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*GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT*

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**FY 2018 Meeting Number: 7** February 7th, 2018 Minutes

**Supervisors Present:**

George Teague, Chairmen  
Harold Alexander, Vice Chairman  
Ray Briggs – Sec/Treasurer  
Lewis A. Brandon, III- Member  
Anna Amoriello- Member

**Others Present:**

Millie Langley – Soil Conservationist  
Brian Loadholt- NRCS  
Jamey Walker – Soil Conservation Technician  
Leslie Bell – Planning & Development Director  
Kyleene Rooks- Soil & Water Coordinator  
Jason Davis – State FFA Director  
Dan Kerns- Associate Member

*The Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:10 a.m. 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. Lewis Brandon seconded. The motion carried.*

Minutes

*Lewis moved to approve the January 3rd, 2018 minutes. Harold seconded. The motion carried.*

Proposal to Host State Land Judging Contest November 9-10, 2018

- Jason Davis relayed details of holding the state land judging contest
  - We would need to pick a training and testing site (NC A&T farm was suggested)
  - Pick a menu for the lunch/banquet with a budget of \$1,500-2,000. Money would be reimbursed
  - Reach out to local schools with Ag/FFA programs to participate in the contest (Southern, Southeastern, and Eastern Guilford Middle/High Schools)
- *Harold moved to approve hosting state land judging contest. Lewis seconded. The motion carried.*

### District Conservation Programs

- Jamey Walker presented the Ag Cost Share Update
- 2 requests for payment were made:
  - Contract 41-2016-504, Dewey Hatcher for \$1,500; well closure (CCAP)
  - Contract 41-2017-006, Laura Honeycutt for \$3,128 cropland conversion (ACSP)
- *Harold moved to approve payment requests for both contracts. Lewis seconded. The motion carried.*
- VAD Report had no changes.

### Comment from County

- Leslie Bell updated the board about an event being held by Greensboro and Guilford County Watershed/Stormwater: Creek Week from March 17-24.

### Review of Draft 2018/19 Budget

- Leslie Bell reported the budget would be due March 2, 2018
- Leslie reviewed changes between this year's budget and that of the 2017/18 budget
  - There was a \$6,000 increase for the Operating Budget. Most budget expenses saw no significant value change, with the exception of significant increases in the budgets for *professional services* and *other services and charges* and significant decrease in *small office furniture, fixtures, and equipment* and *supplies and materials*.
  - There was a decrease projected in revenue for the Foundation Accounts Budget due to low sales in tree seedlings. The expenses for the Foundation Account Budget are predicted to stay relatively the same.
- Leslie requested that the board and Guilford SWCD decide if they want money dictated in the budget (prior to March 2) for:
  - an equipment shed and proper permitting for building the shed
  - education materials
  - new no-till drill
  - funding for the state land judging contest

### NRCS

- Brian Loadholt discussed the NRCS's progress in ranking EQIP applications and funding requests.
- Brian also mentions NRCS's movement to a new website (farmers.gov), which will have NRCS, FSA, and Risk Management all under one web address for customer service purposes.

### District Operations

- Millie presented the monthly expenditure report and the Foundation Report.
- The remaining supervisors signed their disclosure forms

- Millie reminded everyone of the date for the Tree Sale and requested that the board volunteer to set up Wednesday morning at 9AM.
- Millie confirmed the date of The Awards Banquet to be May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 with booked catering.
- She also reminded supervisors of the upcoming Area 3 Envirothon and expressed the need for volunteers the date of the event (March 20).
- Pre-Registration forms and payment were collected by Kyleene for the Area 3 Spring Meeting being held March 1, 2018.
- The board filled out the NC Foundation for Soil & Water Conservation “Visioning” survey from last month’s annual meeting.

#### New Business

All board members are to be present for the audit happening February 21-22, 2018

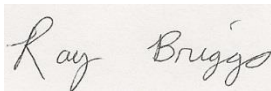
#### Division Update

Ralston James was not present, but provided a division update by email.

#### Adjournment:

*With no other business, Lewis moved that the meeting be adjourned, Harold seconded and the motion was approved unanimously at 11:20 a.m.*

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 9:00 a.m. at the Guilford County Agriculture Building Conference Room. It’s Harold Alexander’s turn to bring snacks.**



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Secretary/Treasurer