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*GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT*

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**FY 2018 Meeting Number: 2** September 6, 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  
J. Leslie Bell - Director, Planning & Development Director  
Brian Loadholt – NRCS Supervisory DC  
Dan Kerns – Associate Supervisor  
Harry Young - Guest  
Ralston James – NC – DSWC – Regional Coordinator  
Jamey Walker – Soil Conservation Technician

*Before the meeting was called to order, the board participated in on the Supervisor Pay Teleconference with the Division of soil & Water Conservation.*

*The Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:20 a.m. He read the Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any conflicts of interest. (Harold Alexander has a conflict and will abstain from voting on the Ag Cost Share items.)*

Agenda

*Lewis Brandon moved to approve the agenda. Anna Amoriello seconded. The motion carried.*

Minutes

*Harold moved to approve the August 2, 2017 minutes as presented. Lewis Brandon seconded. Motion carried.*

District Conservation Programs

- Millie and Jamey presented the Ag Cost Share and AgWrap Applications to be prioritized and approved. Lewis moved that the Rankings be approved as presented; Anna seconded the motion and the motion was approved. Lewis then moved to approve the Applications as presented; Anna seconded the motion and the motion was approved.
  - **ACSP Applications as prioritized and Approved:**
    - 41-2018-001 Ronald Roberson, \$2,398, Stream Protection, Tier 1, 110 points, Qualified
    - 41-2018-002 Eloise Jones, \$14,558, Stream Protection, Tier 1, 105 Points, Qualified
    - 41-2018-003 Holly Grove Farm, \$7,680, Cover Crop, Tier 1, 95 points, Qualified
    - 41-2018-004 Bruce Humble, \$2,695, Stream Protection, Tier 1, 90 points, Qualified
    - 41-2018-005 Coy May, \$7,455, Stream Protection, Tier 1, 90 points, Qualified
    - 41-2018-006 Don York, \$4,000, Cover Crop, Tier 1, 85 points, Qualified
    - 41-2018-007 Harold Alexander, \$6,006, Stream Protection, Tier 1, 80 points, Qualified
    - 41-2018-008 Richard Cook, \$4,875, Erosion BMPs, Tier 1, 80 points, Qualified
    - 41-2018-009 Will Ragsdale, \$7,000, Stream Protection, Tier 1, 80 points, Qualified
    - 41-2018-010 Richard Cook, \$5,000, Sediment removal, Tier 1, 75 points, Qualified
- There was one AgWRAP Application; Anna moved that the AgWRAP Application be approved, Lewis seconded and the motion was approved.
  - 41-2018-801 Craven Smith, \$7,236, Irrigation Well, 75 points, Qualified (AgWRAP)

- Jamey reported that there was one AgWRAP Request for Payment to be approved: 41-2017-802 Craven Smith, \$6,376 for Irrigation Well
- Millie reported on the Ward Rendall closure. It is completed and the payment request has been submitted to the Foundation for payment. It went pretty well, with only one rain storm that required the Southers to come back to pump out more water. Enough land was found to spread all the water, slurry and sludge.
- Jamey reported that there was one additional EVAD application that was approved this month; 1 parcel for 51.36 acres.
- Millie reported that the staff had requested a grant from the Foundation to purchase a new No-Till Drill. We hope to hear from that grant soon. In addition, Jamey had gone to the Caswell SWCD office to look at their Weed Wiper. Since he had found out that a new one cost \$7,000 to \$8,000 we had not submitted an application for a grant to purchase this piece of equipment. However, Caswell has one that has hardly been used and is willing to sell it for \$2,000. Harold moved to purchase Caswell SWCD's Weed Wiper for \$2,000 and for the funds to be taken from the Foundation Account. Anna seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously. Leslie suggested contacting Greg Fisher from I.S. for assistance to publicize on the website.
- Millie updated the supervisors on Piedmont Conservation Council's activities and projects.

#### NRCS

- Brian Loadholt reported that they were shorthanded again; an employee had resigned from the next work group/team to the west. So Kay will be going back to her home Team to assist with duties there. He reported that a Guilford farmer was very upset with having to cancel his EQIP (or CSP) contract due to no fault of his own. Brian hopes that they were able to calm him. The board may write to Tim Beard due to staffing concerns and other issues.

#### County Comments

- Leslie indicated a personnel matter re interviews and hiring of FT Soil and Water Coord. position which would be covered under Exec. Session.

#### 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

- Supervisors discussed the Per Diem rules. None are happy with these new rules but will comply as they feel appropriate. Ralston added that most boards and elected officials had to comply in the same way.
- The monthly expenditure report was presented.
- Millie reported that October is FLP month and that we usually give \$100 for the program to help with FLP books and items to run this State SWCD Association Educational Program. Lewis moved to donate the \$100 to the program. (This is in the regular budget for Dues and Memberships.)
- Jamey and Millie attended the Conservation Employee Training was held in Durham at the Sheraton RTP, August 21 – 24. As always, the training was very good, especially the Streambank and Shoreline Protection Systems for Jamey and the Conservation Planner Training for Millie

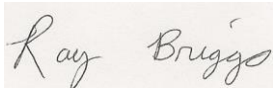
Executive Session

Lewis moved that the board go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Harold seconded and the motion was approved.

Lewis moved to end the executive session; Harold seconded and the motion was approved.

*With no other business, the meeting was adjourned by consensus at approximately 11:00 a.m.*

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 4, 2017, 9:00 a.m. at the Guilford County Farm Bureau Meeting Room. (Lewis's turn to bring snacks.)**



Secretary/Treasurer