



GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FY 2022 – 2023 Meeting Number 5 November 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
Nicole Carolan, Soil & Water Coordinator
Millie Langley, Soil Conservationist
Brandon King, NRCS Sup. Soil Conservationist
Leslie Bell, Director - Guilford Co. Planning & Dev.
Ralston James, DSWC Reg. Coordinator

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:06 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

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

Minutes

George asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes from the November meeting. *Josh Myers moved to approve the September minutes as presented. Anna Amoriello seconded, and the motion was approved.*

Comments from the County

Leslie Bell reported that the county has completed the Employee Compensation Study. The results of the study will be announced to the effected employees in November. Overall the Planning Department will see position improvements in multiple departments including permitting and building inspections.

NRCS

Brandon King gave the NRCS update and indicated that the team is currently making EQIP farm visits across the county. Brandon said they will rank EQIP contracts in January.

District Conservation Programs

Gary Cox presented the Cost Share Program update. He asked for the following NC-ACSP application to be approved for payment before the board. *Anna moved to approve the request for payment as presented, Harold seconded the motion. The motion was approved.*

41-2022-001 Clarence Marshall 4,148 (CS) Stream Crossing

Gary presented the following NC-AgWRAP application for payment approval before the board. *Josh moved to approve the request for payment as presented, Ray seconded. The motion was approved.*

41-2022-801 Randy Gerring 7,973 (AG) Well

Gary presented the following NC-AgWRAP Regional application for approval before the board. *Harold moved to approve the application as presented, Josh seconded. The motion was approved.*

41-2023-802 C.F. Early 30,000 (AG) Center-Pivot

Gary noted that the NC-ACSP contract 41-2023-001 Emily Fields is awaiting an engineer design from the Division before the contract can be finalized.

Guilford County's VAD and EVAD totals are 17,223.34 acres and 1,765.68 acres respectively.

Jamey and Gary noted that the StRAP program is with the county's purchasing department where they are working on the bid packet. Guilford SWCD was not chosen to receive a grant from the Tobacco Trust Fund. This grant would have allowed the office to purchase a new No-Till drill. Other avenues for funding will be looked into. Jamey and Gary asked for approval before the board for the minimum No-Till drill rental rate to be raised from \$30 to \$50 and for the cleaning fee to be raised from \$30 to \$100 with the \$100 to be held as a deposit until the drill comes back from use. *Josh moved to approve the minimum rental rate change and the cleaning fee change as presented, Harold seconded. The motion was approved.*

District Education/Operations

The monthly Foundation report was viewed and discussed, and no questions or comments were noted.

Nicole gave the education update and noted multiple upcoming classroom visits for various programs. She also noted that the Enviroscape was missing all of its accessories and asked for the board to approve the purchase of new accessories. *Josh moved to approve the purchase of new Enviroscape accessories from the Foundation account up to the amount necessary to fully replace all missing parts, Anna seconded. The motion was approved.* Nicole provided an update on the Beaver Management Program (BMAP) and mentioned that two additional people have called and requested assistance with beaver problems in the county.

The monthly regular budget expenditure report was reviewed and discussed, and no questions or comments were noted.

Millie provided the Stoney Creek update and reported that the project is scheduled to begin and should be completed within a week.

Nicole updated the board on the annual tree seedling sale and mentioned that the seedlings will ship to Davidson county on December 15th. A short "Save the Date" for the upcoming tree sale will be released on social media.

Staff look forward to the NCASWCD 79th Annual Meeting which is scheduled for January 8th-10th at the Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort.

New Business

Harold presented his resignation before the board and staff due to the sale of his farm. Upon Harold's resignation Josh was nominated before the board to take the open seat. *Ray moved to approve the nomination and appointment of Josh to Harold's open seat, Harold seconded. The motion was approved.*

Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, Ray moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:40 am. Josh seconded, and the motion was approved.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 6th, 2022 at 10:00am in the Guilford County Agriculture Building Kitchen.



Secretary/Treasurer