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## *GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT*

FY 2019 Meeting Number 8; March 6, 2019 Minutes

### **Supervisors Present:**

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

### **Others Present:**

Leslie Bell – Planning & Development Director  
Jamey Walker – Soil & Water Conservation Technician  
Kyleene Rooks- Soil & Water Coordinator  
Jeffery Turner- Soil & water Intern  
Harrison Wilkes – NRCS Field Agent

*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. George Teague stated conflicts of interest in regard to cost share fund requests.*

### Agenda

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

### Minutes

*Josh Myers moved to approve the February 6, 2019 minutes with changes made to include the executive session. Harold Alexander seconded. The motion carried.*

### Conservation Plan Intern Project Summary

Jeffery Turner presented a summary of his internship in front of the board. Jeffery has worked a total of 420 hrs. of work since May of 2018. Since the start of his internship he has:

- Researched historical land use in the area within the framework of natural resource management.
- Created an excel database of all 1,887 conservation plans.
- Created a pilot GIS database for storing the conservation plans.
- Created new soil maps for the conservation plans (expected to complete about 1000+).
- Identified plans as being developed (i.e. urban/residential) or active; the "developed" plan folders can easily be identified and archived, if desired.
- Wrote a manual on using the database which future volunteers and interns can use.

Jeffery will be completing his internship in April 2019.

### District Conservation Programs

- Jamey Walker presented the Cost Share Programs Update
  - Jamey is working with landowners on Florence and Michael damages, field visits
  - Jamey Walker is working with Brent Bogue and Cindy Safrit to get Job Approval Authority for wells and pipelines.
- There was 1 Request for Payment:
  - Contract 41-2019-006 George Teague, Abandon Well Closure for \$2,411.00

*Ray Briggs moved to approve the request for payment. Harold Alexander seconded. George Teague abstained from voting. The motion was carried.*

- There were 3 NC-ACSP Florence Applications to Approve (FFR) = \$7,500.00 each
  - Contract 41-2019-009, James Greeson, Non-Field Farm Road Repair
  - Contract 41-2019-010, Mike Faucette, Non-Field Farm Road Repair
  - Contract 41-2019-011, Larry Spencer, Non-Field Farm Road Repair
- There was 1 NC-ACSP Florence Contract to Approve (FFR) = \$7,500.00 each
  - Contract 41-2019-009, James Greeson, Non-Field Farm Road Repair
- There was 1 NC-ACSP Contract to Approve (CS)
  - Contract 41-2019-003, Bruce Humble, Waste Irrigation System for \$21,047

*George Teague made a motion to approve all applications and contracts. Josh Myers seconded. The motion was carried.*

Jamey updated the board that \$50,000 has been requested for Disaster Lagoon Management Incentive (Payments of \$0.01 per gallon for applying or transporting waste).

There were some updates to the VAD:

- **VAD or EVAD Applications Approved to Date:**
  - Totals:** 389 parcels; 17,231.23 acres
  - Total VAD: 350 parcels 15,557.55 acres
  - Total EVAD: 39 parcels 1,673.68 acres

#### District Budget 2020

Millie Langley presented the proposed 2020 budget. There were requests for supplies to help fund the growing education program; as well as request for office furniture, telephones and education and training for supervisors to attend the National Association of Conservation Districts meeting. There was also a request for increased funds for a hotspot to use for our technician's laptop while in the field.

Funds in the budget will also have to be used for replenishing items after the tree sale including: bluebird hoses, wood duck boxes and wildflower seeds.

*Anna Amoriello moved to approve new budget requests. Josh Myers seconded. The motion passed.*

#### Comment from County

- Leslie Bell informed the board of the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Creek Week Event. Guilford County Soil & Water Conservation District will be participating in several events including; both rain barrel workshops, a library program at Glenwood Library and a "pre-creek week" Conservation Field Day series. All events are happening Between March 23-30 2019 and can be found on [www.guilfordcreekweek.org](http://www.guilfordcreekweek.org)

#### NRCS

Harrison Wilkes announced Brent Bogue will be acting as our NRCS representative until the position is filled. Brent was unable to attend the March board meeting but had Harrison Wilkes represent him with an update:

- There are 9 new applicants in Guilford County that are currently going through the ranking process.

#### District Operations

- Millie reviewed the Monthly Expenditure Report. It showed expenses under wearing apparel for new supervisor and staff shirts and the second quarter of technical assistance employee salary reimbursement has been requested.

- Millie updated the board about the District's involvement with PCC RC&D:
  - We will know in April about the status of the Quilt Trail Grant application.
  - PCC has also been awarded the NIFA grant to expand the Bionomic Education Training Center (BETC) Program into several counties including Guilford. The program provides middle and high school students with comprehensive E-STEM (Environment, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) learning via lessons in the classroom, community projects and green infrastructure job training. The BETC Program was created in 2010 as a pilot project in Durham County. PCC has received a three-year grant to expand this innovative program to all 10 counties in its region: Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Durham, Guilford, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham and Wake Counties. Kyleene Rooks is currently working with PCC and the Guilford County school system to fund and train 4 teachers to help run the new program.
  - Guilford Soil & Water Conservation District will be signing on as a supporter and providing technical expertise for the Revolution Mills Stream Restoration Project and will be applying for Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP) Funds for the Stoney Creek Stream Stabilization Project.
- Kyleene Rooks discussed the final financial report of the 2019 Annual Tree Seedling Sale: after all expenses were deducted the sale ended with a profit of \$1,080.65. Trees, bluebird houses, and wildflower seeds were completely sold out of by the end of the week. The board decided that the Monday – Friday sale schedule was the most successful approach as opposed to being available on Saturdays as in previous years.
- Kyleene also announced poster contest winners to the board (with official announcements being made to the public in May). There was a first through third place winner in third, fourth and fifth grade in the county; a first and second place winner at the regional level; and one student from Guilford County moving forward to the state completion in May.
- The board decided on 6PM as an appropriate time for the Awards Banquet on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.
- There has been one application for the Resource Conservation Workshop this summer. Application deadline is March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The board will move to approve applications at the April board meeting after the deadline.
- Upcoming events include:
  - Area 3 Spring Meeting March 7, 2019 in Montgomery County
  - Area 3 Envirothon March 26, 2019 at Elon
  - State Envirothon May 3 – 4, 2018 at Cedarock Park

#### New Business

Jamey Walker reported that Interactive Resource Center (IRC) has removed 2 cisterns funded by CCAP before the expiration of their contract. No notification was given to the staff concerning the removal of the cisterns. The removal of the cisterns was discovered in random site check March 5, 2019. The board agreed unanimously to send a letter to the director of IRC to requesting prorated re-payment for both cisterns.

#### Division Update

Ralston James was unable to attend this month's board meeting. No division update was sent prior to the meeting.

#### Adjournment:

*With no business to discuss, Anna Amoriello moved that the meeting be adjourned. Josh Myers seconded and the motion was approved unanimously at 11:00AM..*

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 3, 2019, 9AM at the Guilford County Agriculture Building Conference Room. It will be Kyleene Rooks' turn to bring snack.**




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Secretary/Treasurer