

GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FY -2020-2021 Meeting Number 2; September 2, 2020 Minutes

Supervisors Present:

George Teague, Chairmen Harold Alexander, Vice Chairman Josh Myers, Secretary/Treasurer Anna Amoriello, Member (Via GoToMeeting) Ray Briggs, Member

Others Present:

Millie Langley- Soil Conservationist
Jamey Walker – S & W Technician
Sean Trollinger- Education Coordinator
Brandon King- NRCS
Leslie Bell- Director of Planning & Development
Dan Marcum
Ralston James- Regional Coordinator

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:05 a.m. at the Guilford Agriculture Center Auditorium with additional public access via GoToMeeting. Social distancing policies were met. He read the Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any conflicts of interest; none were stated.

Agenda

Harold Alexander moved to approve the agenda. Josh Myers seconded. The motion carried.

Minutes

Josh Myers moved to approve the August 5th, 2020 minutes Ray Briggs seconded. The motion carried.

Reappointment

Josh Myers moved for the reappointment of Harold Alexander, Ray Briggs seconded. The motion carried.

Comments From The County

Leslie informed the board that the county plans to begin putting temperature checks at county buildings along with wellness checks to prevent further spread of COVID-19. The county is also changing all desk top computers over to laptops to prepare for the possibility of a COVID spike in the fall.

NRCS:

Brandon King represented NRCS and updated the board on applications from Guilford County. One application has been approved and another application for a high tunnel is under discussion.

<u>District Conservation Programs</u>

Jamey Walker presented the 2021 prioritization worksheet for application selection to the board for approval.

Josh Myers moved to approve the 2021 prioritization worksheet, Ray Briggs seconded. The motioned carried

Jamey presented the new ranking forms for ACSP, AgWRAP, and CCAP to be approved by the board.

Ray Briggs moved to approve the 2021 ACSP Applications as ranked and prioritized. Harold seconded, and the motion carried.

Josh Myers moved to approve the 2021 AgWRAP Applications as ranked and prioritized, Anna Amoriello seconded, and the motion carried.

Harold Alexander moved to approve the 2021-CCAP Applications as ranked and prioritized. Josh Myers seconded, and the motion carried.

Jamey Walker presented the Cost Share Programs Update and informed the board that we have nine NC-ACSP Contracts to be approved and two NC-AgWRAP Contracts to be approved. (Anna Amoriello abstained from voting because she was attending virtually and had a hard time hearing the meeting.)

2021 ACSP Contracts to be Approved:

41-2021-001	Ryan Blankenship	\$12,200	Erosion BMPs
41-2021-002	Colton Perdue	\$13,732	Stream Protection
41-2021-003	Aaron Sink	\$6,006	Erosion BMPs
41-2021-004	Coltrane Dairy, LLC	\$5,000	Erosion BMPs
41-2021-005	James Greeson	\$6,270	Erosion BMPs
41-2021-006	James Smith	\$2,000	Cover Crop
41-2021-007	Trey Oliver	\$1,000	Cover Crop
41-2021-008	John Paul Sockwell	\$1,000	Cover Crop
41-2021-009	Matt Bowman	\$800	Cover Crop

2021 AgWRAP Contracts to be Approved:

41-2021-801	Mike Morgan	\$8,962 Irrigation Well
41-2021-802	James Smith	\$4,875 Irrigation Well (Supplement to 41-2020-803)

Harold Alexander moved to approve the ACSP contracts, Josh Myers seconded. The motion carried.

Josh Myers moved to approve the AgWRAP contracts, Ray Briggs seconded. The motion carried.

Millie discussed some current office activities, one of which included the Commissioner of Ag using Guilford County farms in a video discussing conservation practice importance.

District Operations

- Millie updated us on the monthly expenditures report.
- Mille told the board about the upcoming Nutrient Management course provided by NC State,

and asked that the board approve Sean to attend the training. Cost would be \$350.00 which would be taken from the education and training portion of the budget.

Josh Myers approved for payment of the course and Sean to attend, Ray Briggs seconded. The motion carried.

- Sean told the board about virtual gardening with Triad Math and Science Academy 1st and 2nd graders.
 - Sean presented the Outdoor Education Learning Center (OELC) Grant request for the board to approve. Josh Myers moved that we approve Sean to apply for the OELC grant for Southeast Middle School and that our district will provide \$2,500 in the form of district staff work hours, Ray Briggs seconded. The motion carried.
- Millie discussed the mutual aid agreement with the board, and approval has been tabled till the next meeting.

New Business:

Millie informed the board of her planned retirement date in February of 2021.

Ralston James informed the board about the fall meeting which will be held virtually on October 22nd.

Josh Myers moved that the District recommend George Teague as the 2nd Vice President of the Piedmont Association. Harold Alexander seconded. The motion carried.

Adjournment:

With no other business to discuss, Josh Myers moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:35 am. Harold Alexander seconded, and the motion was approved.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 22nd, 2020, 9:00AM at the Guilford County Agriculture Building, Auditorium. Following this we will be having the virtual fall meeting at 10:00am.

Secretary/Treasurer

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