

### GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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# Meeting Number: 3 October 3, 2015 Minutes

# **Supervisors Present:**

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

# **Others Present:**

Leslie Bell, Director, P & D
Elizabeth Williams – Education Coordinator
Millie Langley – Soil Conservationist
Jamey Walker – Soil/Water Technician
Kelley Smith – NRCS DC

Dan Kerns – Assoc. Supervisor Dan Marcum - Guest Ralston James – Area. Coord Frank Park – P&D Justin Gray – P&D

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.

#### Agenda

Dick Phillips added AGWRAP to new business. Harold Alexander moved to approve the agenda as amended. Dick Phillips seconded. The motion carried.

# Minutes

Dick Phillips moved to approve the September 2, 2015 minutes as presented. Lewis Brandon seconded. Motion carried.

## District Conservation Programs – Jamey Walker/Millie Langley

- Jamey presented the NC Ag Cost Share Report. There were 4 ACSP Contracts presented for approval which included: 41-2016-001, Cover Crop, \$7,680 (CS); 41-2016-002, Erosion BMPs, \$12,232 (CS); 41-2016-003, Cover Crop, \$7,500 (CS); 41-2016-004, Pasture Reno, GrWw, \$4,768 (CS). Lewis moved to approve ACSP contracts and Harold seconded. The motion carried.
- Jamey asked for approval of the following Requests for payment: 41-2014-004, Eloise Jones, \$2,678(JL)
   HUA, Stream Protection; 41-2015-002, William Whitt, \$4,323 (CS) Livestock Excl. Harold moved to approve the Requests for Payment as presented and Lewis seconded. The motion carried.
- Millie reported on the cost share tracking form. It was suggested that an expiration date be included on the tracking form.
- Jamey reported that two VAD applications were approved adding more than 100 acres to Guilford VAD program. (14,982 acres in VAD, 1022 acres of which are in Enhanced VAD)
- CREP Update: All forms have been sent to FSA and we are currently waiting for FSA to complete their part
- Millie introduced Justin Gray and Frank Park from Guilford Planning & Development. They reported on the status of the 205J Water Quality Planning Grant. If awarded, funds will be used to identify hotspots for fecal coliform in Guilford County and expand public outreach regarding BMPs related to buffers, septic tanks, pet waste, etc. The grant application will be presented for approval at the 12/3/15 Board of Commissioners Meeting. Lewis moved to support the grant application as a Board. Ray seconded and the motion carried.

# NRCS Report - Kelley Smith

• Kelley reported that November 20<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for EQIP applications. She will be attending Technical Training on October 29 & 30 in Moore County.

#### County Comments - Leslie Bell

- Employee annual reviews are scheduled for the month of October.
- There are no more water/sewer contracts between the Guilford County and the city of Greensboro. New areas have to be annexed into the city in order to receive water/sewer services.

# <u>District Operations – Millie Langley</u>

- Monthly Expenditure Report was reviewed by the supervisors.
- October is FLP Month. A request was made to donate \$100 from the County budget (dues/memberships).
   Lewis moved to approve the donation of \$100 from the county budget memberships/dues line item. Harold seconded and the motion carried.
- We are underway for the Area 3 Spring Meeting planning. The Ag. Building has been reserved for March 3<sup>rd</sup> in case we can't reserve another location. There was discussion about writing a resolution to change the Area 3 Spring & Fall meeting dates to: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in March and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in October.
- Millie requested approval to continue serving on the NA Envirothon Operating Committee for another term.
   NC may be hosting the NA Envirothon in 2019. Lewis moved to approve Millie's request. Dick seconded and the motion carried.
- There will be a Farm Transition Workshop in Guilford County on February 17, 2016. Sponsors are needed. Harold mentioned the Cattlemen's Association may be a possible sponsor.

## Division Report - Ralston James

See attached report.

## **Old Business**

Dick Phillips discussed AgWRAP (Lewis) Pond design; that it had taken nearly 24 months since approved by the division, to get the design. He felt the staff could do more of the work since the Division only has 5 engineers statewide. And he felt the design was more costly than necessary.

## **New Business**

None.

Lewis moved to adjourn. Ray seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 4, 2015, 9:00 a.m.at the Guilford County Ag Center Conference Room.

Secretary/Treasurer