

GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FY 2021 – 2022 Meeting Number 11 June 1, 2022 Minutes

Supervisors Present:

George Teague, Chair Josh Myers, Vice Chair Anna Amoriello, Secretary/Treasurer Ray Briggs, Member Harold Alexander, Member

Others Present:

Jamey Walker, S&W Conservation Manager Gary Cox, S&W Conservation Technician Millie Langley, Soil Conservationist Nicole Carolan, Soil & Water Coordinator Leslie Bell, Director - Guilford Co. Planning & Dev. Brandon King, NRCS Sup. Soil Conservationist Ralston James, DSWC Reg. Coordinator

The board meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:12 AM at the Guilford Agriculture Center Auditorium. Social distancing policies were met. George read the Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any conflicts of interest; none were stated.

Agenda

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

Minutes

George asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Ray Briggs moved to approve the May minutes as presented. Josh Myers seconded, and the motion was approved.

Comments from the County

No comments from the county.

NRCS

Brandon King gave the NRCS update. He stated that the obligation deadline for EQUIP is June 3rd. The two 2022 EQIP projects have been submitted. Brandon also reported two CSP applications, one for cropland and one for forestry, he is looking at a July 1st deadline for those applications to be ranked. Moving forward, Brandon wanted to discuss resource concerns and funding obligation needs at the local level during the Local Workgroup Meeting following the board meeting.

<u>District Conservation Programs</u>

Gary Cox presented the Cost Share Program, AgWRAP and CCAP update. Four contracts are seeking approval before the board.

Gary presented one AgWrap contract below for approval. *Anna moved to approve, and Josh seconded the motion. The motion was approved.*

41-2022-802 Craven Smith 4,950 (AG) Design for Irrigation Conversion

Gary next presented one AgWRAP contract for request for payment approval below. *Anna moved to approve, and Harold seconded the motion. The motion was approved.*

41-2020-802 Johnny Brown 7,047 (AG) Water Supply Well

Gary also presented two Ag Cost Share contracts for payment approval below. *Josh moved to approve request for payment, Harold seconded. The motion was approved.*

41-2020-008 Alton Baker 1,350 (CS) Long Term No-Till

41-2021-001 Ryan Blankenship 1,822 (CS) Critical Area Planting

Gary next reported that Guilford County will receive the requested StRAP funding of \$150,600. Leslie noted some paperwork and steps that will need to be taken before allocating the funds.

Gary was happy to report the completion of this years' spot checks and the successful submission of the FY 2022 End of Year Report.

District Operations/Education

The monthly expenditure reports were reviewed by the board. Nicole discussed both the Regular and Foundation reports. No questions or comments were noted.

Millie gave an update of the Stoney Creek Project and confirmed that the engineering firm is in the process of finishing up with the design. Project partners are looking forward to getting started on a more comprehensive and permanent stream restoration then initially planned.

Jamey, Gary, and Nicole are scheduled to attend an in-depth meeting about a new program called the NC Beaver Management Assistance Program later in the week and they look forward to learning more about it. A second meeting is scheduled for August 3rd to address any additional questions before the board.

Nicole next reported some upcoming events; Guilford County Creek Week will be occurring June 4th-11th and the Resource Conservation Workshop will be occurring June 26th – July 1st at NC State.

New Business

No new business to report.

Closed Session for Discussion of Personnel Matters

The meeting was next moved into a closed session to discuss personnel matters. Josh moved to take the meeting into a closed session, Anna seconded, and the motion was approved. Staff exited the meeting at this time.

Harold motioned to move the meeting out of closed session, Anna seconded, and the motion was approved.

Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, Josh moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:40 am. Anna seconded, and the motion was approved.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 3rd, 2022 at 9:00am in the Guilford County Agriculture Building Auditorium.

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Secretary/Treasurer