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*GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT*

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**FY 2018 Meeting Number: 1 August 2, 2017 Minutes**

**Supervisors Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

Millie Langley – Soil Conservationist  
Leslie Bell - Director, Planning & Development  
Brian Loadholt – NRCS Supervisory DC  
Dan Kerns – Associate Supervisor  
Karen Neill – Cooperative Extension Director  
Ralston James – NC – DSWC – Regional Coordinator

*The Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:05 a.m. He read the Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any conflicts of interest.*

Agenda

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

Minutes

*Harold moved to approve the June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 minutes as presented. Anna Amoriello seconded. Motion carried.*

HVAC Update

Millie reported to the board that the Building HVAC Renovation will be starting on Monday August 7<sup>th</sup>. Our area will be starting around Sept. 6 -18. We will be able to use the conference room, hopefully while this work is being completed (this is an update). However, we won't be able to use the conference room for our board meetings. Millie will check on alternate places. Anna suggested the Farm Bureau's conference room; it's right next door. Leslie also offered the use of the conference room at the Independence Building (5<sup>th</sup> Floor). Millie will let everyone know what is decided.

County Comments

- The rollover of the Foundation funds into the County has been successful. Millie made two deposits in the permitting area and they went through, no problem, and are showing on the Lawson Expense report.
- The budget was adopted by the commissioners; our vacant position was approved to be upgraded to full time and was actually effective on July 9<sup>th</sup>. So, Graham Rothrock with HR has re-posted this position and is now accepting applications.

District Conservation Programs – Millie Langley

- Millie presented the Cost Share Report. There were two RFPs to approve; 41-2015-001 Coy May for \$18,124 to completed his Stream Protection System; and 41-2016-002, Richard Cook, \$3,176 for Erosion BMPs. Harold moved to approve these RFPs and Lewis seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

- We have received our 2018 Allocations: Regular ACSP: \$46,501; Impaired/Impacted \$12,422 and \$11,535 for AgWRAP.
- She noted that our CREP Contract (Eloise Jones) was up to date. She will need to do site prep now for her tree planting that will be done late fall or early this winter.
- The Lagoon clean out for Ward Farms/John Rendall is moving along. The liquids have been pumped out and land applied, the sludge is being hauled and spread now. If we can get it done prior to any significant rain, we will be lucky. The hog house/building has been cleaned out and is being demolished. This project is being cost shared through a Soil & Water Foundation Grant.
- We have had a request to apply for a NC ADFP Trust Fund Grant for a local farmer. Millie will be following up on that.
- The Foundation has announced a Grant for Districts who wish to purchase a No-Till Drill, Wick Applicator or other Pasture Improvement Equipment. They may award up to \$20,000 for a No-Till Drill and \$2,000 for Wick Applicators/Weed Wipers. Lewis moved that the staff apply for the No-Till Drill (need a larger drill – 7'?) and the Weed Wiper using our "Foundation" Account funds and to look for funding from Cattleman's Association as a match. Harold seconded and the motion was approved.

#### NRCS Report

- Brian Loadholt reported that Kay is working on applications for Grassland/pasture Improvement CRP.
- They have also completed compliance reviews (71) and are completely done with that

#### District Operations – Millie

- Millie just reminded the board that their reimbursements would be slightly different this time and from now on, due to taking away the \$15 Per Diem and adding \$18.70 subsistence for dinner.
- Millie reported that trees have been ordered for the tree sale, but many species that we usually get were not available. Will try to order those from Virginia.

*Karen Neil stepped in to update the board on the HVAC work. The work will begin on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup>. It should take about 2 weeks per area. We will have to find a place for the next several board meetings – the displaced office staff will be using the conference room for office space. So at least we won't have to re-locate as we had been told before.*

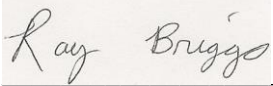
- The monthly expenditure report was presented.
- Millie attended the 2019 NCF- Envirothon, July 22 – 28. The event was well planned and executed by the Maryland Committee and volunteers. As Chair of the Operating Committee, she participated in many aspects of the event, including Scoring, giving out awards and running the Operating Committee meeting, the State/Provincial Representative Meeting and attended the NCF Board Meeting. The NC team did well, placing 11<sup>th</sup> overall and was actually 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the O.P. The NC team was from Davidson County.
- The Conservation Employee Training will be held in Durham at the Sheraton RTP, August 21 – 24. Millie has asked Deborah Sandlin to answer calls and keep the office open while they are gone.
- The Southeastern Association of RC&D Councils will meet in Birmingham, Alabama September 17-20. Millie would like to attend and will only need registration paid as a 'spouse' attendee for \$200. Ray moved that the \$200 (from Education & Training line item) for Registration be approved. Harold seconded and the motion carried.

Division Report

Ralston thanked the board for allowing Millie to serve on the National Envirothon Operating Committee and attend these national meetings as it builds leadership skills and is good for Guilford County's reputation.

*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 Briggs". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored rectangular background.

Secretary/Treasurer