



## GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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FY 2023 – 2024 Meeting Number 8 March 6, 2024 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  
Millie Langley, Soil Conservationist  
Leslie Bell, Guilford Co. Planning Director  
Jordyn Rosichan, NRCS Soil Conservationist

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:08 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. *Anna Amoriello moved to approve the agenda. Ray Briggs seconded, and the motion was approved.*

### **Minutes**

George asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes from the February 2024 meetings. *Josh moved to approve both February meeting minutes, including the February 22 Special Called Meeting with the following edits: he was not present at the February 7 meeting. Grace seconded, and the motion was approved.*

### **NRCS**

Jordyn Rosichan reported since Brandon is now headquartered in the State Office. He is still part-time until his previous position is filled. They had a March 8<sup>th</sup> deadline for CSP signup. She has 12 EQIP applicants which includes 3 for ACT NOW program.

### **Division Report**

No Division Report.

### **District Conservation Programs**

- Gary presented one ACSP Request for Payment:
  - 41-2021-001 for Ryan Blankenship; \$4,119 for Critical Area Treatment
  - *Anna moved to approve the Ag Cost Share Request for Payment as presented. Josh seconded and the motion was approved.*
  
- He also presented NC-ACSP Applications to Approve:
  - 41-2024-011 Kelly Bowman Cover Crop 105 pts
  - 41-2024-012 Matthew Bowman Cover Crop 105 pts
  - 41-2024-013 Bryant Sockwell Heavy Use Area 100 pts (Supplement)

- *Josh moved to approve the Ag Cost Share Applications as ranked. Anna seconded and the motion was approved.*
- He then presented the NC ACSP Contracts for Approval:
  - 41-2024-011 Kelly Bowman Cover Crop \$8,363
  - 41-2024-012 Matthew Bowman Cover Crop \$4,810
  - 41-2024-013 Bryant Sockwell Heavy Use Area \$7,088 (Supplement)
  - *Grace moved to approve the Ag Cost Share Contracts as presented. Ray seconded and the motion was approved.*
- Gary also presented an AgWRAP Application for an Agricultural Pond Repair for Gerald Fryar
  - 41-2024-803 Gerald Fryar Agricultural Pond Repair 120 (HQ)
  - *Josh moved to approve the AgWRAP Application as ranked. Anna seconded and the motion was approved.*
- Gary also applied for funding for another AgWRAP Well
- Gary also gave the latest update on the Foundation Grant for the Purchase of a new No-till Drill. Jamey had checked with the John Deere Equipment dealer in Danville, VA. The drill they had chosen won't be available until early 2025. So, they are thinking it would best to wait until closer to purchase time. After some discussion, the board decided by consensus to hold off on the sale.
- 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. He also asked for approval of a letter to Heather Schaffer with 2 revisions and send Leslie a copy after George signs. Add that historically how the VAD process had been done in past years.

### **District Education**

- Since Nicole's last day was yesterday (Tuesday), Millie reported that the two Envirothon Teams Area Registration had been paid for through the foundation account. There was no income for the foundation.
- Millie presented a student's application for the Resource Conservation Workshop. He is a student at Grimsley High School and is hoping to major in Crop and Soil Science when he goes to college. *Josh moved to approve the student's application to the RCW. Anna seconded and the motion was approved.*
- Millie mentioned that most of our permitted Livestock Operation Permits are being renewed this month – by April 3, 2024.
- VAD Intern, Jordyn Davis is working diligently to update participant folders and is planning to give a report to the VAD committee at their March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- She reported that the Area 3 Envirothon was to be held at ACC next Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Guilford has two teams attending, they are from the Early College at Guilford

### **Comments from County**

- Leslie Bell reported that water and sewer was being extended to the 421 South area of Guilford County. He also mentioned that he had included a Farmland Preservation Position in next year's budget.

### **District Operations**

- Jamey gave the monthly expenditure report for the District Operations and Foundation account.
- He reported to the board that he had revised the job description and will email it following the meeting for them and Leslie to review, by Monday, to get it to HR as soon as possible.
- Jamey reported that Leslie has asked them to participate in the upcoming Budget Town Halls and Community Resource Fairs to be held March 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. It was discussed and decided that Jamey and Gary will attend the 11<sup>th</sup>, George and Josh will attend on the 12<sup>th</sup> and Jamey and

Ray will attend the one on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Jamey has updated the Display and has handouts to give out.

### **New Business**

George asked Josh to report on the Friends of Guilford SWCD about the wording of the request to the county for the transfer of the "Foundation" account funds to the District's Friends of Guilford SWCD account. Josh asked Leslie if he had any changes to that wording. He responded that he had no changes. George asked that the request to transfer funds from the "Foundation" account to the Friends of Guilford SWCD be presented to the County Commissioners for approval at the April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, commission meeting.

- *Josh moved to approve the request to transfer the account balance from County Foundation Account to the Friends of Guilford Soil and Water, at the April 4<sup>th</sup> Commissioners meeting. Anna seconded, and the motion was approved.*

Leslie stated that Josh needed to send the request to Jamey and Jamey would put the request from the Board into LEGISTAR before March 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm (deadline for the April 4<sup>th</sup> commission meeting) and Leslie would review and submit. Jamey agreed to work on the request in LEGISTAR before the deadline of March 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjournment**

*With no other business to discuss, Josh moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:35 am. Anna seconded, and the motion was approved.*

- **Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 9:00 am in the Guilford Ag Center Auditorium.**



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Secretary/Treasurer