



GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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FY 2024 – 2025 Meeting Number 1 August 7, 2024 Minutes

Supervisors Present:

George Teague, Chair
Josh Myers, Vice Chair
Anna Amoriello, Sec/Treas
Ray Briggs, Member
Grace Summers, Member
Dan Marcum, Associate Member

Others Present:

Jamey Walker, S&W Conservation Manager
Gary Cox, S&W Conservation Technician
Millie Langley, Soil Conservationist
Jordyn Rosichan, NRCS Soil Conservationist
Allie Dinwiddie, NC DENR
Grace Messinger, PCC Exec. Director
Rick McSwain, DSWC Reg. Coordinator
Leslie Bell, County Planning Director
Holden Barnwell, RCW Attendee

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:06 AM at the Guilford County Agricultural Building Barn Kitchen meeting Room. He welcomed everyone in attendance. He then read the Conflict-of-Interest Statement and asked if there were any conflicts of interest; *None were noted*. He then noted the Statement of Professionalism that the Commission recently recommended including at each board meeting.

Agenda

George Teague asked everyone to review the agenda as presented. *Josh Myers moved to approve the agenda. Ray Briggs seconded, and the motion was approved.*

Minutes

George asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes from the May 2024 meeting. *Ray moved to approve the April meeting minutes. Josh seconded, and the motion was approved.*

NRCS

Jordyn Rosichan gave the NRCS report. They are wrapping up the EQIP sign up. Guilford had one that was pre-approved. She asked that we hold the Local Work Group after the September board meeting. Also, the new Soil Con will be starting on September 9th.

RCW Report

Holden Barnwell reported on his experience at the Resource Conservation Workshop at NC State University, June 16-21. Holden is a rising senior at Grimsley High School. He enjoyed learning about soil microbes and reported that his group won Best Plan in the Conservation Planning Activity and received \$10 Amazon gift cards. Yay Holden!

Jordan Lake Watershed Update

Allie Dinwiddie presented an update on the Jordan Lake Watershed Rule making and stakeholder collaboration.

Comments from County

Leslie did not have anything to report.

Division Report

Rick reported that the Association is holding an advanced training for Supervisors on August 13th. He also reminded us that nominations for awards, such as employee or supervisor of the year were due

September 1st and the Area Fall Meeting will be on October 17th in Alamance County.

District Conservation Programs

Gary reported two ACSP contracts were extended by the commission on July 24th; 41-2021-002, 41-2021-010 both for Colton Perdue and one AgWRAP contract 41-2019-803 for Aaron Sink was extended again until June 2025.

- He also presented an ACSP Request for Payment to Approve:
 - 41-2024-003 Cobb & Black Farms for Cover Crop \$5,523 for 105.2 ac Cover Crop
 - *Josh moved to approve the ACSP Request for Payment as presented. Anna seconded and the motion was approved*
- Gary reported that he had gotten the new agreement for the No-Till Drill grant.

District Education

- She reported that she had just returned from the NCF-Envirothon at Hobart & William Smith University in Geneva, New York. It went very well, with only a few minor glitches. Our state winner Enloe High School SubChronic Exposure team from Wake County did great coming in 4th out of 49 teams!
- Millie thanked Gary and Jamey for calling the forest service early and getting lots of good trees. We will be selling white pines, persimmons, red maples, dogwoods and redbuds. The sale will be the latter part of January.

District Operations

- Jamey gave the monthly expenditure report for the District Operations account and reviewed the 2025 Budget that was approved by the County Commissioners in June.
- The group discussed the vacant position. Jamey has now received 112 total applications to review. Jamey had sent the 4 candidates to the board for review, but one of them has dropped out. Leslie said that there were several more that had come in. He will send those to Jamey; there may be one that they would want to interview. He plans to schedule the interviews for August 22.
- Jamey reviewed where the cuts were for our 2024-2025 budget.

New Business

- George reported that we had applied to be a member of the Jordan Lake One Water Coalition. We should be approved at the next Board of Directors meeting tomorrow (Thursday, Aug. 8th)
- George reminded the group that we may host the Soil & Water Commission meeting in November. We will assist in finding the hotel, meeting space and possible tours for the pre-work session on Tuesday, the main meeting will be on Wednesday morning.

Since there was no other business Ray moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 am; Anna seconded and the motion was approved.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 9:00 am in the Guilford Ag Center Auditorium.



Secretary/Treasurer