



GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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FY 2024 – 2025 Meeting Number 3 October 3, 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
Eduardo Velazquez Collazo, NRCS Soil Cons.
Lorien Deaton, Div. of Soil & Water Cons

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:10 AM at the Guilford County Agricultural Building Auditorium meeting Room. 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 previous meeting. *Ray Briggs moved to approve the September meeting minutes. Grace Summers seconded, and the motion was approved.*

Comments from County

Leslie was not in attendance.

NRCS

Eduardo (Eddie) Velazquez Collazo, new Soil Conservationist in Guilford, introduced himself and gave the NRCS report. For 2024 there are 4 new CSP contracts for \$124,944 including Forages, Firebreaks and Cover Crops. There are also 2 new EQIP contracts for \$60,107 including Livestock systems, firebreaks, wildlife habitat management and forestry management. There are 15 Total Active contracts for \$2,437,579. The deadline for EQIP and CSP sign-up is November 1st.

The Regional Small Farms Conference at NC A&T Univ. Farm will Oct. 7-8th. Also, Cooperative Extension is holding an Outreach Program "Unlocking Federal & County Support: Program for Farmers." NRCS and Gary Cox with Guilford SWCD will be speaking about the Soil & Water District and programs we offer.

He discussed upcoming events for this month such as, Nov. 6th there will be screening of Roots So Deep at A&T. This will be held at NCA&T Univ. Pavilion on the Univ. Farm near the office. They would like to have a panel discussion afterwards: NRCS staff will be attending. He also mentioned that new partner, Amanda Kirby with the American Farmland Trust was going to be working in the NRCS office one day per week.

Division Report

Rick McSwain was not in attendance, so Lorien Deaton reported for him that Julie Henshaw will be having meeting next week to discuss disaster management for Western NC. She asked everyone to not

travel to the area unless necessary. She will also be helping with planning the Tours and activities for the November Commission Meeting to be held here in Greensboro.

District Conservation Program

Gary presented the Ranking list, Applications as Ranked and Contracts all to be approved. The total Ag Cost Share allocation is \$62,747 and he has obligated \$59,361.

- Gary presented the following Applications as ranked to Approve:
 - 41-2025-801 Gerald Fryar Pond Repair Ranking 120
 - 41-2025-001 Ryan Lambeth Cover Crop Ranking 120
 - 41-2025-002 Hinton Farms, Inc Cover Crop Ranking 120
 - 41-2025-003 Jerry Murrell Cover Crop Ranking 115
 - 41-2025-004 Ol' Red Farm Cover Crop Ranking 115
 - 41-2025-005 Kirby Shepherd Cover Crop Ranking 110
 - 41-2025-006 Don York HUA/Cover Crop Ranking 110
 - 41-2025-007 Roger Geringer Grassed Waterway Ranking 110
 - 41-2025-008 Lewis Bros. Farm Cover Crop Ranking 105
 - 41-2025-009 Cobb & Black Farm Cover Crop Ranking 105

- *Ray moved to approve the Cost Share Applications as ranked (with one correction of an application number). Josh seconded and the motion was approved.*

- He also presented the following contracts for approval:
 - 41-2025-001 Ryan Lambeth Cover Crop Ranking 120
 - 41-2025-002 Hinton Farms, Inc Cover Crop Ranking 120
 - 41-2025-003 Jerry Murrell Cover Crop Ranking 115
 - 41-2025-004 Ol' Red Farm Cover Crop Ranking 115
 - 41-2025-005 Kirby Shepherd Cover Crop Ranking 110
 - 41-2025-006 Don York HUA/Cover Crop Ranking 110
 - 41-2025-007 Roger Geringer Grassed Waterway Ranking 110
 - 41-2025-008 Lewis Bros. Farm Cover Crop Ranking 105
 - 41-2025-009 Cobb & Black Farm Cover Crop Ranking 105

- *Ray moved to approve the Ag Cost Share Contracts (with one correction of an application number). Josh seconded and the motion was approved.*
- Gary

District Education

- The state RC&D Conference is being postponed due to the extensive damage in Western NC hindering participation from those in that part of the state.
- The NACD/NCF- Envirothon Meetings will be held in Salt Lake City Feb 8th- 12th 2025; Millie would like to attend.
- The trees for the tree sale will arrive here the first or second week in January. So, holding the tree sale the January 27th should work.

District Operations

- Jamey gave the monthly expenditure report for the District Operations account. He mentioned that the CET registration will come out of 2025 FY instead of last FY's this time. There was also a budget delay (by Finance) in posting several items in Printing & Office Supplies from the 2024 budget that will also be taken from the 2025 budget.
- Jamey mentioned that he had Secondary Employment Forms for the current employees for George to sign. No one has a secondary job.
- Our new hire Sydney Kirkpatrick started on October 21st. We are working on the 30 days On Boarding schedule.

- Jamey reminded everyone about the upcoming Fall Meeting in Alamance County on Oct. 17th and Annual meeting will be at the Sheraton Imperial RTP January 5-7, 2025.

New Business

- George reminded the group that we are still on go to host the Soil & Water Commission meeting in November 19-20.
- The local workgroup will meet after the board meeting today.

Since there was no other business Ray moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 am; Anna seconded, and the motion was approved.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 9:00 am in the Guilford Ag Center Auditorium.



Secretary/Treasurer