Ranking Status, Fund Source)

- 1 – Irrigation Well, 160 pts, HQ, AG
- 2 – Irrigation Well, 75 pts, Q, AG
- 3 – Irrigation Well, 20 pts, IE, AG

*Ray moved to approve the ACSP and AgWRAP Ranking list (above) as presented. Anna seconded and the motion was approved.*

### **NC-ACSP Applications for approval:**

41-2024-001	Bryant Sockwell	Fencing, Watering tanks	\$29,324
41-2024-002	Riverside Dairy Farm	Grassed Waterways	\$10,654
41-2024-004	James Greeson	Cover Crop	\$8,538
41-2024-005	Reedy Fork Farm LLC	Cover Crop	\$2,483
41-2024-006	Randy Gerringer	Grassed Waterway	\$2,513
41-2024-007	Brantley Taylor	Cover Crop	\$1,486

*Ray moved to approve the ACSP Contracts as presented. Grace seconded and the motion was approved.*

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### **NC-ACSP Request for Payment for approval:**

41-2023-003	Ellen Miller	Heavy Use Area	\$3,354
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*Ray moved to approve the ACSP Request for Payment as presented. Grace seconded and the motion was approved.*

*At this time, George took back chairing the meeting from Josh.*

- Gary presented the Impaired Impacted (II) Stream Application and Contract for approval:

41-2024-003 Cobb & Black Cover Crop \$5,523

*Josh moved to approve the II Application. Ray seconded and the motion was approved.*

*Ray moved to approve the II Contract. Josh seconded and the motion was approved.*

- Gary reported that Guilford County's Voluntary Ag District totals remain at VAD, 397 parcels and 17,420.70 acres and EVAD 43 parcels and 1,765.68 acres; total of both VAD and EVAD is 440 parcels and 19,186.38 acres.

Jamey introduced Jordyn Davis, our newly hired Soil & Water Intern. She's been on the job since August 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **District Education**

- Nicole noted that the Foundation report showed income from the sale of 3 Bluebird houses (\$60) and purchase of Wildflower seeds (\$112).
- She updated the group on the Area 3 Envirothon planned for next spring. The location for the event had to be changed due to conflict with Elon's spring break occurring the same week as many of the areas Schools systems' break. Alternative venues are currently being investigated.

### **District Operations**

- Jamey gave an update on the Munis Report for the regular and foundation district expenses. He could not access Munis due to year-end close out for a printed copy of the report.
- The staff has been working with the division staff preparing for the Conservation Employee Training (Sept. 18-21, 2023) in Greensboro at the Embassy Suites Hotel, out near the airport. The staff has finalized plans for the tours taking place on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 20.
- Millie will be attending the SE RC&D Conference in Cherokee Sept. 10-12.
- Jamey reported that the BMAP program contract was signed and payment should have been made by county finance. The program has been used quite a bit with over 20 participants so far.
- Millie Langley reported that Jordyn was working on the VAD participant lists, verifying names, addresses and parcel numbers.

### **New Business**

George reported some updates regarding the Friends of Guilford SWCD. It was discussed to set up the Friends of Guilford SWCD and create a resolution. *Josh moved to approve the creation of both the Friends of Guilford SWCD as well as the resolution, Ray seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.*

### **Adjournment**

*With no other business to discuss, Josh moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:30 am. Ray seconded, and the motion was approved.*

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 4th, 2023 at 9:00 am in the Guilford Ag Center Conference Room**



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Secretary/Treasurer