

# MINUTES

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DUPLIN Soil and Water Conservation District, held at Duplin Agribusiness Center  
Room 208, District Board Room  
Kenansville, NC 28349

Meeting Number: 10 DATE: April 11, 2022

**Supervisors Present:**

Franklin Williams (VIA PHONE), Ann Herring, George Mainor, William Kilpatrick, Louis Howard

**Watershed Commission Present:**

William F. Pickett, Jr., Harvey Lee Kennedy, Ann Herring

**District & NRCS Staff Present:**

Billy Ivey, Sara Sweeting, Matthew Swinarski, Kristy Dail, Vickie Baker, Angie B. Quinn

**Call to Order:**

- Herring called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and welcomed everyone.

**Minutes:**

- Minutes of the Board Meeting held March 7, 2022, were approved as read. Kilpatrick made and Howard seconded the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**2022 Southeast NACD Hall of Fame:**


- The Board congratulated Franklin Williams for being inducted into the NACD Southeast Hall of Fame. They praised him for his dedication to serving others and the many contributions he has made to ensure the conservation of our natural resources. Williams will be recognized in Puerto Rico at the SE NACD meeting in July.

**NC Divison of Soil and Water Conservation Update:**

- Baker presented Kristina's calendar for information noting upcoming meetings and trainings.
- Baker informed the group that Duplin has received a re-allocation of \$29,707 for PY22 Cost Share Programs.
- Baker presented 3 new NCACSP applications for acceptance. Kilpatrick made and Howard seconded the motion to accept the new applications. Motion carried.
- Baker presented the following NCACSP Contract:  
31-2022-011 Canyon P. Heath Cropland Conversion \$ 4,694.00 19.0 Ac  
Kilpatrick made and Howard seconded the motion to approve the Contract. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting Date:** 05/2/2022 **Time:** 6:30 PM

**Place:** Duplin Agribusiness Center  
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- Baker presented the following NCACSP Requests for Payment:
 

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| 31-2022-007 | Grady Family Farms, Inc. | Cropland Conversion | \$ 14,999.00 | 60.71 Ac |
|             | (II-\$8,057; CS-\$6,942) |                     |              |          |
| 31-2022-010 | Sandy Plain Sod, LLC     | Cropland Conversion | \$ 4,941.00  | 20.00 Ac |

 Kilpatrick made and Howard seconded the motion to approve the Requests for Payment. Motion carried.
- Swinarski presented 2 new NC AgWrap applications for acceptance. Kilpatrick made and Howard seconded the motion to accept the new applications. Motion carried.
- Swinarski presented the following NC AgWrap Contract:
 

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| 31-2022-807 | Jamie Sholar | Pond | \$ 25,000 |  |
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 Kilpatrick made and Howard seconded the motion to approve the Contract. Motion carried.
- Baker presented information on the Partnership for Climate-Smart Commodities Survey for information purposes.
- Baker presented a draft Strategy Plan and Ranking Sheets for review. She instructed the group to review and present any changes/discussion at the May meeting.
- Baker reminded the group that spot check inspections would be conducted during the month of May. She will call for volunteers and set dates at the May meeting.
- Baker presented the following Hurricane Florence Disaster Requests for Payment:
 

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| 31-2019-514 | Eric Justin Price      | Pasture Renovation | \$ 2,834.00 | 12.59 Ac |
| 31-2019-522 | Wiggins Hog Farm, Inc. | Pasture Renovation | \$ 4,500.00 | 20.00 Ac |

 Kilpatrick made and Howard seconded the motion to approve the Requests for Payment. Motion carried.
- Ivey informed the group that he has applied for NC StRAP funding for sediment removal on the Limestone and Muddy Creek Watershed laterals and for additional stream debris removal projects.

**Education Programs Update:**

- Dail updated the group on various Educational Events. She gave highlights from the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Fishing Tournament, Duplin Grows and the Coastal Envirothon. Dail also presented 3 applications for the Resource Conservation Workshop to be held this summer at NC State University. Howard made and Kilpatrick seconded the motion to sponsor all three students for the RCW pending funding availability. Motion carried.

**NRCS – Natural Resource Conservation Service Update:**

- Sweeting presented the Federal Programs progress report for information. Sweeting gave a summary of EQIP preapprovals to the group and confirmed that there was no Confined Animal Operation funding awarded to Duplin County in the initial allocation. She stressed the need for the Board’s support at the next Local Work Group Meeting for Team 17 to be held on May 17, 2022, in Sampson County.

**Limestone/Muddy Creek Watershed:**

- Ivey presented the Annual Mowing and Maintenance Reports for approval and requested to solicit Request for Proposals. Kennedy made and Herring seconded the motion to accept the Mowing and Maintenance Reports as presented and to solicit Request for Proposals. Motion carried.

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**Stream Debris Removal Update:**

- Ivey gave the following update on the Stream Debris Removal Projects:  
Rockfish Creek is *Complete*  
Grove Creek & Buck Skin Creek are *in progress*  
Cypress Creek Site Showing to be held April 12, 2022 @ 9:00 AM  
Cypress Creek Bid Opening to be held April 28, 2022 @ 2:00 PM
- Ivey asked the Board for input on additional creeks to be considered for future funding.

**Various Correspondence Update:**

Quinn presented various correspondence and handouts for informational purposes.

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business, Herring adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM.