



GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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FY 2022 – 2023 Meeting Number 9 May 3, 2023 Minutes

Supervisors Present:

George Teague, Chair
Josh Myers, Vice Chair
Anna Amoriello, Secretary/Treasurer
Ray Briggs, Member

Others Present:

Jamey Walker, S&W Conservation Manager
Gary Cox, S&W Conservation Technician
Nicole Carolan, Soil & Water Coordinator
Millie Langley, Soil Conservationist
Brandon King, NRCS Sup. Soil Conservationist
Leslie Bell, Director - Guilford Co. Planning & Dev.
Jordyn Rosichan, Soil Conservationist
Ralston James, DSWC

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 09:05 AM at the Guilford Agriculture Center Barn Kitchen Meeting Room. George Teague welcomed everyone in attendance.

He then read the Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any conflicts of interest; none were stated. 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 adding Ralston's remarks, plus Brandon's request to review and update local priorities (Local Workgroup) under New Business. Ray Briggs seconded, and the motion was approved.*

Minutes

George asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes from the April 2023 meeting. *Ray moved to approve the April minutes as presented with the correction of the meeting start time. Anna Amoriello seconded, and the motion was approved.*

Comments from County

Leslie Bell reported that county budget work was still moving forward and the district's budget remained unchanged at this time. He noted that the BMAP program cost (\$6,000) was added to our budget. Leslie suggested that the requested donation to the foundation be altered to be a sponsorship of a potential project or fund that would benefit Guilford County or the district.

NRCS

Brandon King gave the NRCS update. He mentioned that NRCS had announced sign-up for the National Organic Initiative. EQIP has approved 1 eligible Urban Ag Contract and there were 11 other EQIP applications and 1 IRA that should be on track to be approved. Leslie also mentioned that the County Manager and Facilities Director, Rick Moser were aware of the Farm Bureau Building being for sale but the county commissioners needed to be aware as well.

District Conservation Programs

Gary Cox presented the Cost Share Program update.

- He presented ACSP Application 41-2023-009 (Erosion Control BMPs) for Rodney Summers for approval. *Anna moved to approve the application as presented; Josh seconded the motion. The motion was approved.*
- *He presented approval of ACSP Contract 41-2023-009 Rodney Summers for \$9,475. Josh moved to approve the contract as presented and Ray seconded the motion. The motion was approved.*

- A CCAP RFP was presented for approval for Stoney Creek HOA, 41-2021-501 for \$2,867. *Josh moved to approve the RFP as presented and Ray seconded the motion. The motion was approved.*
- Gary reported that the StRAP project was completed, and contractor has been paid. The remainder of Guilford's allocation will not be used at this time. Spot checks are also underway and going well.
- Gary presented the 2024 Strategic Plan including the Prioritization Worksheets and Cost Share Audit to the board for their approval. *Anna moved to approve and to approve any possible necessary minor edits. Josh seconded and the motion was approved.*
- Guilford County's Voluntary Ag District totals are now VAD, 393 parcels and 17,384.20 acres and EVAD 43 parcels and 1,765.68 acres; total of both VAD and EVAD is 436 parcels and 19,149.88 acres.

District Education

- Millie gave the update on the State Envirothon held on April 28-29 at Cedarrock Park in Alamance County.
- Nicole has a tour scheduled with Greensboro Day School students for the 16th. She will take them to George's farm, Craven Smith's and possibly others.
- Nicole noted that the Foundation report included our Envirothon Team's registration (\$206) for the State Envirothon and \$160 for bluebird/seed sales.

District Operations

- Jamey gave an update on the Munis Report for the regular district expenses. Jamey asked that we use funds to complete the window film in the office, approximately \$800. Jamey reported that we have some funds that may not be used from the education and training and the small furniture fixtures line item. In looking at those items, Josh moved that we use up to \$800 of the extra funds in the small furniture fixtures line item to go ahead with the office window film. Ray seconded the motion and the motion was approved.
- Nicole reported that Brandon Emert will get a report to her on the number of applications and types of assistance for the beaver program.
- The Conservation Employee Training will be held September 18-21, 2023 in Greensboro at the Embassy Suites Hotel, out near the airport. The staff is working with DSWC staff Sydney Mucha and Josh Vetter to determine potential tour sites.

New Business

- Ralston James announced he was planning to retire May 31st from the Division of Soil & Water after many years of service. He plans to be appointed as a district supervisor and so will not be going away completely. Everyone thanked Ralston for all his work and help through the years.
- Brandon assisted the district with the Local Workgroup. He mentioned that Urban Ag was now very prevalent in our area. The group agreed by consensus, to keep the local priorities the same as last year.

Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, Josh moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:06 am. Ray seconded, and the motion was approved.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 7th, 2023 at 9:00 am in the Guilford County Ag Center Auditorium

Anna Amorielto

Secretary/Treasurer