

GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 3309 Burlington Road, Greensboro, North Carolina, 27405-7605 / (336) 641-2440

FY 2023 – 2024 Meeting Number 6 January 3, 2023 Minutes

Supervisors Present:

George Teague, Chair Josh Myers, Vice Chair Anna Amoriello, Sec/Treas Ray Briggs, Member Grace Summers, Member

Others Present:

Jamey Walker, S&W Conservation Manager Gary Cox, S&W Conservation Technician Nicole Carolan, Soil & Water Coordinator Millie Langley, Soil Conservationist Leslie Bell, Guilford Co. Planning Director Rick McSwain, DSWC Regional Coord.

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:05 AM at the Guilford County Agricultural Building Auditorium. He welcomed everyone in attendance.

He then read the Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any conflicts of interest; *None were noted*. He then noted the Statement of Professionalism that the Commission recently recommended including at each board meeting.

Agenda

George Teague asked everyone to review the agenda as presented. *Josh Myers moved to approve the agenda. Grace Summers seconded, and the motion was approved.*

Minutes

George asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes from the December 2023 meeting. *Anna Amoriello moved to approve the December minutes as presented. Grace seconded, and the motion was approved.*

Comments from County

Leslie Bell provided information from a complaint received by a farmer in the Mt Hope Church Rd area. He was not cited for leaving farm equipment out but was advised on ways to avoid complaints and the county having to respond.

NRCS

There was no report from NRCS, but Jamey reported on the NRCS/District Outreach meeting which was a success. There were about 35 in attendance, including speakers. George, Gary, Brandon and Grace did a good job!

Division Report

Rick McSwain reported that the Area 3 Spring meeting would be on March 7th in Alamance. He noted that the Divisions website has changed. If you notice that certain things are missing to please let them know. The division has hired a new Regional Coordinator, Shelby Kaplan to take the other Western Region position. Rick reminded everyone that the State meeting is coming up this Sunday and hopes to see everyone there. There were 9 Resolutions sent out for review, hopefully everyone received them.

District Conservation Programs

 Gary Cox reported that the district had actually received \$100,000 of additional Ag Cost Share funds and provided the ranking list for the additional applications using the added funds.

- The AgWRAP Regional Application for Cabell Early for Conservation Irrigation Conversion has been approved on the Regional Level. We are waiting to hear if it was approved at the State level.
- Gary reported that Guilford County's Voluntary Ag District totals are now: VAD, 398 parcels and 17,458.04 acres and EVAD 43 parcels and 1,765.68 acres; total of both VAD and EVAD is 441 parcels and 19,223.72 acres.

District Education

- Nicole noted that the Foundation report showed \$50 income for No-Till Drill rental, and \$175 for Tree Sale so far. It also showed the expense for the Outreach Meeting Meal. The balance in this account is \$8,827.56.
- Nicole also reported that she had a great day presenting at Southwest Middle School back in December.

District Operations

- Jamey gave the Munis report for the Regular Operating Budget.
- Millie had no report since Jordyn was home for the holidays.
- She also reported that the Master Agreement from last year also covered this year, so the Matching Funds Application was all that was needed to send in. Staff is working on getting that document signed and processed through county finance.

New Business

George reminded everyone that it was time for Election of Officers. Ray moved to keep the officers the same with George Teague as Chair, Josh Myers as Vice Chair and Anna Amoriello as Sec/Treas. Anna seconded and the motion was approved.

Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, Josh moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:20 am. Ray seconded, and the motion was approved.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 7th, 2024 at 9:00 am in the Guilford Ag Center Auditorium.

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