



*GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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FY 2025 – 2026 Meeting Number 6 February 4th, 2026, Minutes

Supervisors Present:

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

Others Present:

Rodney Wright, S&W Conservation Manager
Gary Cox, S&W Conservation Technician
Millie Langley, Soil Conservationist
Sydney Kirkpatrick, Env. Education & Con.
Coord. Grace Summers, Member
Leslie Bell, Director, Co. Planning & Dev
Eddie Collazo Velazquez, NRCS
Dan Marcum, Associate Supervisor Guilford
SWCD

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:01 AM at the Guilford County Agricultural Building Conference 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.*

Agenda

George Teague asked everyone to review the agenda as presented. The board reviewed and stated there needs to be an amendment to the agenda stating the change of "NCASWCD Annual Mtg January 4-6, 2025 to NCASWCD Annual Mtg January 4-6, 2026." *Anna Amoriello moved to approve the agenda with the amendment changes. Josh Myers seconded, and the motion was approved.*

Minutes

George asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. *Josh Myers moved to approve the November meeting minutes. Ray Briggs seconded, and the motion was approved.*

Comments from the County

Leslie Bell stated that he attended a budget retreat last Friday. Their discussion was about getting ready for FY27 budget proposal. He stated the county has scheduled work sessions for FY27. Leslie updated the board about the audit that occurred this past fall. He stated that forestry is to report to the county commissioners and not the Soil and Water board. Leslie stated that he includes this report annually as part of the Forestry contract request for approval. He stated that the forestry findings were removed from the audit and that everything came back from the audit with good standings.

NRCS

Eddie gave the NRCS report. Eddie stated that March 6th is eligibility deadline for EQIP & CSP FY26. Eddie announced the Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP) of \$700 million dollars nationwide (\$400 million dollars through EQIP & \$300 million through CSP) will be used for eligible practices. Also, he announced the new requirements for RPP include soil health testing, 1 primary practice, a whole farm assessment that meets soil and water quality planning criteria by the end of the contract. This functions as a new pool of money if applications meet the listed conditions. Eddie announced that there will be a new ACES/ATAC employee for Guilford County NRCS: Keith Swihart and he will start February 10th, 2026. Eddie stated there are no program ranking deadlines yet for EQIP & CSP FY26.

Comments from Division

No comments from the division were made.

District Conservation Program

- Gary shared the cost share report. He presented to the board 3 expiring contracts (Aaron Sink

41-2021-803, Colton Perdue 41-2021-002 and Colton Perdue 41-2021-010.) He notified the board that the certified letter to Aaron Sink was sent and received.

- Gary requested approval from the board for Cost-share payments of (Bryant Sockwell: 41-2024-001, 41-2024-013; Ronald Roberson: 41-2026-002; and York/Ingold: 41-2026-003.) *Josh moved to approve the four Cost-Share payments. Grace seconded, and the motion was approved.*
- Sydney shared CCAP and stated that contract 41-2026-502 Greensboro College has been approved for the project. Payment will be coming in shortly.
- Rodney notified the board of the AGWRAP application- Aryn Schloemer. He is requesting approval of Aryn Schloemer- AGWRAP application. *Anna Amoriello moved to approve the AGWRAP application. Josh Myers seconded, and the motion was approved.*
- Rodney notified the board that he has been working with Sydney on getting her JAA. Rodney requested approval of two conservation plans. *Ray moved to approve the two conservation plans. Grace Summers seconded, and the motion was approved.*
- There 441 parcels for 19,223.72 acres in VAD and EVAD. (VAD: 398 17458.04 acres and EVAD 43 parcels, 1765.68)

District Education

- Sydney announced that the Tree Sale dates have been moved to February 16-20th, 2026 due to weather.
- The Farm Family Recognition/65th Anniversary – Spring 2026. Updated the board of the new date for the Anniversary event to be May 12th, 2026, in the Guilford Ag Extension Auditorium at 6:00pm. She announced that it would be invitation only and she asked the board of any recommendations for catering options.
- Sydney announced that the Conservation Field Day with Nathanael Greene Elementary at Homeland Creamery will be on March 17th. She asked the board if there were any volunteers to help with this event and if they have any folding tables that they could provide for the event. Sydney informed the board of getting approved for \$720 of grant money from AgSouth for the event.
- Sydney announced that there are 2 students that are interested in applying for RCW. Sydney presented that we should use the new RCW application going forward.
- Sydney stated that there are 3 schools interested in participating in the Conservation Contests this year.
- Sydney stated that Area 3 Envirothon will be March 10th at Alamance Community College and Sydney and Millie will be attending.
- Millie announced that her and Josh will be attending the NACD 2026, San Antonio, TX Feb. 15-19th, 2026.

District Operations

- Rodney asked everyone to review the Monthly Financial Report. There have only been a few expenditures since last month of Dues and Membership; SWCS, Area 3 dues and DEA dues. Also, payment of Rodney's hotel reservation for NCASWCD Annual meeting and printing and office supplies. Rodney wanted to thank Leslie and Jessie for providing access to Munis.
- Rodney stated that NCASWCD Annual Meeting, January 4-6, 2026 – Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort was successful.
- Rodney reminded the board of the Area 3 Spring Meeting on March 5th, 2026, at Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center.
- Rodney gave an update of cross-training in the office. He stated that the nutrient software information was obtained with the help of Rockingham SWCD. He said Guilford SWCD is still waiting for the nutrient software to be put on the computer.
- Rodney reminded the supervisor of the election filing period.
- Rodney announced that Millie, Sydney and Rodney will be attending the Division Update Meeting at the Chatham County Ag Center on February 11th, 2026.

New Business

- George announced that the CET 2026 will be held at Koury Convention Center, Greensboro,

- Oct. 4-7th.
- George announced that NCASCWD Annual Meeting 2027 will be at Koury Convention Center.
 - George announced that Area 3 Spring and Fall meeting 2027 will be held by Guilford SWCD.
 - George asked the board to review the board meeting calendar for 2026. *Grace Summers moved to approve the board meeting calendar for 2026. Josh Myers seconded, and the motion was approved.*
 - Josh announced that SENACD 2026 will be in Cherokee, NC on Aug. 9-12th.
 - Gary announced to the board that he will be retiring on April 30th.

Old Business

- Leslie stated that Guilford SWCD did not choose an option to change the wording for the Mutal Aid Agreement. Josh stated that the October Board Meeting minutes need to be amended to state, "requests aid." *Josh Myers has moved to approve the amendment of the October Board Meeting minutes. Grace Summers seconded, and the motion was approved.*

With no other business to be discussed, Josh moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 am; Grace seconded, and the motion was approved.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 4th, 2026, at 9:00 am in the Guilford Ag Center Conference Room.



Secretary/Treasurer