



GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FY 2021 – 2022 Meeting Number 8; March 2, 2022 Minutes

Supervisors Present:

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

Others Present:

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

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:03 AM at the Guilford Agriculture Center Auditorium. Social distancing policies were met. George read the Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any conflicts of interest; none were stated.

Agenda

Jamey asked to add a tax document to the agenda under “Review of 2023 District Budget”. Anna moved to approve the agenda as presented and with the addition; Josh Myers seconded, and the motion was approved.

Minutes

George asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Ray Briggs noted that Harold Alexander was missing from the minutes as presented. This was noted and corrected. Josh Myers moved to approve the February minutes as corrected. Ray Briggs seconded and the motion was approved.

Comments from the County

Leslie provided an update from the county. He mentioned they were finishing up with the budget process for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year. The 2022-2023 Fiscal Year budget will be due on March 25th.

Review of the 2023 District Budget

Jamey Walker proceeded to review the 2023 District Budget while noting any increases, decreases, or general changes to each line item. One notable change in the budget was a \$4,450 increase for furniture fixtures for the office to allow for room remodel and improved work space. There was discussion on NRCS employees (Brandon and Jordyn) moving across the hall to the USDA-FSA office. This move would allow additional office space for soil and water employees as well as NRCS employees.

Under the Foundation budget for 2023 one notable line item highlights available funds to send two students to the Resource Conservation Workshop and two teams to the State Envirothon. We will work with educators to get teams together for 2023. Jamey asked if anyone present had any questions about the budget and none were noted. Josh *moved that the budget be approved allowing minor changes to be made without additional approval, Anna seconded. The motion carried.*

Nicole presented the tax document next and there was an open discussion on all the options outlined. Josh *motioned to approve option (3) and (5) on the tax document and Anna seconded the motion. The motion was approved.*

	Option 1 Original	Tax (6.75%)	Proposed Fee for Sales Tax Accounting Option 2 Original + Tax	Option 3 - Rounded Up	Processing Fee (3%)	Option 4 - Tax + Processing Fee	Option 5 - Tax + Processing Fee Rounded Up
Sellable Goods							
Wildflower Seeds	\$7.00	\$0.47	\$7.47	\$8.00	\$0.22	\$7.69	\$8.00
Bluebird Houses	\$20.00	\$1.35	\$21.35	\$22.00	\$0.64	\$21.99	\$23.00
Wood Duck Box	\$40.00	\$2.70	\$42.70	\$43.00	\$1.28	\$43.98	\$44.00
Pine Bundles	\$7.00	\$0.47	\$7.47	\$8.00	\$0.22	\$7.69	\$8.00
Hardwoods	\$2.00	\$0.14	\$2.14	\$3.00	\$0.06	\$2.20	\$3.00
No-Till Drill (min 3 acres)	\$30.00	\$2.03	\$32.03	\$33.00	\$0.96	\$32.99	\$33.00
Weed Wiper	\$50.00	\$3.38	\$53.38	\$54.00	\$1.60	\$54.98	\$55.00
Wildflower Seeds	\$7.00	\$0.47	\$7.47	\$8.00	\$0.22	\$7.69	\$8.00
Bluebird Houses	\$20.00	\$1.35	\$21.35	\$22.00	\$0.64	\$21.99	\$23.00

NRCS:

Brandon King gave the NRCS update and said that all projects are moving along well. He noted the upcoming EQUIP-CIC application deadline of March 4th as well as the CSP application deadline of March 11th. There are currently 17 applications and 7 of those are eligible for approval.

District Conservation Programs

Gary Cox presented the Cost Share Program, AgWRAP and CCAP update and reported no change to their current status. Gary reported that two AgWRAP projects seek supplemental application approval. CCAP. The projects are:

41-2022-802 Craven Smith	\$5,000 Irrigation Design (Supplement)
41-2022-803 Johnny Brown	\$2,130 Well (Supplement)

Josh moved to approve the request for supplemental application and Anna seconded. The motion was approved.

The VAD and EVAD totals are reported to have no change in status. Gary noted no update for the StRAP program but did mention an increase in contractors calling to be added to the county's contractor list.

District Operations/Education

Jamey reviewed both budget reports with the board. Jamey asked the board for questions regarding the reports. None were reported. Millie has been working closely with Jessie Baptist on accurately reporting expenditures for the Foundation and they have successfully completed their review.

Millie reported that the Stony Creek project status has not changed since the last board meeting. She noted that she would be attending a meeting on site later in the day with Stoney Creek Representatives and the project engineer.

Millie reported that the Area 3 Envirothon and the State Envirothon are coming along well. Millie is still in the process of recruiting Presenters for the State Envirothon. Leslie Bell suggested reaching out to Duke Energy for an aquatic's presenter.

Nicole reported that the basics training she attended was successful. She is also finishing up the first newsletter for 2022 and looks forward to sending it out to the public. Gary is working on the final report for the OELC Project.

New Business:

No new business to report.

Adjournment:

With no other business to discuss, Anna moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:00 am. Josh seconded, and the motion was approved.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 6th, 2022 at 9:00am in the Guilford County Agriculture Building Auditorium.



Secretary/Treasurer