

GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Meeting Number: 10 May 4, 2016 Minutes

Supervisors Present:

George Teague, Chairmen Harold Alexander, Vice Chair Ray Briggs – Sec/Treasurer Dick Phillips – Member Lewis Brandon – Member

Others Present:

Leslie Bell, Director, P & D Dan Marcum – Guest Jamey Walker - Technician Anna Amoriello – Assoc. Member Elizabeth Williams – Education Coor.

Ralston James – Area Coor.

The Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:00 a.m. He read the Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any conflicts of interest. None were noted.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Harold moved to approve the April 6, 2016 minutes as presented. Lewis seconded. Motion carried.

District Conservation Programs - Jamey Walker

- Jamey presented the NC Ag Cost Share Report. (attached) There were three NCACSP Contracts presented for approval which included: 41-2016-014, CREP Stream Protection, \$11,492; 41-2016-015, CREP Stream Protection, \$9,669; 41-2016-016, CREP Stream Protection, \$2,916. Dick Phillips moved to approve the NCACSP Contracts and Harold seconded. The motion carried.
- There was one ACSP RFP presented for approval: 41-2015-008, (CS) Field Border, \$641. Lewis moved to accept the ACSP RFP. Dick seconded and the motion carried.
- There was one CCAP RFP: 41-2015-502, (CC)Abandoned Well Closure, \$1,350. Ray Briggs moved to approved the CCAP RFP and Harold seconded. The motion carried.
- Jamey requested a 6-month extension on CCAP (Bennett College) 41-2015-503 and ACSP (Amoriello) 41-2015-004 Contracts. Dick moved to approve the extension request. Lewis seconded and the motion carried.
- There was discussion about landowners encumbering funds and not completing projects. Harold
 plans to work with Jamey as supportive Board member to reiterate to certain landowners the
 necessity of following through with a plan.
- The 2017 Strategy Plan was presented. Changes were made including a change in Vice Chair and key dates. Lewis moved to approve the Strategy Plan as amended. Ray seconded and the motion carried.
- Jamey presented the Spot Check calendar. Supervisors signed up for spot check dates in May.

NRCS Report - No report

County Comments - Leslie Bell

- Leslie reported that Elizabeth's position was initially approved to become 30 hr./week starting July 1st and that things are continuing to look good in the Budgeting process.
- He also stated that the GPS Unit purchase should be approved by the Commission on May 5th.
 District Operations Elizabeth/Millie
 - Monthly Expenditure Report was reviewed by the supervisors.
 - Elizabeth reported that plans are underway for the Awards Banquet and passed around the invitation list. Supervisors made several suggestions of others who could be invited.

- Elizabeth gave a recap of the State Envirothon. Area 3 (Chatham) will be representing the state for the National Envirothon in Ontario, Canada. Harold suggested that a team from each of the 7 oral presentation tents be chosen to compete in final, oral presentations. Ralston stated that the suggestion would be carried to the Envirothon committee.
- Lewis gave a big shout out to Mr. Kenneth Rudolph Langley, father-in-law of Guilford
 Conservationist Millie Langley, for his legacy of dedication, time and commitment to conservation
 education and the NC Envirothon. His passing on April 29, 2016 is a great loss to NC Soil and
 Water Districts.
- Supervisors reviewed three RCW applications. Ralston stated that the District could send all three if
 they had the funds to do so. Lewis moved to approve all three applications and pay for students
 from the Foundation Account. Harold seconded and the motion carried. Elizabeth will notify: Elijah
 Ide, Alex Wolfe and Erin Dillon of the good news.

<u>Division Report – Ralston James</u>

- Ralston encouraged Supervisors to meet with their Legislators next Tuesday, May 10th, to discuss district priorities. The Commission meeting will also be next Tuesday.
- Ralston asked for assistance from supervisors to do mock judging at the Area Farm Family Winner in Lee County for May 5.

Old Business

None.

New Business

• Elizabeth stated that she had registered for the SE NACD meeting and would be rooming with a friend. She requested that the time spent at meeting be considered as work hours. There was discussion about the importance of sending staff and supervisors to NACD meetings. Harold moved to reimburse Elizabeth up to \$400 for registration and other expenses using the Education/Training line item. Ray seconded and the motion carried.

Lewis moved to adjourn. Ray seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 1, 2016, 9:00 a.m. at the Guilford County Ag Center Conference Room.

Secretary/Treasurer