



GUILFORD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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FY 2018 Meeting Number 9; April 4th, 2018 Minutes

Supervisors Present:

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

Others Present:

Millie Langley – Soil Conservationist
Leslie Bell – Planning & Development Director
Jamey Walker – Soil Conservation Technician
Kyleene Rooks- Coordinator
Julie Henshaw- Soil and Water Nonpoint Source Programs Section Chief

The Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman, George Teague, at 9:10 a.m. He read the Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any conflicts of interest. None were stated.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Lewis moved to approve the March 7th, 2018 minutes. Ray Briggs seconded. The motion carried.

Introduce Guest

Millie Langley introduced Julie Henshaw: North Carolina's Soil and Water Nonpoint Source Programs Section Chief. Julie conducted Guilford's Cost Share Program Review in February.

Cost Share Program Review

- The review of Guilford County's Cost Share Program went well overall, with few recommendations or corrective actions needed.
- Guilford SWCD and its Board of Supervisors will be following the [Approval of Cost Share Applications, Contracts and Requests for Payments Policy](#) for approving requests of payment.
- Guilford SWCD and its Board of Supervisors will be following the [Non-Compliance with](#)

[Maintenance Requirements for Cost Share Contracts](#) policy to notify individuals that have destroyed or mismanaged BMPs.

- Julie noted that pasture maintenance was needed on contract 41-2015-004: Anna Amoriello
- Julie suggested corrective action for contract 41-2009-015: Morgan Gray for Improper usage of irrigation well

District Conservation Programs

- Jamey Walker presented the Ag Cost Share Update
- 1 request for payment for approval:
 - Contract 41-2018-012, Doug Sockwell for \$1,160 cover crop (ACSP)
- *Harold moved to approve payment request. Lewis seconded. The motion carried.*
- George signed maintenance and repayment letters for contracts 41-2015-004 and 41-2009-015.
- Millie handed out the 2019 Strategy Plan for board members to begin reviewing. Approval for the 2019 Strategy Plan will take place at the May board meeting so that it may be submitted by June.
- VAD Report had no changes.

Comment from County

- Leslie Bell updated the board about Jamey contacting VAD participants to flag the sites for new signs and using the map as a reference only.

NRCS

- Brian Loadholt could not attend the meeting but he sent his report for information: EQIP: At this time, we have 1 application that has been pre-approved for Guilford; including 1 litter shed/composting facility for \$75,839.00. The total funding for the six county Team 7 is \$436,318.77.
- Letters have been sent to CSP participants instructing them to update their records for eligibility.
- FSA Compliance Reviews, Guilford will have 11 out of the Team's total of 55, and Harrison will be conducting the review for all counties but Caswell. Letters will be sent to participants making them aware that the review will be conducted on a tract that they are associated with.
- There is 1 Farm Preservation Easement application in Guilford and a site visit to be scheduled to develop a plan for a dairy farm.
- The team currently has 2 ongoing CREP projects. 1 in Guilford and 1 in Rockingham.

District Operations

- Millie reminded the board that two seats are up for election/re-election this year: Lewis Brandon and Anna Amoriello (she is filling Dick Phillip's unexpired term). George's position is up for re-appointment. The filing period is noon on June 11 - noon on July 6, 2018.

- Millie discussed having the county's poster contest winners and Area 3 winning Envirothon team from Academy at Lincoln be recognized at the County Commissioner's Meeting May 3.
- She also reminded supervisors of the upcoming State Envirothon and expressed the need for volunteers for the date of the event (April 27/28).
- Millie asked for work suggestions for potential intern.

New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

Division Update

Ralston could not attend the meeting but he sent his report for information:

- **Cost Share Programs:**
 - ACSP Supplemental Allocation approved and funds available in CS2. There will be the opportunity to request a just-in-time allocation of CS funds between now and June 1st should funds become available through cancellations. More information will be distributed through the district listserv.
 - AgWRAP Regional Applications approved and funds available in CS2.
- **LGBFCA Deadlines Approaching:** for districts that manage any, or all of their own finances, deadlines approaching:
- New Employee Orientation scheduled for May 8 and 9th in Raleigh.
- **All Cost Share Program Contract Request For Payment (RFP)** must be accompanied by a Form W-9: Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification.
- **Specialty License Plate** – Help get the Soil and Water Conservation Education Specialty License Plate program on its way by signing up at <https://ncaswcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/License-Plate-Flyer-and-Application-1.pdf>. The plate says 'North Carolina – First in Conservation'.
- **2019 North American Envirothon** - Districts are hosting the 2019 North American Envirothon in Raleigh. Please try and secure donation moneys over the next 2 years from each SWCD.

Adjournment:

With no other business, Lewis moved that the meeting be adjourned, Harold seconded and the motion was approved unanimously at 10:10 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 9:00 a.m. at the Guilford County Agriculture Building Conference Room. It's Leslie Bell's turn to bring snacks.



Secretary/Treasurer