



GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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FY 2025 – 2026 Meeting Number 9 May 6th, 2026, Minutes - **DRAFT**

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
Millie Langley, Soil Conservationist
Sydney Kirkpatrick, Soil & Water Technician
Leslie Bell, Director, Co. Planning & Dev
Matt Wells, NRCS
Keith Swihart, ACES Employee
Rick McSwain, Regional Division Coord.
Bryant Sockwell, Farmer

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. *Josh Myers moved to approve the agenda. Ray Briggs seconded, and the motion was approved.*

Minutes

George asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. *Anna moved to approve the April meeting minutes as corrected. Josh seconded, and the motion was approved.*

Contract Extension Request

George welcome Bryant Sockwell to the meeting. George asked where progress is with his project and Bryant Sockwell explained he has completed his project. George thanked him for coming to the meeting.

Closed Session

The board announced they need to go into executive closed sessions due to personnel matters. *Josh moved to approve going to executive closed session. Ray seconded, and the motion was approved.*

The board announced to come out of closed session. *Anna moved to approve coming out of closed session. Grace seconded, and the motion was approved.*

Comments from the County

Leslie shared the report from the county. Leslie stated that the budget would be presented on May 7th, 2026. Leslie stated that budget hearing is going to be the first meeting in June. Guilford is being included in having a moratorium as part of the tax appraisals.

NRCS

Matt Wells gave the NRCS report. Matt stated that May 15th, 2026, is assessment and ranking deadline. Then next month we will have the Local Work Group discussion after June's board meeting.

Comments from Division

Rick gave the division report. Rick stated that the next commission meeting will be in Rowan County on May 20th, 2026. Rick mentioned that on May 19th they will be doing tours starting at 8-5 AM. The tours include places in High Rock Lake watershed; Dam tour, CCAP project, Farm Family, and Allie Dinwiddie speaker. There will be an Advanced Supervisor Training held on July 14th, 2026, in Rutherford County. Rick reminded everyone of the SENACD August 9-12 at Harrah's Casino in Cherokee. Registration will come out next week. Rick reminded everyone to look at the event training calendar on the training website.

District Conservation Program

- Sydney shared the cost-share report. Sydney announced the Bryant Sockwell has been taken off the list for the expiring contract since he has now completed his project. Sydney announced that Colton Perdue plans to come to the June 3rd board meeting.
- Rodney and Sydney shared Aryn Schloemer AgWRAP well contract 41-2026-801 to the board. *Anna moved to approve Aryn Schloemer Well 41-2026-801. Josh seconded, and the motion was approved.*
- George requested for there to be pictures with the applications and contracts when presents to the board from here on out.

District Education

- Millie announced that State Envirothon was April 24-25th at Cedar Rock Park. However, Sydney attended on April 24th. Millie stated it was a successful event and Enloe Highschool won 1st place.
- Sydney announced Earth Day at Keely Park on April 25th, 2026, and she attended with the Stormwater division. She stated that it was a successful event.
- Sydney announced she will be attending Family Fishing Day at Guilford County Farm on May 30th at 9-12pm for Creek Week.
- Sydney announced that Creek Week is May 30th- June 6th. Rodney and Sydney will be attending a table event on June 2nd at Triad Park 1-3pm.
- Sydney announced that Green Girls is June 22nd- 26th. Sydney will be participating on June 25th with the planning department.
- Millie announced that Rodney and herself attended the Piedmont Conservation Council Meeting on April 7th at Lake Mackintosh and it was a successful event.

District Operations

- Rodney asked everyone to review the Monthly Financial Report.
- Rodney reminded the supervisor of the election filing period.
- Rodney announced that on April 23rd, 2026, there will be the Piedmont Triad Regional Council Meeting, and it was a successful event. He stated this was an opportunity to possibly have another event soon.
- Rodney announced the Environmental Education & Conservation Coordinator Position interviews are on Thursday 8:30-12pm.
- Sydney informed the board of the changes for VAD 2025 Ordinance and there will be discussion at the next VAD meeting.

New Business

- Leslie stated that in April minutes there needed to be change of wording to state, "the mutual aid agreement is in the process of being signed." *Josh moved to approve the amended minutes stating "the mutual aid agreement is in the process of being signed." Ray seconded, and the motion was approved.*

Old Business

- George asked if there was any old business to be discussed. Leslie mentioned that there is revisitation of Mutual Aid Agreement. The board revisited the Mutual Aid Agreement and with discussion. The changes being stated "This agreement effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2035, is entered into between the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation District..." *Josh moved to approve the amended Mutual Aid Agreement. Grace seconded, and the motion was approved.*

With no other business to be discussed, Ray moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 am; Anna seconded, and the motion was approved.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026, at 9:00 am in the Guilford Ag Center Conference Room.



Secretary/Treasurer