



GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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FY 2018 Meeting Number: 3 October 4, 2017 Minutes

Supervisors Present:

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

Others Present:

Millie Langley – Soil Conservationist
J. Leslie Bell - Director, Planning & Development Director
Jamey Walker – Soil Conservation Technician
Harry Young - Guest

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. (Harold Alexander has a conflict and will abstain from voting on the Ag Cost Share items.)

Agenda

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

Minutes

Lewis moved to approve the September 6, 2017 minutes as presented. Harold seconded. The motion carried.

District Conservation Programs

- Jamey presented the Ag Cost Share Contracts to be approved as follows: 41-2018-001, Ronald Roberson, \$2,398 for Stream Protection; 41-2018-002, Bruce Humble, \$2,735, Stream Protection; 41-2018-003, Holly Grove Farm, \$7,680, Cover Crop; 41-2018-004, Coy May, \$10,423 for Stream Protection; 41-2018-005, Don York, \$4,000, Cover Crop; 41-2018-006, Harold Alexander, \$5,648, HUA, Critical Area Seeding. *Anna Amoriello moved that the contracts be approved as presented; Lewis seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.*
- Jamey presented one CCAP Application for submittal through the Division's Regional Application Process. (41-2018-501, Southwest Renewal Foundation of High Point, \$4,500, Riparian Buffer & Critical Area Planting). This was the only CCAP request so far this year. *Ray Briggs moved that the CCAP Application be approved, Harold seconded and the motion was approved.*
- Jamey reported that there were no additional VAD applications approved this month.
- Leslie reported that the Weed Wiper should now be on track for approval from the Board of Commissioners (for transferring funds, since it was not budgeted). He also mentioned that additional fund be added for possible repairs: *Anna moved that an additional \$500 be moved to Equipment Repairs, Lewis seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.*

NRCS

- Brian Loadholt was not able to attend but sent a report that Millie read to the group: They are currently reviewing EQIP applications on file and assigning conservationist applications to develop an inventory of the land needs for each application. They are continuing to work with operators of current contracts. Payments and modifications have temporarily stopped due to end of fiscal year.
- They are having EQIP Roll Out Training: Oct 18th -19th at the East Technology Center in Greensboro.
- Reviewed of HEL plans for compliance was completed with very few issues identified. Three operators identified as either out of compliance or given a variance, but will work with participants as they request

on correcting issues. One variance has already been corrected and reviewed by field staff. New AgLearn software for training NRCS and district staff has been postponed until Jan. 2018.

District Operations – Millie

- Millie presented the monthly expenditure report and the Foundation Report. She thanked Mr. Young for his donations to the Education Fund.
- Millie mentioned that she will be ordering trees from the Virginia Forest Service, to fill needs that NCFS couldn't supply this year. This is a budgeted item.
- She asked for the supervisors \$30 registration for the Area 3 Fall Meeting. George, Harold, Ray and Lewis are attending and their registration will go out in the next day's mail. She also reminded supervisors to register for the Annual Meeting January 7-9, 2018; registration is up (on the division website) for that meeting.
- Millie reminded Anna that as a new supervisor she should be prepared to attend the New Supervisor Training in early February, at the UNC School of Government in Chapel Hill.

New Business


- Millie updated everyone that the HVAC Renovation would not have to disturb the Soil & Water Office or the Conference Room. She also updated everyone on new security measures being put in place for the Ag Building. All doors will be locked and considered Employee only entrances, EXCEPT the Front Door. To enter at the back, supervisors would need to call for us to let them in. This is security that is more in line with other county office buildings.

Comment from County – Leslie Bell

Leslie had to leave for another meeting and showed the board the list of candidates for Interviews (for the vacant Soil & Water Coordinator position), that will be held on Friday.

With no other business, Lewis moved that the meeting be adjourned, Harold seconded and the motion was approved unanimously at 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 1, 2017, 9:00 a.m. at the Guilford County Agriculture Building Conference Room. (Anna Amoriello's turn to bring snacks.)



Secretary/Treasurer