



GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FY 2019 Meeting Number 2; September 5, 2018 Minutes

Supervisors Present:

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

Others Present:

Millie Langley – Soil Conservationist
Dan Kerns- Associate Member
Jamey Walker – Soil Conservation Technician
Kyleene Rooks- Soil & Water Coordinator
Brian Loadholt- NRCS
Supervisor Candidate: Josh Myers
Dan Saunders

The board meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, Harold Alexander, at 9:05 a.m. He read the Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any conflicts of interest. None were stated.

Agenda

Lewis Brandon moved to approve the agenda. Anna Amoriello seconded. The motion carried.

Minutes

Lewis Brandon moved to approve the August 1, 2018 minutes. Anna Amoriello seconded. The motion carried.

District Conservation Programs

- Jamey Walker presented the Cost Share Programs Update; there were 4 contracts to be approved and 3 requests for payment to be approved:

ACSP:

- Contract 41-2019-001, Kimberly Rayle for \$12,556 Stream Protection (CS)
- Contract 41-2019-002, Don York for \$19,370 Stream Protection (CS)

Ray Briggs moved to approve the ACSP contracts. Lewis Brandon seconded. The motion was carried.

AgWRAP

- Contract 41-2019-801, Jimmy Smith for \$4,736 Irrigation Well (AG)
- Contract 41-2019-802, Gregg Ward for \$4,736 Livestock Well (AG)

Anna Amoriello moved to approve the AgWRAP contracts. Lewis Brandon seconded. The motion was carried.

ACSP

- Contract 41-2017-010, Bryan Sockwell for \$834 CA Seeding (II)

- Contract 41-2017-012, Rodney Summers for \$1,155 CA Seeding (II)
- Contract 41-2017-013, Rodney Summers for \$1,260 CA Seeding (II)

Lewis Brandon moved to approve payments. Anna Amoriello seconded. The motion was carried.

- Jamey Walker reported this month's activity:
 - Staff attended CET in Fayetteville
 - Attended NRCS listening session in Fayetteville
 - Jamey is working on new contracts for 2019 and how to best use the small amount of cost share funds
 - Updating Annual Plan of Work < MOU
 - Intern is still continuing to log conservation plans.

- There was no additional VAD or EVAD Applications
 - Total VAD: 341 parcels 14,878.16 acres
 - Total EVAD: 39 parcels 1,673.68 acres

Comment from County

Leslie Bell was unable to attend today's meeting, but was able to send in a report updating the board on the county's planning and development.

- There is a Publix Distribution Center being built in Guilford County. This should bring in new jobs for the county.
- September 15 from 8AM-2PM, Guilford County is having a free clean up/drop off for electronics, tires and other non-traditional recyclables. This will be held at the Laughlin Professional Development Center at 7911 Summerfield Rd.

George Teague arrived at the meeting and took over as Chair. He thanked Harold for chairing the meeting until he arrived.

NRCS

Brian Loadholt presented a brief update on the EQUIP contracts and applications. All contracts in Guilford County are up to date and ready to move forward. NRCS has started the inventory and evaluation process for its next round of applicants. There are over 50 EQUIP applicants in the six counties covered by his team.

Brian also passed out a draft copy of the new County MOU Update to each of the board members for their review. A motion will be made on it in the upcoming board meeting.

There was a concern on the Local Work Group (LWG) EQUIP questionnaire for crops. The concern was that favoritism be shown to candidates that are a part of the VAD. The board came to the consensus that this does not directly affect the applicants of Guilford County and will be brought up at the next board meeting, after Brian discusses the concern in surrounding counties.

District Operations

- The Monthly Expenditure Report reflected little change since last month because we are only one month in the new fiscal year. Staff will begin looking into the expense for a cover for the No-Till Drill and Weed Wiper.

- The board is still waiting to hear back from the Piedmont Conservation Council in regards to the Quilt Trail grant application.
- Millie reminded the board about the upcoming Land Judging Contest in November (9-10). Guilford SWCD will be hosting the lunch for the contest's participants. Looking for sponsors was discussed.
- October is Food, Land and People Month. *Ray Briggs made a motion to donate \$100 to the NC Association of SWCD to help provide free materials to teachers for professional development in agriculture. Lewis Brandon seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
- Kyleene Rooks gave the dates for the February Annual Tree Seedling Sale (02/11-02/15). The board agreed to extend the hours of the sale during the week and to end the sale on Friday rather than Saturday this year. The decided hours will be 9AM-6PM Monday through Friday.
- Kyleene also reviewed the pricing of Wildflower seeds with the board. *Anna Amoriello made a motion to approve \$250 from the Foundation account be used for the purchase of wildflower seeds. Harold Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
- Kyleene Rooks also proposed a grant application for the purchase of Envirothon Education Materials. The board came to a consensus that the Chairman sign a letter of support.

New Business

A resolution proposed by Rockingham SWCD was discussed: To Provide Additional Certification Process for Job Approval Authority and Planning for the NC Cost Share Programs. This resolution will be presented at the Area 3 Fall Meeting.

Division Update

Ralston James was unable to attend this month's meeting but was able to send a division update report:

- **State Fair Booth – Volunteers Needed!** – October 11-21, please support one of our biggest outreach opportunities of the year! Sign-up online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e44afae2ea64-2018>
- **Districts' Legislative Liaisons** - Each District is asked to select a District Supervisor to serve as a legislative liaison between the Association and their respective Board. Please submit liaison's name and email contact information to Bryan Evans at ncaswcd@gmail.com

Adjournment:

With no other business, Lewis moved that the meeting be adjourned, Harold seconded and the motion was approved unanimously at 10:40 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 3, 2018, 9:00 a.m. at the Guilford County Agriculture Building Conference Room. It's Jamey Walker's turn to bring snacks.



Secretary/Treasurer