



GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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FY 2024 – 2025 Meeting Number 4 November 6th, 2024 Minutes-Draft

Supervisors Present:

George Teague, Chair
Josh Myers, Vice Chair
Anna Amoriello, Sec/Treas
Ray Briggs, Member

Others Present:

Jamey Walker, S&W Conservation Manager
Gary Cox, S&W Conservation Technician
Eduardo Velazquez Collazo, NRCS Soil Cons.
Amanda Kirby-Will, American Farmland Trust
Jordyn Rosichan, NRCS
Leslie Bell, Guilford Planning Director
Sydney S. Kirkpatrick, Environmental Education and
Conservation Coordinator

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:04 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. Anna Amoriello 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 October meeting minutes. Anna Amoriello seconded, and the motion was approved.*

Comments from County

Leslie spoke on behalf of the county. He commented that the county will be initiating the county budget process in the next 45-60 days.

NRCS

Eduardo (Eddie) Velazquez Collazo gave the NRCS report. He mentioned that December 16th is the last day to make a CSP payment for FY2024 for team 7. He discussed upcoming events for this month such as, Nov. 6th there will be screening of Roots So Deep at A&T. Also, there is EQIP Roll-out training for FY2025 in Sanford Field Office.

He mentioned there was 34 applications to evaluate, assess and rank for Guilford County. There are over 200 for Team 7. While only one CSP payment remaining for Guilford County. Team 7 is working on getting the rest of the team payment done (Caswell, Rockingham, Orange, Person, and Alamance.

He spoke on behalf of Jordyn leaving, then introduced Amanda Kirby-Will as the new partner of NRCS with the American Farmland Trust.

Division Report

Rick McSwain was not in attendance. He did provide a Newsletter for reviewal.

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 \$62,730.

- Gary presented the following Applications as ranked to Approve:
 - 41-2025-010 R&R Farms Inc. Cover Crop
 - 41-2025-011 Don York HUA
- *Josh moved to approve the Cost Share Applications as ranked (with one correction of an application number). Anna seconded and the motion was approved.*
- He also presented the following contracts for approval:
 - 41-2025-010 R&R Farms Inc. Cover Crop
 - 41-2025-011 Don York HUA
- *Ray moved to approve the Ag Cost Share Contracts (with one correction of an application number). Anna seconded and the motion was approved.*

District Education

- Millie opened discussion for the NACD meeting. The NACD/NCF-Envirothon Meetings will be in Salt Lake City Feb 8 – 12, 2025; Millie and Josh would like to attend. Millie will also get some assistance from the State Envirothon Committee, so she requested \$1,530 to pay for registration and half the room, meals, etc. *Josh moved to approve Millie to attend the NACD meeting. Ray seconded and the motion was approved. Ray moved to approve Josh to attend the NACD meeting to use up to the budgeted \$2,000. Anna Seconded and the motion was approved.* Josh also mentioned that Grace may want to attend. Jamey will check with her and see if she is planning to attend and need the monetary assistance as well, as budget allows.
- The items for the Tree Sale were approved for January 27-31st.

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.
- 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 Annual meeting will be at the Sheraton Imperial RTP January 5-7, 2025. He reminded everyone to sign up to go to the meeting.

New Business

- George reminded the group that we are still on go to host the Soil & Water Commission meeting in November 19-20.
- Approved lunch meal for December 4th meeting.
- The local workgroup will meet after the board meeting today.

Executive Session

Josh moved to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 9:40 am. Anna seconded and the motion was approved. At 10:35 Josh moved to come out of Executive Session. Anna seconded and the motion was approved.

Since there was no other business Anna moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 am; Josh seconded,

and the motion was approved.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 4, at 10:30 am in the Guilford Ag Center Auditorium.

Anna Amorielto

Secretary/Treasurer