

MINUTES

APPROVED

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

Meeting Number: 7 DATE: January 3, 2022

Supervisors Present:

George Mainor, in person
Franklin Williams, Ann Herring, Louis Howard, William Kilpatrick -via telephone

Watershed Commission Present:

Harvey Lee Kennedy, in person
Ann Herring-via telephone

District & NRCS Staff Present:

Cole Smith, Sara Sweeting Faircloth, Billy Ivey, Matthew Hart, Jeb Smith, Matthew Swinarski, Kristy Dail, Angie Quinn

Call to Order:

Williams called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM and welcomed everyone. The Board thanked Kilpatrick for providing another delicious Christmas meal.

Minutes:

Minutes of the Board Meeting held December 6, 2021, were approved as read. Herring made and Kilpatrick seconded the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Watershed Commission Meeting held December 13, 2021, were approved as read. Herring made and Kennedy seconded the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

NC Division of Soil and Water Updates:

J. Smith presented 2 new NCACSP applications for approval. Herring made and Kilpatrick seconded the motion to accept the new applications. Motion carried.

J. Smith presented the following NCACSP Contracts for approval pending paperwork, delayed due to staff COVID illness:

31-2022-011	Cole Phillips	Crop Conversion	\$ 7,412.00	30.00 Acres
31-2022-012	Straw Hat Farms	Crop Conversion	\$ 6,231.00*	1.50 Acres

Estimated \$ pending design

Howard made and Herring seconded the motion to approve the new contracts. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: 02/07/2022 **Time:** 6:30 PM

Place: Duplin Agribusiness Center
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Signature

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J. Smith presented the following NCACSP Requests for Payment pending verification and document development delayed due to staff COVID illness:

31-2020-012	William C. Lanier	Cover Crop	\$ 298.00	7.45 Acres
31-2020-014	E. Cole Baker	Cover Crop	\$ 2,571.00	64.28 Acres
31-2021-012	R. Ralph Lanier	Cover Crop	\$ 8,996.00	224.90 Acres

Major made and Herring seconded the motion to approve the Requests for Payment. Motion carried.

Ivey presented information on the Mark Williams/Dorine Williams Ag Wrap Pond for information purposes. The Williams' applied for assistance in March 2017, for repairs resulting from Hurricane Matthew that affected Duplin County in October 2016. Disaster Funding was available through Farm Services Agency in conjunction with Soil and Water Conservation. The pond was contracted out to Resource Institute and Wildlands Engineering through the Division of Soil and Water.

In December 2021, Mark Williams contacted Ivey with Duplin SWCD to find out status of his Ag Wrap Pond Contract. Ivey contacted David Williams of the Division and Brian Nichols of the Duplin Farm Services Agency. According to Nichols at FSA, the contract was canceled due to inactivity.

Williams is pursuing reinstatement of this contract.

Federal Programs Update:

Faircloth presented the Federal Programs progress report for information.

Stream Debris Removal Update:

C. Smith presented the following Requests for Payment on Rockfish Creek:

Section 1	J & J Environmental	\$41,416.50
Section 2	J & J Environmental	\$41,416.50

Watershed Rehabilitation Program:

Ivey provided information on the Watershed Rehabilitation Program. The program helps project sponsors rehabilitate aging dams that are reaching the end of their design lives. He submitted Cabin Lake Dam as a possible candidate for these funds. Howard made and Kilpatrick seconded the motion to submit a letter to Tim Beard, NRCS, to request assistance through this program for an evaluation of Cabin Lake Dam for possible funding. Motion carried.

Various Correspondence Update:

Quinn presented various handouts and reports noting upcoming events for information purposes.

J. Smith informed the group that he has submitted his resignation effective January 11, 2022.

Next Board Meeting:

Next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held February 7, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, Williams adjourned the meeting at 9:47 AM.

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