



GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Meeting Number: 11 June 7, 2017 Minutes

Supervisors Present:

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

Others Present:

Millie Langley – Soil Conservationist
Jamey Walker – Soil & Water Technician
Leslie Bell - Director, Planning & Development
Brian Loadholt – NRCS Supervisory DC
Eric Funderburk – Guilford Co. GIS
Kay Anderson – NRCS Soil Conservationist from Davidson Co.
Brent Bogue – NRCS Soil Conservationist from Orange/Person
Karen Neill – Cooperative Extension Director

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. Anna Amoriello noted that she had an Ag Cost Share RFP up for approval and would be abstaining from that voting.

The chairman, George Teague, asked Brian Loadholt to introduce Kay Anderson, NRCS Soil Conservationist from the Lexington Field office who is assisting Brian with getting caught up in Guilford with all EQIP applications, 1026s and any other needs. Brent Bogue will also be here today to assist as well.

He asked Karen Neill, Cooperative Extension Director to step in to update the board and everyone on the building HVAC Renovation Replacement. This project is expected to begin this summer (date to be Determined) and will be carried out in stages if all goes as planned. The areas being worked on cannot be occupied, so other work places must be found, but just for whatever time that space is undergoing repairs...probably 2 to 4 weeks, but hard to know for sure.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Lewis moved to approve the May 3rd, 2017 minutes as presented. Harold seconded. Motion carried.

BMP Layer Presentation

Eric Funderburk presented a short overview of the BMP Layer that our Intern Moira Elliott assisted with this spring.

County Comments

- Leslie Bell reported that the Interlocal Agreement was approved by the Board of Commissioners and noted that the foundation account will be rolled into the County Soil & Water budget by July 1 or soon after.
- He presented the Foundation Budget for the board to approve. *Harold moved to approve the foundation budget in substantial form and Anna Amoriello seconded. The motion was approved.*
- The budget will be adopted by the commissioners, next Thursday, June 25th. So far so good, the position has passed as a Full Time position, but not final until after the budget IS adopted. Also, all 'new' positions will not be filled until October 1, 2017.

District Conservation Programs – Jamey Walker and Millie Langley

- Jamey presented the Cost Share Report. There were no contracts, applications or RFP to approve, as all funds were expended prior to June 1.
- Millie noted some of the updated info on the cost share tracking form. Brian Lewis (41-2014-801) declined our assistance to complete his pond funded through AgWRAP. He preferred to build on their own. Coy May's contract (41-2015-001) will expire June 30, but he is nearly completed everything and believes he will be finished in time. Jamey is working closely with him to make sure.
- There were two additional VAD parcels added.
- Our Ag Cost Share Program Review had been tentatively scheduled for June 13-14, but Ralston is unable to make it, so most likely we will reschedule.
- The Spot Checks were completed well before the June 1 deadline and there were no compliance or maintenance issues.

NRCS Report

- Brian Loadholt reported that he was getting assistance from Kay Anderson and Brent Bogue to help with the workload, and they were all here in the office today.
- Brian has been trying to rectify the situation with the CSP program and that is being resolved. Old CSP contracts are being cancelled and he will guide the landowners through the appeal process.
- He mentioned that his area is the most behind of any. He is working on this issue and they are making good headway with resolving unfinished 1026s and 569s. There are a lot of details to assist FSA with their records cleanup that has been going on for several months. There were a lot of fields that did not have plans. But were now needing those written or updated.

New Business

- Millie reported that a Guilford County tobacco farmer had been cited with an NOV (Notice of Violation) for sediment leaving his field from a recent heavy rain. This farmer had complaints from a neighbor from water ponding in their yard, but no violation was reported there. Another neighbor did have sediment. The farmer has installed a silt fence and straw bales to remedy the situation. He will need guidance from DWR for any additional requirements. Brent Bogue, DC in Person and Orange has had a farmer that had the same situation. He discussed what NRCS can including making sure he was following his plan or even upgrading the plan to help reduce runoff and sediment as needed. The district and NRCS have no enforcement powers, but can be held to following the plan or lose USDA benefits.

District Operations – Millie

- There have been changes in the rules for supervisor "per diem". The IRS has ruled that "per diem" is in effect, "pay" or "salary", so it will be subject to income, social security and Medicare tax withholding. Supervisors may elect to waive their per diem payment by completing the form supplied. The division is reinstating the subsistence for dinner (\$18.70) due to the per diem most likely going away.
- The 2019 NA Envirothon will be July 22 – 28. Millie will be attending.
- Millie has been asked to speak at the 2017 NACD leadership Symposium on June 22, in Lincoln Nebraska. A stipend from NRCS and NACD will pay 100% of expenses. Anna moved to approve the time to attend and travel to this event, Lewis seconded and the motion was approved.
- The RCW will be the week of June 26th, we have no student going this year, but Millie has been asked to assist with Conservation Planning Day on the 29th.
- The monthly expenditure report was presented.
- Millie presented the Foundation account update. There were no expenditures or deposits to this account since the last meeting.

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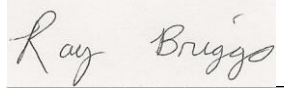
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Division Report

No report.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 5, 2017, 9:00 a.m. at the Guilford County Ag Center Conference Room.
(Ray's turn to bring snacks.)

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ray Brigg". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored rectangular background.

Secretary/Treasurer