



GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Meeting Number: 10 May 3, 2017 Minutes

Supervisors Present:

George Teague, Chairmen
Harold Alexander, Vice Chairman
Ray Briggs – Sec/Treasurer
Lewis Brandon - Member
Anna Amoriello – Member

Others Present:

Millie Langley – Soil Conservationist
Jamey Walker – Soil & Water Technician
Leslie Bell - Director, Planning & Development
Ralston James – DSWC Regional Coordinator
Dan Kerns – Associate Supervisor

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. Anna Amoriello noted that she had an Ag Cost Share RFP up for approval and would be abstaining from that voting.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Lewis moved to approve the March 1st, 2017 minutes as presented. Anna seconded. Motion carried.

Interlocal Agreement

Leslie Bell presented the Interlocal Agreement developed by Guilford County Finance that will assist with the transfer, use and accounting of the current funds held in the NC Foundation for Soil & Water Conservation Account for the District. Several changes and corrections were noted and discussed. Lewis moved to approve the agreement with the changes and pending receiving the final draft. Anna seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

County Comments

- Leslie reported that the budget process was moving forward and ours was looking fine.
- The vacant position has been re-opened. It may be best to wait until the budget is approved to complete hiring process.
- Also the new truck is ready to be delivered. We are waiting for the Fleet Supervisor to call for picking it up and delivering the old truck to the Prison Farm.

District Conservation Programs – Jamey Walker and Millie Langley

- The contract presented last month for approval was cancelled by the farmer (Sunny Staley): Jamey presented the following applications to prioritize and approve: 41-2017-015 Amos Whitt Stream Protection, Tier 1, 125 Points; 41-2017-016 Eloise Jones, Stream Protection, Tier 1, 115 Points; 41-2017-017 Stream Protection, Tier 1, 110 Points; 41-2017-018 Ronald Robeson, Stream Protection, Tier 1, 110 Points. *Harold moved to approve the applications as listed and Lewis seconded. The motion was approved.*
- Jamey presented the following contracts for approval: 41-2017-015 Amos Whitt, \$18,732, (JL); 41-2017-016 Eloise Jones, \$1,070 (CE) Tree Planting; 41-2017-017 Eloise Jones \$1,268 (JL). . *Lewis moved to approve the contracts and Harold seconded. The motion was approved.*
- Jamey had two RFPs for approval: 41-2015-004 Anna Amoriello, \$5,977 (II) HUA & Pasture Reno and 41-2016-005 Anne Hice \$4,445 (CS) Fencing, HUA. *Harold moved to approve the contract*

and Lewis seconded. The motion was approved. Supervisor Anna Amoriello abstained from voting.

- Millie presented the 2018 Strategy Plan for approval. Ralston noted that the format would be different this year; Millie will send any changes to the board prior to submitting on June 1st. *Lewis moved that the 2018 Strategy Plan be accepted pending any changes. Anna seconded and the motion carried.*
- Millie noted some of the updated info on the cost share tracking form. Brian Lewis is still planning to complete the pond and the contractor has been working this past few weeks until the heavy rain a week or so ago.
- There was no change in VAD acres since March.

NRCS Report

No one was attending from NRCS, but Millie included a written report from Brian on activities for this month in the supervisors' packets.

District Operations – Millie

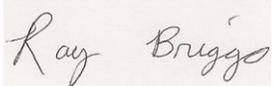
- The State Envirothon was April 28 - 29 and we had 2 middle school teams participating. The team from the Academy at Lincoln did very well at 13th place. The Middle School winner was from Woods Charter School in Chatham County. The High School winner was a home school team from Davidson County. This is a team with a long history with Envirothon.
- The monthly expenditure report was presented.
- Millie presented the Foundation account update. She had mailed the two checks (\$1,500 from foundation Account and \$1,500 from County budget), to the Association for our \$3,000 donation to the 2019 Envirothon. She also mentioned possibly purchasing tool boxes for the new truck; Jamey had an estimate of \$800.60 for two tool boxes mounted over each side fender. *Harold moved that we purchase these tool boxes with county funds (if there are funds available) or if not, to use the Foundation Account funds. Lewis seconded and the motion was approved.*

Division Report

- Ralston reported that we have a new Division Director, Vernon Cox, replacing Pat Harris who just retired. Mr. Cox previously worked in the division as Technical Service Director although most recently worked in the NC Dept. of Ag as head of the Plant Industry Division.
- He reported that some changes to the cost share program were being discussed and that supervisors needed to remain involved and keep abreast of the information.
- He reminded the board that the RCW was coming up and that we usually sent a student. *Ray moved that we send up to 2 students if any request to go. Harold seconded the motion and the motion carried.*

With no other business, Anna moved to adjourn. Harold seconded. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 7, 2017, 9:00 a.m. at the Guilford County Ag Center Conference Room. (Harold's turn to bring snacks.)



Secretary/Treasurer