

# MINUTES

APPROVED

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

Meeting Number: 10

DATE: April 3, 2023

**Supervisors Present:**

Franklin Williams, William Kilpatrick, Ann Herring, Louis Howard

**Watershed Commission Present:**

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

**District & NRCS Staff Present:**

Sara Sweeting-Faircloth, Cole Smith, David Whaley, Vickie Baker, Jordon Lane, Kristy Dail, Shaqur Moses, Angie B. Quinn

**Others Present:**

Dr. Thomas Easley, Guest

**Call to Order:**

Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and welcomed everyone including special guest, Dr. Thomas Easley. Easley introduced himself to the Board and shared information about himself and his role coordinating Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion with NACD.

**Minutes:**

Minutes of the Board Meeting held March 6, 2023, were approved as read. Herring made and Kilpatrick seconded the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Watershed Minutes:**


Minutes of the Board Meeting held March 6, 2023, were approved as read. Kennedy made and Herring seconded the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Statement of Professionalism**

Quinn presented the Statement of Professionalism that was adopted by the Association of Soil and Water Conservation at the 2023 Annual Meeting. The Association encourages District Boards to adopt the Statement of Professionalism and include it on their Board meeting agenda. Herring made and Kilpatrick seconded the motion to adopt the Statement of Professionalism as presented. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting Date:** 05/1/2023 **Time:** 6:30 PM

**Place:** Duplin Agribusiness Center  
Room 208, District Board Room  
Kenansville, NC 28349

  
Signature

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**NACD-National Association of Conservation Districts Update:**

Williams shared highlights of the NACD Fly-In that was held in Washington, DC, March 22-23, 2023.

**Senate Bill 27- Soil and Water/Partisan Election Option**

Williams presented Senate Bill 27 Partisan Election Option for Soil and Water Supervisors that is scheduled to be presented in the next few days. Williams drafted a letter to Senator Brent Jackson stating reasons not to support Partisan Elections for Soil and Water Supervisors. After much discussion, Howard made and Herring seconded the motion to accept the letter as presented. Motion carried. Howard made and Kilpatrick seconded the motion to Representative Jimmy Dixon as well. All agreed the letters should be sent via email and by the US Postal Service. Motion carried.

**Federal Programs Update:**

Sweeting-Faircloth presented various NRCS updates for information. She stressed the need for the Board's support at the next Local Work Group Meeting for Team 17 to be held on April 05, 2023, in Duplin County.

**NC Division of Soil and Water Conservation:**

Williams made motion to go into closed session pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11, to prevent disclosure of contract information that is privileged or confidential. Kilpatrick made and Herring seconded the motion. Motion carried. Board discussed a cost share contract. Williams made and Herring seconded the motion to return to open session. Motion carried.

Baker informed the group that Duplin was notified of an upcoming Program Review by the Division of Soil and Water tentatively scheduled for May/June 2023.

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 informed the group that the current Impaired/Impacted Survey for Muddy Creek (030300070306) is expiring and that a new survey is due June 1, 2023. Effective dates for the Impaired and Impacted Survey for Goshen (03000070101, 030300070104) are PY21 thru PY25.

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 informed the group that Duplin has received a re-allocation of \$36,000 for PY23 NC Ag Cost Share and \$1,353 for PY23 AgWRAP funds.

Baker presented one new NCACSP Application for acceptance. Kilpatrick made and Herring seconded a motion to accept the application. Motion carried.

Baker presented the following NCACSP Contracts:

31-2023-012 Grady/Southerland Grade Stabilization \$ 3,500 (pending design)

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

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Baker presented the following Requests for Payment:

31-2022-003	Edgar A. Rouse	Cropland Conversion	\$58,188
31-2022-015	F.Brandon Batchelor	Cropland Conversion	\$ 6,226
31-2021-006	James D. Williamson	Cover Crop	\$ 4,257
31-2021-008	A.Eugene Jones	Cover Crop	\$ 714
31-2022-013	Center Pivot Farms	Cover Crop	\$ 6,750
31-2022-014	T.Warren Sloan	Cover Crop	\$ 9,998
31-2022-017	Louis Q. Howard	Cover Crop	\$ 9,998
31-2023-003	John D. Sullivan	Cover Crop	\$ 9,977
31-2023-006	Linwood F. Henderson	Cover Crop	\$ 1,890
31-2023-008	Herring Farms Inc	Cover Crop	\$ 9,977
31-2023-009	Triple M Family	Cover Crop	\$ 9,979

Kilpatrick made and Herring seconded the motion to approve the Requests for Payment. Howard abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

Baker presented the following COVID Swine and Dairy Program Contracts:

31-2023-103	T&W Family Farms	Lagoon Closure	\$100,000
31-2023-104	Norris Farms of Duplin	Lagoon Closure	\$100,000
31-2023-105	Patterson Farming	Lagoon Closure	\$100,000

Kilpatrick made and Herring seconded the motion to approve the Contracts. Motion carried.

Smith presented two new AgWRAP Applications for acceptance. Herring made and Kilpatrick seconded a motion to accept the applications. Motion carried.

Smith presented the following AgWrap Contract:

31-2023-807	Herbert Cottle	Well-Irrigation	\$ 1,353*
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\*Supplement to 31-2023-806

Herring made and Kilpatrick seconded a motion to approve the contract. Motion carried.

**Education Programs Update:**

Baker gave highlights of Duplin Grows and the Coastal Envirothon which she attended representing Duplin Soil and Water. She reminded the group of the Annual Youth Fishing Tournament to be held at Cabin Lake on April 15, 2023, and encouraged everyone to attend.

Quinn presented a Letter of Support for funds available through the NC Foundation for Soil and Water for a soils tent to be used at educational events. Howard made and Herring seconded the motion to mail the Letter of Support. Motion carried.

Dail presented one application for the Resource Conservation Workshop. She is anticipating more applications to present for review at the next meeting.

Kilpatrick expressed the need for an education position in Duplin County. Dail informed the group that she was currently taking classes to obtain Environmental Education Certification.

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**StRAP Funds Update:**

Smith presented the following Request for Payment pending inspection:

Hall's Tree Service Muddy Creek (Sections 1-5) \$162,200.00

Kennedy made and Herring seconded the motion to approve the Request for Payment. Motion carried.

Smith informed the group that a site showing is scheduled for April 4, 2023, at 9:00 AM for Sections 1-3 of the NE Cape Fear River.

**Various Correspondence Update:**

Williams presented various handouts and reports noting upcoming events for information.

**Next Board Meeting:**

Next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held **May 1, 2023, at 6:30 PM.**

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business, Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:26 PM.