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## GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FY 2019 Meeting Number 5; December 5, 2018 Minutes

### **Supervisors Present:**

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

### **Others Present:**

Millie Langley – Soil Conservationist  
Jamey Walker – Soil Conservation Technician  
Kyleene Rooks- Soil & Water Coordinator  
Leslie Bell- Planning & Development Director  
Dan Saunders  
Jeffrey Turner

Newly elected supervisors Anna Amoriello, Josh Myers and George Teague (who was reappointed chairman) were sworn in prior to the board meeting.

*The board meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 10:30 a.m. He read the Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any conflicts of interest. Anna Amoriello stated conflicts of interest in regard to NC-ACSP Florence Application for Funds.*

### Agenda

*Harold Alexander moved to approve the agenda. Anna Amoriello seconded. The motion carried.*

### Minutes

*Harold Alexander moved to approve the November 7, 2018 minutes. Josh Myers seconded. The motion carried.*

### Elections

*Harold Alexander moved to reappoint George Teague chairman of the board. Ray Briggs seconded. The motion carried.*

*Harold Alexander moved to reappoint Ray Briggs the secretary and treasurer of the board. Anna Amoriello seconded. The motion carried.*

*George Teague moved to reappoint Harold Alexander the vice chairman of the board. Anna Amoriello seconded. The motion carried.*

*Anna Amoriello moved to close elections. Josh Myers seconded. The motion carried.*

### District Conservation Programs

- Jamey Walker presented the Cost Share Programs Update
  - Millie and Jamey are working with landowners on Florence and Michael damages
- 2 CCAP Regional applications sent in for well closures were not funded
- Guilford SWCD received additional cost share funds of \$4,420
- There were 3 NC-ACSP Florence Applications to be approved:
  - Contract 41-2019-007, Ann Somers, Non-Field Farm Road Repair

- Contract 41-2019-008, Anna Amoriello, Non-Field Farm Road Repair
- Contract 41-2019-009, Rodney Summers, Non-Field Farm Road Repair

*Harold moved to approve the payments of NC-ACSP Florence Applications. Ray Briggs seconded. The motion was carried. Anna Amoriello abstained from voting.*

- Millie Langley reported this month's activity:
  - Jamey discussed policies applicable to all Hurricane Florence disaster response allocations
  - Jeffery Turner (SWCD intern) has logged 100% of the conservation plans (approx. 1885 plans, nearly 63,000 acers).
  - Kyleene Rooks has provided outreach programs at 15 schools (1,818 students), hosted an Environmental Camp, participated in the Greensboro Science Center Pajama Jam, spoken at the Dolly Madison Women's Club and provided Professional development in Water Education for Teachers (WET); reaching a total of 1,933 people.
  - Jamey Walker is working with Brian Loadholt (NRCS) and Cindy Safrit to get Job Approval Authority for wells and pipelines.
  - Millie is working on the logistics for the 2019 NCF-Envirothon.
- **VAD or EVAD Applications Approved to Date:** no new changes in VAD.  
**Totals:** 385 parcels; 16,902.90 acres
  - Total VAD: 346 parcels 15,229.22 acres
  - Total EVAD: 39 parcels 1,673.68 acres
- **State Funds Cost Share (ACSP, AgWRAP & CCAP) Total Allocation for 2018= \$74,951**  
 2018 Matching Funds: \$30,150  
 Total: \$105,101
- **USDA Dollars Guilford County:** 2018 EQUIP: \$75,133; 2017 EQUIP: \$65,558; 2016 EQUIP: \$65,658; 2015 EQUIP: \$25,052; **EQUIP Total 2015-2018= \$233,402**

#### Comment from County

- Leslie Bell updated the board that the budget process will begin after at the beginning of the new year.

#### NRCS

Brian Loadholt was unable to attend the December board meeting but emailed the board an update:

- US Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue announced today the appointment of Matthew J "Matt" Lohr as Chief of NRCS.

#### **EQIP Applications:**

- **Current Application # for Team 7:** 79 applications (26 applications for high tunnel across the team)
- **Guilford:** 9 applications. Pools include Seasonal High Tunnel, Pasture, and Crop, Waste Storage Facility.

NRCS has visited 8 of the 9 farms to inventory the resource concerns and are currently evaluating the resource concerns to develop both the conservation plan and cost estimates for potential contract. The team has an objective to provide each participant with time enough to review the plan and determine if it meets their objectives and that they are aware of both the plan requirements and the amount of cost share that will be provided. 3 of the current applications have cost estimates available.

All participants have been mailed eligibility reminder letters during the week of Nov 5<sup>th</sup>. The letter will include instructions on updating Farm Service Agency Records. Each participant is given 30 days to update their records. We will also attempt to call each participant to make them aware that the letters have been sent.

#### District Operations

- The Monthly Expenditure Report saw expenses in preparation for the District's Annual Tree Seedling Sale (February 11-15 8AM-6PM). Staff will begin looking into the expense for a cover for the No-Till Drill and Weed Wiper.
- The Annual Meeting (January 6-9) is now open for registration; the location and hotel are the same as last year. The DEA and Association are holding a Bass Pro Gift Card raffle to raise money for their respective organizations.
- New shirts will be ordered for new board members and staff.
- The board is still waiting to hear back from the Piedmont Conservation Council (PCC) in regards to the Quilt Trail grant application. However, PCC is still working with the district on local projects in stream restoration at locations like Natty Greene's Kitchen and Market at Revolution Mills.
- The FFA Land Judging Contest was successful. We were able to receive money through donations from the NC Association (\$1,500), Farm Credit for \$300, and the Grange, \$250. The Southern Guilford HS Boosters provided drinks and Organic Valley donated milk and cheese.
- The Annual Banquet this year will be held Tuesday, May 14, 2019.
- New supervisors are recommended to attend training with the UNC School of Government; with the Feb. 26 location being the closest (Wake Commons Building)

#### New Business

*Anna moved to approve the proposed 2019 board meeting schedule, as it was consistent with meeting the first Wednesday of each month (with the exception of July meeting the second Wednesday) at 9AM (with the exception of December meeting at 10:30AM) at the Guilford Agricultural Center Room 106. Josh Myers seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

No other new business was discussed.

#### Division Update


Ralston James was unable to attend the December board meeting but emailed the board an update:

- Each district was asked to select a district supervisor to serve as a legislative liaison between the Association and their respective Board. The board came to a consensus to submit Josh Myers as the District's Legislative Liaison.

#### Adjournment:

*With no business to discuss, Harold moved that the meeting be adjourned, Anna seconded and the motion was approved unanimously at 11:35AM.*

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 2, 2019, 9AM at the Guilford County Agriculture Building Conference Room.**



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Secretary/Treasurer