

GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Meeting Number: 6 February 1, 2017 Minutes

Supervisors Present:

George Teague, Chairmen Harold Alexander, Vice Chair Ray Briggs – Sec/Treasurer Lewis Brandon - Member

Others Present:

Jamey Walker – Soil & Water Technician Leslie Bell - Director, Planning & Development Brian Loadholt – Supervisory DC for Team 7 Anna Amoriello – Associate Supervisor

The Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:08 a.m. He read the Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any conflicts of interest. None were noted.

Agenda

Lewis Brandon moved to approve the agenda. Harold Alexander seconded. The motion carried.

Minutes

Ray Briggs moved to approve the January 4, 2017 minutes as presented. Lewis seconded. Motion carried.

Board Elections

Lewis moved to continue the same officers as before: George Teague, Chairman; Harold Alexander Vice-Chair and Ray Briggs, Sec/Treasurer; Ray seconded and the motion was approved.

District Conservation Programs – Jamey Walker

- Jamey presented the following seven ACSP RFPs for approval: 41-2017-008, Doug Sockwell, cover crops, \$2,000.00 (II); 41-2017-007, Kirby Shepherd, cover crops, \$1,000.00(CS); 41-2017-014, Don York, Cropland Conv. Grass, \$961.00(CS); 41-2017-011, Don York, Cropland Conv. Grass, \$2,205.00 (CS); 41-2016-016, Eloise Jones, Water line, Tank and HUA, \$2,653.00(CE); 41-2016-014, Eloise Jones, Stream Crossing, \$6,972.00(CE); 41-2016-015, Eloise Jones, Stream Crossing, \$3,414.00(CE); Harold moved to Approve RFPs and Lewis seconded. The motion was approved
- Jamey discussed the Application for NC Foundation for Soil & Water Conservation Grant to assist John Rendall, current landowner of former Ward Farms Lagoon, with closing this now unused lagoon. Lewis moved to approve the application for funds; Harold seconded and the motion was approved.
- VAD report (attached) no change from January. Harold and Jamey discussed the thievery of the VAD signs and what should/could be done.
- Jamey discussed the CCAP Application and that he would be applying for funds on the regional level for the 2 applications we have. The board agreed by consensus. The applications were previously approved at September board meeting.

NRCS Report

- Brian Loadholt reported that our Soil Conservationist Vacancy will not be filled any time soon to due
 to the President's hiring freeze. He will be available as needed and will have Angela Dobbins to
 assist as much as possible.
- He has 11 EQIP Applications for Guilford and they are doing their best to get them all done.

County Comments

- Leslie Bell reported that the budget process has begun and is due before the end of February.
- The board requested that the Soil & Water Coordinator be made full time if at all possible.
- Leslie discussed the county website/home page; there is a new Weather Alert program called "G.E.A.N.I". Sign up to get weather or other community alerts on your phone or computer by text or email.

District Operations – Millie

- Monthly Expenditure Report was reviewed by the supervisors.
- The donation to the 2019 North American Envirothon was discussed. One option would be to pull funds from the Foundation account and request that county funds be used to match; will need a letter from board or association with request. Lewis moved to request \$1500 from lapsed salary, to match \$1500 from Foundation Account. Harold seconded and the motion was approved. Leslie will need a copy of the letter requesting that Districts donate to the 2019 N.A. Envirothon.

Executive Session

Ray moved to go into Executive Session in order to discuss personnel issues; Harold seconded and the motion was approved.

Lewis moved to go out of Executive Session, Harold seconded and the motion was approved.

Other Business

Leslie discussed the 1998 groundwater study, in the Northwest part of the county. He had invited USGS to meet with Guilford County Planning and the Health Department.

Harold moved to adjourn. Ray seconded. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 1, 2017, 9:00 a.m. at the Guilford County Ag Center Conference Room.

Secretary/Treasurer