



GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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FY 2023 – 2024 Meeting Number 8 April 3, 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
Brandon King, NRCS Supervisory Conservationist

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:10 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. Josh Myers seconded, and the motion was approved.*

Minutes

George asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes from the March 2024 meetings. *Josh moved to approve the March meeting minutes. Ray Briggs seconded, and the motion was approved.*

Comments from County

Leslie reported that County’s Town Hall Events were successful. He mentioned that there was some interest in Farmland Preservation. He suggested that the board meet with county commissioners about this topic. He suggested giving several dates to choose from and have some area Farm Preservation experts to speak and give information about the programs, what other counties are doing.

District Conservation Programs

Gary reported that with the additional funds we have received we now can obligate up to \$224,940 in ACSP, II, AgWRAP and

- Gary presented one ACSP Request for Payment:
 - 41-2023-009 for Rodney Summers; \$2,174 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:
 - 41-2024-015 Randy Gerringer Sediment Removal 100 pts
 - 41-2024-016 Ken Troxler Sediment Removal 100 pts
 - 41-2024-017 Brian Busick Cover Crop 100 pts
 - *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:
 - 41-2024-015 Randy Gerringer Sediment Removal \$7,486
 - 41-2024-016 Ken Troxler Sediment Removal \$7,486

- 41-2024-017 Brian Busick Cover Crop \$1,575
- *Anna moved to approve the Ag Cost Share Contracts as presented. Grace Summers seconded and the motion was approved.*
- Gary also presented an AgWRAP Application for Conservation Irrigation System for Gerald Fryar
 - 41-2024-804 Cabell Early Center Pivot 90 (Q)
 - *Josh moved to approve the AgWRAP Application as ranked. Grace seconded and the motion was approved.*
- He then presented the NC AgWRAP Contracts for Approval:
 - 41-2024-802 Ryan Blankenship Well \$11,994
 - 41-2024-804 Cabell Early Center Pivot \$35,000
 - *Anna moved to approve the AgWRAP Contracts as presented. Grace seconded and the motion was approved.*
- Gary also gave the latest update on the Foundation Grant for the Purchase of a new No-till Drill. Gary reported that the Foundation offered several options. The Board decided that it would be best to wait until the new fiscal year, July of 2024, to order/purchase the new drill. They will also have the option to let the Foundation purchase and then the district will refund them for our part when the old drill is sold.
- 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. Gary asked for approval of a letter to Heather Schaffer with 2 revisions and to email Leslie a copy after George signs. Gary revised Soil and Water duties in line number 1 to applications instead of application and added a note that the above duties were the original duties of the Guilford County Cooperative Extension office and the Guilford Soil and Water Conservation District office.

NRCS

Brandon King reported that FSA is slowly moving things out of the FSA Map Room; the future home of NRCS. He also mentioned that it was nearing the time for our local workgroup to meet. They're working on contract reviews and compliance. They have 12 Eligible EQIP applications and 12 eligible CSP applications. Brandon reported that Casey Harrington will be filling his position, hopefully in the next few weeks.

Division Report

No Division Report.

District Education

- Millie reported that only one of our Envirothon teams was going to the State Envirothon. Josh wrote a check (\$250) from the friends account to cover that team's registration. The Early College at Guilford's "Lab Grown Meats" Team.
- Millie reported that she was helping our livestock operations with permit renewal this month. Forms were to be submitted by April 3, 2024. That has all been done but several operations needed revisions to their waste plans, and she is still working on several of those.
- Millie reported that our VAD Intern Jordyn Davis had completed her work. She gave a report to the VAD Board on March 18 and her report was in their folders. Millie will work on completing the items/issues that were found as we transition to Coop. Extension
- She reported that the State Envirothon will be held at Cedarock Park at the end of the month, April 26-27. Staff will be helping and George Teague will be serving as a Finals Judge.

District Operations

- Jamey gave the monthly expenditure report for the District Operations and Foundation account.
- He reported to the board that the revised job description had been approved by county HR and should be posted soon.
- Jamey reported that he, Gary, George, Josh and Ray had attended the Budget Town Halls and Community Resource Fairs held March 11th, 12th and 18th.

New Business

Josh asked for approval to use \$1,000 for the Board member travel in the SWCD Regular travel budget for his travel to attend the NACD Southeastern Meeting, June 15 - 18 in Gainesville FL. \$1000 was budgeted for 1 board member in the FY24 budget. Ray moved to approved Josh to use the funds, up to \$1000 for the SE NACD meeting. Grace seconded and the motion was approved.

- **Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 1st, 2024 at 9:00 am in the Guilford Ag Center Auditorium.**



Secretary/Treasurer