



GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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FY 2018 Meeting Number: 6 January 3rd, 2018 Minutes

Supervisors Present:

George Teague, Chairmen
Harold Alexander, Vice Chairman
Ray Briggs – Sec/Treasurer
Lewis A. Brandon, III

Others Present:

Millie Langley – Soil Conservationist
Brian Loadholt- NRCS
Jamey Walker – Soil Conservation Technician
Leslie Bell – Planning & Development Director
Kyleene Rooks- Soil & Water Coordinator
Ralston James – Regional Coordinator

The Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:10 a.m. He read the Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any conflicts of interest. None were stated.

Agenda

Lewis Brandon moved to approve the agenda. Harold Alexander seconded. The motion carried.

Minutes

Harold moved to approve the December 6th, 2017 minutes with one correction; (Leslie Bell was in attendance). Ray Briggs seconded. The motion carried.

Introduction

- George introduced and welcomed the new Soil and Water Coordinator: Kyleene Rooks.

District Conservation Programs

- Jamey Walker and Millie Langley presented the Ag Cost Share Update
- VAD Report had no changes.
- Millie reviewed the Lease Agreement and Check List for the Weed Wiper. Lewis moved to approve the Weed Wiper rental agreement and Check List. Harold seconded and the motion was approved.
- The board agreed upon the purchase of; an agricultural reflective hazard sign, safety chains, and a new belt and extra hitch ball for the Weed Wiper using the Planning and Development's department purchase card.

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- Millie reported that the department would have the ability to be flexible for the 24 hour leasing agreements for clients who need to rent the Weed Wiper.

Comment from County

- Leslie Bell reported a change in the state rules for bona fide farms: farm numbers no longer qualify properties as a farm - present use value, Dept. of Revenue Tax Exemption, Schedule F, or Forest Management Plan still does.
 - As a department we will ask those who previously used farm numbers to present a second qualification upon adding value to the property.
- The Commissioner's meeting has been moved to January 18th, 2018.
- Leslie also requested the board begin preparations for the next fiscal year budget.

NRCS

- Brian Loadholt discussed changes in the USDA logo: the department and all of its subdivisions have decided to transition under one new logo; OneUSDA.
- The NRCS has been reviewing and working on eligibility contracts; which close Friday, January 5th, 2018.
 - Decisions on who receives contracts and funding will happen in the months of May-September.

District Operations

- Millie presented the monthly expenditure report and the Foundation Report.
- Millie confirmed the meeting schedule for 2018.
- Supervisors signed their disclosure forms with the exception of Anna Amoriello who was unable to be present today.
- Millie confirmed the date for the Tree Sale to be February 15 – 17, with Saturday hours from 9:30 – 11:30AM.
 - Coordination with the new county communications officer will be made
- Millie confirmed the date of The Awards Banquet to be May 22nd at 6:30.
- Millie reminded everyone of the New Supervisors Training in February (6-7, 2018).
- She also reminded supervisors of the Annual Meeting January 7-9, 2018 and that there are still a few Tickets for the DEA and Association's Gun Raffle.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

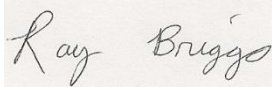
Division Update

- Ralston James suggested the board think about making decisions for the dates of Fall and Spring Area Meetings.
 - He also suggested that the board consider moving the Area Spring meetings to telecons for efficiency purposes.

Adjournment:

With no other business, Lewis moved that the meeting be adjourned, Harold seconded and the motion was approved unanimously at 10:40 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 7th, 2018, 9:00 a.m. at the Guilford County Agriculture Building Conference Room. It's Dan Kerns turn to bring snacks.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ray Briggs". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored, rectangular background.

Secretary/Treasurer