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*GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT*

FY 2019 Meeting Number 4; November 7, 2018 Minutes

**Supervisors Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

Millie Langley – Soil Conservationist  
Jamey Walker – Soil Conservation Technician  
Kyleene Rooks- Soil & Water Coordinator  
Leslie Bell- Planning & Development Director  
Brian Loadholt – NRCS

*The board meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:00 a.m. He read the Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any conflicts of interest. George and Harold both stated conflicts of interest in regard to cost share fund requests.*

Agenda

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

Minutes

*Harold Alexander moved to approve the October 3, 2018 minutes. Anna Amoriello seconded. The motion carried.*

District Conservation Programs

- Jamey Walker presented the Cost Share Programs Update. AgWRAP Pond Applications (Regional) for Aaron Sink are due February 2019
- We have been approved for Hurricane Disaster Assistance for pond repair, notified farm road repair and (flooded) pasture renovation.
- There were 3 NC-ACSP contracts to be approved
  - Contract 41-2019-004, John Harden Phipps, Jr. \$2,720 (II) Cover Crop
  - Contract 41-2019-005, Greg Payne \$3,797 (II) FB & CA
  - Contract 41-2019-006, George Teague \$4,500 (II) Abandon Well Closures (3)

*Lewis Brandon moved to approve the payments of NC-ACSP Contracts. Anna Amoriello seconded. The motion was carried. George Teague abstained from voting.*

- There was a NC-ACSP RFP to be approved
  - Contract 41-2018-006, Harold Alexander \$271 (CS) CA

*Anna Amoriello moved to approve the payment for the NC-ACSP RFP. Lewis Brandon seconded. The motion was carried. Harold Alexander abstained from voting.*

- Jamey Walker reported this month's activity:
  - 2 CCAP Regional Applications sent in for Well Closures: will know something by November 14.
  - Jamey discussed policies applicable to all Hurricane Florence disaster response allocations
  - Jeffery Turner (SWCD intern) has logged over 90% of the conservation plans (approx.. 1798 plans).
  - Kyleene Rooks has provided outreach programs at 15 schools (1,818 students), hosted an Environmental Camp, participated in the Greensboro Science Center Pajama Jam, spoken at the Dolly Madison Women's Club and provided Professional development in Water Education for Teachers (WET); reaching a total of 1,933 people.
  - Kyleene also achieved her Environmental Educators Certification in June.
  - Jamey Walker is working with Brian Loadholt (NRCS) to get Job Approval Authority for wells and pipelines.
  - Millie is working on the logistics for the 2019 NCF-Envirothon.
  - Working on MOU (NRCS)
  
- **VAD or EVAD Applications Approved to Date:** 3 new VAD applications have been approved this month: Aaron Kelly Sink, 2 parcels for 30.97 ac; Helen McNeely, 1 parcel for 55.01 ac and Jay and Doris Vance for 1 parcel for 33.58 ac. (for a total of 4 parcels and 119.56 acres)
  
- **Totals:** 385 parcels; 16,902.90 acres
  - Total VAD: 346 parcels 15,229.22 acres
  - Total EVAD: 39 parcels 1,673.68 acres
  
- **State Funds Cost Share (ACSP, AgWRAP & CCAP) Total Allocation for 2018= \$74,951**  
2018 Matching Funds: \$30,150  
Total: \$105,101
  
- **USDA Dollars Guilford County:** 2018 EQUIP: \$75,133; 2017 EQUIP: \$65,558; 2016 EQUIP: \$65,658; 2015 EQUIP: \$25,052; **EQUIP Total 2015-2018= \$233,402**

#### Comment from County

- Leslie Bell updated the board that the budget process will be opened early this year.
- Planning & Development is moving to a new land management software called Energov Software
- There is a survey available asking citizens what they believe should be Planning and Development's building priorities in Guilford County for the new ordinance.

#### NRCS

- Brian Loadholt told the board that last Friday was the deadline for EQUIP applications. There were 79 applications between the 6 counties, 11 of which came from Guilford County. The ranking deadline is March 1, 2019.
- Brian Loadholt also updated the board on the discussion about the new resolution and MOU had at the Area 3 meeting last month.

*Harold Alexander moved to approve the MOU in substantial form. Ray Briggs seconded. The motion was carried.*

### District Operations

- The Monthly Expenditure Report reflected little change since last month because we are only two months in the new fiscal year. Staff will begin looking into the expense for a cover for the No-Till Drill and Weed Wiper.
- The board is still waiting to hear back from the Piedmont Conservation Council in regards to the Quilt Trail grant application.
- Millie Langley has been organizing the FFA Land Judging Contest (Nov. 9 & 10). We are providing lunch for participants, with help from the Association (\$1,500), the Southern Guilford HS Boosters are providing drinks and Organic Valley is donating milk.
- Millie told the board that the error in the 2019 Master Agreement Amendment had been corrected and the Board of Commissioners approved it.
- Dates for the January and July 2019 board meetings were discussed because of their falling near holidays. The January meeting will fall as scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month and the tentative July meeting will be rescheduled for the second Wednesday of July at 9AM.

### New Business

No new business was discussed.

### Division Update

Ralston James was unable to attend today's meeting and an update will be provided at a later date.

### Executive Session

*At this time Lewis Brandon moved for the meeting to go into executive session to discuss employee evaluations. Harold Alexander seconded. The motion was carried.*

### Adjournment:

*After the executive session, with no business to discuss, Lewis moved that the meeting be adjourned, Harold seconded and the motion was approved unanimously at 11:25 a.m.*

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 5, 2018, 10:30 a.m. at the Guilford County Agriculture Building Conference Room. This will be a potluck event**



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Secretary/Treasurer