



GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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FY 2023 – 2024 Meeting Number 9 May 1, 2024 Minutes

Supervisors Present:

George Teague, Chair
Josh Myers, Vice Chair
Anna Amoriello, Sec/Treas
Ray Briggs, Member
Grace Summers, Member
Dan Marcum, Associate 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
Casey Harrington, NRCS Supervisory Cons
Rick McSwain, Reg. Coordinator, DSWC

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.

George welcomed Casey Harrington, the new NRCS Supervisory Conservationist taking Brandon Kings place as he moved to the State Office. Jordan introduced her and everyone around the table introduced themselves.

Agenda

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

Minutes

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

Comments from County

Leslie mentioned that the county was looking at possible 5% -10% budget cuts due to some funding running out in the next year. The county may also delay merit raises until March or later. Jamey will discuss our possible cuts later in the meeting.

NRCS

Jordan reported that the map room is underway being made into her future office. A new countertop, door and shading for the window is being installed and painting will be done shortly. She also mentioned that it was nearing the time for our local workgroup to meet. She updated everyone on current deadlines and ongoing work.

Division Report

Rick reported that Scott Melvin had left and hopefully would be hiring his replacement soon, as they really need more engineers. He reported that a Fencing Training in Wilkes was coming up and the deadline to register was May 8th. He also reported that David Williams is working to secure funding from NRCS to hire temporary employees for 3 – 5 years to assist them but would be District Employees. Would Guilford be interested in having one of these positions? The board's consensus was 'maybe' due to current limited office space and capacity for training and supervising.

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 NC ACSP Contracts for Approval (pending for Engineering Design):
 - 41-2023-001 Emily Fields Stream Crossing \$15,424
 - *Anna moved to approve the Ag Cost Share Contract as presented. Josh seconded and the motion was approved*

- He also presented NC-ACSP Contract Revision to Approve:
 - 41-2024-006 Randy Gerringer Grassed Waterway – Tile \$5,339
 - *Josh moved to approve the Ag Cost Share Contract revision as presented. Grace seconded and the motion was approved*

- Gary presented one ACSP Request for Payment:
 - 41-2024-009 for T & R Farms; \$4,253 for Cropland Conversion
 - *Anna moved to approve the Ag Cost Share Request for Payment as presented. Grace seconded and the motion was approved*

- He reported that Josh and Ray had done a day of spot-checking and he would be continuing later this month with everyone else.

- Gary reviewed the 2024 Strategic Plan with the board. They reviewed the updates to the document and Anna moved to approved the document as presented; Josh 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

- Millie reviewed the Foundation account with everyone. There has been no activity as we are waiting for the approval for the transfer back to Guilford SWCD. The county's final account of the total balance was \$7,084. This transfer will be approved by the Board of Commissioners tomorrow evening at their May 2nd meeting.
- Millie reported that she was helping our livestock operations with needed revisions to their waste plans.
- She reported that the State Envirothon was held at Cedarock Park this past weekend, April 26-27. George Teague will be serving as a Finals Judge. The winning team was Enloe High School Subchronic Exposure...same team as last year! They will represent NC at the NCF-Envirothon in Geneva, New York this summer.

District Operations

- Jamey gave the monthly expenditure report for the District Operations and Foundation account.
- He reviewed where he taken the 5% and 10% cuts from our 2024-2025 budget in the 529100 Small Furniture Fixtures line item.
- He reported that he and the board were reviewing applications and would send him their top 3 -5 by Wednesday of next week for possible interviews.

New Business

Dan Marcum reported that he had been attending the JLOW meeting and that any comments on the Revised rules were coming up and must be submitted by May 20th. He encouraged the board to join the JLOW Coalition and to send a comment/letter to request that Guilford SWCD become the county's local

advisory committee for Jordan Lake Nutrient Strategy Oversight Committee. *Anna moved to approve the request to be the Local Advisory Board; Josh seconded, and the motion was approved. Josh moved to join the Coalition as a member, Anna seconded, and the motion was approved.*

Jamey reported that Frankie Jones was the new County Commissioner on the VAD Board. George is working on inviting several county commissioners to a meeting to begin the conversation about actively working on the Farmland Preservation Program and a possible position in the county.

Since there was no other business, Anna moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 am; Josh seconded and the motion was approved.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 9:00 am in the Guilford Ag Center Auditorium.



Secretary/Treasurer