



## *GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT*

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**FY 2023 – 2024 Meeting Number 7** February 7, 2024 Minutes

### **Supervisors Present:**

George Teague, 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  
Brandon King, NRCS Super. Soil Conservationist  
Jordyn Rosichan, NRCS Soil Conservationist  
Dominae Smith, NRCS Part-Time Soil Con  
Lorien Deaton, DSWC, AgWRAP Coordinator

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. *Ray Briggs moved to approve the agenda. Grace Summers seconded, and the motion was approved.*

### **Minutes**

George asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes from the January 2024 meeting. *Anna Amoriello moved to approve the January minutes as presented. Grace seconded, and the motion was approved.*

### **Cost Share Audit**

Lorien Deaton reported that the staff had done a very good job on all aspects of the Cost Share Program Review done last October. All paperwork and contract folders were complete and, in the field, BMPs were also well done and maintained. There were 2 very minor maintenance issues but were corrected within days of the inspection. Board meeting minutes were also complete and correctly done. She thanked everyone for the good work!

### **Comments from County**

Leslie Bell reported that Jamey would be presenting the draft operating budget later in the meeting. he also stated that he had spoken with the Facilities Director and that the former 'agreement' for NRCS office space *had* expired. They are working on providing space for them across the hall in a less used room in the FSA Office.

### **NRCS**

Brandon reported that his last day is Friday...he is moving up to the State NRCS Office in Raleigh. They have a March 8<sup>th</sup> deadline for CSP signup. He has 12 EQIP applicants which includes 3 for ACT NOW program.

### **Division Report**

No Division Report.

## **District Conservation Programs**

- Gary presented one AgWRAP Request for Payment: 41-2023-801 for Ol' Red Farms, Well, \$6,552
- He also presented NC-ACSP Applications to Approve:
  - 41-2024-008 Don York Heavy Use Area 125 pts
  - 41-2024-009 T & R Farms LLC Cropland Conversion 115 pts
  - 41-2024-010 Rodney Speas Cropland Conversion 115 pts
  - *Anna moved to approve the Ag Cost Share Applications as ranked. Ray seconded and the motion was approved.*
- He then presented the NC ACSP Contracts for Approval:
  - 41-2024-008 Don York Heavy Use Area \$19,202
  - 41-2024-009 T & R Farms LLC Cropland Conversion \$5,103
  - 41-2024-010 Rodney Speas Cropland Conversion \$2,520
  - *Anna moved to approve the Ag Cost Share Applications as ranked. Ray seconded and the motion was approved.*
- Gary also gave an update on the Foundation Grant for the Purchase of a new No-till Drill. The district will need to update costs for desired drills by the 15<sup>th</sup>. The district will also need to provide a 30% match. So, for a \$30,000 Drill, the match would be \$9000. After some discussion, the board decided to sell the old drill to offset the match, which would drain the 'Foundation' account completely. *Anna moved to sell the drill and the weed-wiper by sealed bids by March 29<sup>th</sup>. Minimum bid should be \$5000, but not advertised as such. Ray seconded and the motion was approved.*
- Gary reported that Guilford County's Voluntary Ag District totals remain: 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 \$0 income for Tree Sale, as that money went into the Friends account this year. She researched sales tax that was not accounted for in previous years so the updated balance is \$8,407.21.
- She updated everyone on the Tree sale. We sold out of everything except the Mulberry and the Loblolly Pines. The sale brought in approximately \$1,000 in sales, so minus the expenses the profit will be \$300 – \$400.

## **District Operations**

- Jamey gave the monthly expenditure report for the District. He also reviewed the 2024-2025 Draft Budget with everyone. *Ray moved to approve the Draft Budget allowing for minor edits as needed. Grace Summers seconded, and the motion was approved.*
- He recapped the 2024 Annual Meeting in Durham a few weeks ago. George is now Past President and his duties are much lighter now.
- Millie reported that she will be attending the 2024 NACD Annual Meeting in San Diego CA, leaving this Friday. She will chair the NCF-Envirothon Operating Committee and is on the NCF Board of Trustees who will meet during that event.
- She reported that Jordyn Davis is back at work and will be finishing up by the end of March as she graduated this semester. Millie and Jamey developed a timeline for her remaining duties and is working through that list. She will give a detailed report to the VAD board (March 18th) and this board at their April meeting.

## **New Business**

Jamey asked if the board wanted to keep the March 6th meeting since the Area meeting is planned for the next day (March 7<sup>th</sup>). The board decided by consensus to keep the meeting scheduled as planned.

## **Adjournment**

*With no other business to discuss, Anna moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:05 am. Grace seconded, and the motion was approved.*

- **Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 9:00 am in the Guilford Ag Center Auditorium.**

*Anna Plamoniello*

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Secretary/Treasurer