



GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Meeting Number: 2 September 2, 2015 Minutes

Supervisors Present:

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

Others Present:

Leslie Bell, Director, P & D
Anna Amoriello, Assoc. Supervisor
Millie Langley – Soil/Water Conservationist
Jamey Walker – Soil/Water Technician
Kelley Smith – NRCS Acting DC

Lauren Parker – NRCS Intern
Dan Marcum - Guest
Mitch Amoriello - Guest

The Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:05 a.m. He read the Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any conflicts of interest. He recused himself from the Requests for Payment Approval.

Agenda

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

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Dick Phillips moved to approve the August 5, 2015 minutes as presented. Harold seconded. Motion carried.

Mitch Amoriello reported on his week (June 21-26) at the Resource Conservation Workshop, at NC State University. He talked about the interesting things he had learned and done that week and that he greatly appreciated the board sending him to the workshop.

District Conservation Programs –Jamey Walker

- Jamey presented the NC Ag Cost Share Report. There were 27 ACSP applications, 2 AgWRAP applications and 6 CCAP to rank and approve (attached). The ACSP Ranking Form has been revised this year to reflect new concerns. *Lewis moved for approval of the new Ranking Form as presented and the motion was seconded by Harold. The motion was approved. He then moved for approval of the applications as presented. Harold seconded the motion. The motion was approved.*
- Jamey asked for approval of the following Requests for payment: 41-2013-011, Bowman Dairy, \$1,199 (JL) Stream Protection; 41-2015-003, Ellen Miller, \$11,506 (CS) Stream Protection; 41-2015-007, Reedy Fork Farm, \$11,506 (JL) Stream Protection; 41-2015-802, Randy Bettini, \$3,950 (AG) Irrigation Well; 41-2015-803, Cabell Early, \$2,591 (AG) Irrigation Well. George recused himself and turned the meeting over to Harold Alexander, Vice-Chair. Harold asked for a motion to approve the Requests for Payments. *Dick moved to approve the Requests for Payment as presented and Lewis seconded. The motion was approved.*
- Millie reported that two of the four 2013 Contract Extension Requests (41-2013-002, Whitfield Faucette, and 41-2013-011, Bowman Dairy) were approved at the Commission meeting on August 11, 2015 (Harold reported that he withdrew 2 of the requests due to no activity on the cooperators part. In future, he recommends that if no work has been done by the applicant in 3 years, we should not ask for an extension.)
- Jamey reported we currently have 14,882 acres in VAD, 1022 acres of which are in Enhanced VAD.
- CREP Update: We are finally getting ready to move forward, Kelley has written the Contract to generate the forms needed by FSA.
- Millie reported that the technology grant application has been approved by the division for the purchase of a GPS unit for field use.

NRCS Report

- Kelley Smith acting DC, introduced herself to the board. She has been acting for about 6 weeks now, and will be here until further notice; until a new DC is selected. She reported that 2 NRCS Area Engineers have left; Jill Malton and Scott Carter. She mentioned that the re-structuring map had been approved, and that Guilford

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would be in a work unit with 5 other counties: Rockingham, Caswell, Alamance, Person and Orange. The Guilford/Rockingham DC position had been advertised, closed and hopefully will be filled within 80 days

District Operations – Millie Langley

- Millie reported that Elizabeth has asked to be out on leave until probably the last week of September, since the death of her husband John.
- Monthly Expenditure Report was reviewed by the supervisors. Piedmont Conservation Council dues and Millie's SWCS dues had been paid from the Dues/Memberships line item. Other expenditures were postage and printing of the newsletter, which will be drastically reduced expense in the future, as we asked recipients to renew their desire to receive a 'paper' newsletter.
- Millie reported that the scanning project was nearly complete and actually was able to have the VAD Files scanned, which originally thought would have to be postponed until a later 'Phase' of the project.
- We agreed to postpone the 2 hr. workshop on October 8 called "Soil Health for Homeowners", due to Elizabeth's absence.

Comments From The County – Leslie Bell

Leslie thanked the staff for the work done to accomplish scanning project success. All files are to be scanned are nearly complete and even were able to scan more than originally thought. He also thanked the staff for working on the grant for the purchase of a new GPS unit.

Division Report – Ralston James

Ralston reported that there would be a CREP Training in this area in October. And that the fall meeting was scheduled for October 21st in Chatham. He also announced that Julie Groce has been selected for the Association Executive Director position, replacing the retiring Dick Fowler. See attached report from Ralston James.

Closed Session

Lewis moved for the board to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters. Harold seconded and the motion was approved.

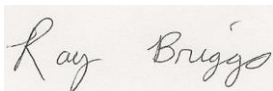
When the board reconvened, Harold moved that the staff give a complete report of all active contracts at each board meeting and have the status of each one noted. Lewis seconded and the motion was approved

New Business

The board held its Local Workgroup Meeting. Kelley Smith assisted the board, staff and others attending, to set natural resource priorities for Guilford SWCD and NRCS for 2016.

Lewis moved to adjourn. Dick seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 9:00 a.m. at the Guilford County Ag Center Conference Room.



Secretary/Treasurer