



GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FY 2019 Meeting Number 9; April 3, 2019 Minutes

Supervisors Present:

George Teague, Chairmen
Harold Alexander, Vice Chairman
Josh Myers- Member

Others Present:

Leslie Bell – Planning & Development Director
Jamey Walker – Soil & Water Conservation Technician
Kyleene Rooks- Soil & Water Coordinator
Millie Langley- Soil Conservationist
Harrison Wilkes – NRCS Field Agent

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

Agenda

Harold Alexander moved to approve the agenda. Josh Myers seconded. The motion carried.

Minutes

Josh Myers moved to approve the March 6, 2019 minutes. Harold Alexander seconded. The motion carried.

District Conservation Programs

Jamey Walker presented the Cost Share Programs Update

- There was 5 Applications to Approve:

NC-ACSP Florence Applications to Prioritize & Approve (FLM)

- Contract 41-2019-012 Oakmere Dairy, K. Bowman Lagoon Management 130 pts, Tier, HQ
- Contract 41-2019-013 Riverside Dairy, D. Sockwell Lagoon Management 120 pts, Tier, HQ
- Contract 41-2019-014 Reedy Fork Farm, G. Teague Lagoon Management 115 pts, Tier, Q

NC-ACSP Florence Applications to Approve (FPR)

- Contract 41-2019-015 Doug Torn \$14,000 Emergency Dam Repair (40% of 35,000 requested)

AgWRAP Regional (requested)

- Contract 41-2019-805 Doug Torn \$10,000 Sediment Removal

Josh Myers moved to approve the applications. Harold Alexander seconded. George Teague abstained from voting. The motion was carried.

- **There were 3 NC-ACSP Florence Contracts to Approve:**

- Contract 41-2019-012 Oakmere Dairy, K. Bowman Lagoon Management \$10,000
- Contract 41-2019-013 Riverside Dairy, D. Sockwell Lagoon Management \$8,000
- Contract 41-2019-014 Reedy Fork Farm, G. Teague Lagoon Management \$6,000

Josh Myers moved to approve the contracts. Harold Alexander seconded. George Teague abstained from voting. The motion was carried.

- **There were 2 NC-ACSP & AgWRAP Payments to Approve:**
 - Contract 41-2019-004 Hardin Phipps, Jr. \$2,729 (II) Cover Crops
 - Contract 41-2019-801 Monica Garner \$6,201 (AG) Well for Livestock Water

Harold Alexander made a motion to approve all applications and contracts. Josh Myers seconded. The motion was carried.

Jamey updated the board that he is in the process of obtaining the site plan for the Carport Structure permit to house the No-Till Drill and Weed Wiper.

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

Comment from County

- Leslie Bell informed the board that the last two VAD applications will appear before the Board of Commissioners at their next meeting. Also, no budget cuts were made to the Soil & Water budget by the Commissioners at the last meeting.
- At the next meeting, Leslie hopes to be able to introduce the new Deputy Director of the Planning Department.

NRCS

Harrison Wilkes announced NRCS had finished the ranking process – including the 12 total applicant from Guilford County. Within the next month, NRCS will start notifying applicants that they've been pre-approved for contracts.

USDA also sent out a News Release regarding Flood Plain Easement Opportunities in North Carolina. Public and private landowners have an additional 30 days to sign up for the Emergency Watershed Protection- Floodplain Easement (EWP -FPE) program. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in North Carolina has funding available through the EWP-FPE program to purchase easements on public or private North Carolina agricultural and residential properties damaged from natural flooding events. Those interested in participating now have until May 20, 2019, to submit a letter of interest outlining the project scope and map of the impacted areas. To be considered, local sponsors are to submit letters of interests and maps by mail to:

**USDA - NRCS
 State Conservationist
 4407 Bland Road, Ste 117
 Raleigh, NC 27609**

District Operations

- Millie reviewed the Monthly Expenditure Report. It showed expenses for replacement office furniture. The remaining budget money will need to be spent prior to June 1.
- Millie updated the board about the District's involvement with PCC RC&D:
 - We will know in mid-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. 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. Right now we have 6 applicants for the opportunity.

- 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 reviewed the two applications for the Resource Conservation Workshop this summer. *Harold Alexander made a motion that Leslie Bell look to move funding for both applicants. Josh Myers seconded. The motion passed.* The board will revisit the approval of RCW applicant May 1, 2019.
- Upcoming events include:
 - State Envirothon May 3 – 4, 2018 at Cedarock Park
 - Awards Banquet – Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 6PM

New Business

Jamey Walker reported that Spot Checks would be occurring next month.

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, Josh Myers moved that the meeting be adjourned. Harold Alexander seconded and the motion was approved unanimously at 9:55AM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 1, 2019, 9AM at the Guilford County Agriculture Building Conference Room. It will be Ray Briggs' turn to bring snack.



Secretary/Treasurer