



APPROVED

**Duplin County
Soil and Water Conservation District
Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2023**

Supervisors & Watershed Commission Present	Office Staff / Others Present
Franklin Williams, Chair	District Staff: Cole Smith, Vickie Baker
William Kilpatrick, Vice-Chair	Angie B. Quinn
George Mainor, Secretary-Treasurer	
Ann Herring, Member	NRCS: Jordan Lane, Sara Sweeting-Faircloth,
Louis Howard, Member	Shaqur Moses, Hannah Hackett
Williams F. Pickett, Jr., Chair, Watershed Commission	
Ann Herring, Vice - Chair, Watershed Commission	Others: Kristina Fischer
Harvey Kennedy, Member, Watershed Commission	

Meeting #6 held in Soil and Water Board Room, 165 Agriculture Drive, Kenansville, NC

1. Call to Order:

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 6:49 PM and reminded the Board of the adopted, NCASWCD Statement of Professionalism and Conflict of Interest Statements.

2. Welcome – Introductions: Chair Williams welcomed all in attendance and thanked Billy Kilpatrick for the wonderful Christmas meal.

3. Approval of Minutes:

3a. Minutes of the Board Meeting held November 6, 2023, were approved as read. Kilpatrick made and Mainor seconded the motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3b. Minutes of the Watershed Improvement Board Meeting held November 6, 2023, were approved as read. Kennedy made and Herring seconded the motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments: NONE

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. NACD-National Association of Conservation Districts Update:

Williams presented the group with sample Stewardship and Educational Materials that are available to order through the NACD website.

6. Federal Programs Update: Sweeting-Faircloth presented NRCS's updates for information noting accomplishments, dates and deadlines.

7. State Programs Update:

- 7a. Fischer presented the Regional Coordinator's calendar and newsletter for information noting upcoming dates and meetings.
- 7b. NC Ag Cost Share Program - Baker informed the group that a re-allocation of \$37,186.00, has awarded to Duplin.
- 7c. NC AgWrap – Smith informed the group that Duplin has been approved for 1 pond repair for Daniel Herring.

8. Supervisor Forms - Quinn provided the annual Supervisor Disclosure forms to the District Supervisors for review and signatures.

9. Cabin Lake Dam - Quinn presented updates on the progress of the Emergency Action Plan and the Cabin Lake Dam Assessment that are being completed by GPI – Greenman Pedersen, Inc.

ACTION ITEMS

10. State Cost Share Programs:

10a. NC Agriculture Cost Share Program

10ai. Baker presented the following Request for Assistance:

Name	Practice
D. Smith	Sludge Removal

Kilpatrick made and Herring seconded the motion to accept the Request for Assistance. Motion carried.

10aai. Baker presented the following NC-ACSP-1, Applications:

Contract Number	Applicant	Practice	Amount	Ranking
31-2024-012	Grady Boys Farming	Cover Crop	\$ 9,138	48
31-2024-013	William Kent Evans	Grassed Waterway Repair	\$ 3,000	55
31-2024-014	William Kent Evans	Grassed Waterway II	\$12,000	55
31-2024-015	George D. Olsen Jr.	Cropland Conversion	\$ 6,615	45

Kilpatrick made and Mainor seconded the motion to accept the Applications. Motion carried.

10aiii. Baker presented the following NC-ACSP-2 and NC-ACSP-11, Contracts:

Contract Number	Applicant	Practice	Amount	Ranking
31-2024-012	Grady Boys Farming	Cover Crop	\$ 9,138	48

31-2024-013	William Kent Evans	Grassed Waterway Repair	\$ 3,000	55
31-2024-014	William Kent Evans	Grassed Waterway II	\$12,000	55
31-2024-015	George D. Olsen Jr.	Cropland Conversion	\$ 6,615	45

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

10b. NC AgWrap

10bi. Smith presented the following Request for Assistance:

Name	Practice
D. Drew	Well-Irrigation

Mainor made and Herring seconded the motion to accept the Request for Assistance. Motion carried.

10bii. Smith presented the following NC-AgWRAP-3, Request for Payment:

Contract Number	Applicant	Practice	Amount
31-2024-802	Grover Rhodes	Well – Livestock	\$ 5,000

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

10c. Swine and Dairy Assistance Program - Baker inadvertently duplicated contracts from previous report. Item 10c, on the Agenda, has been removed from cost share report, due to duplication.

11. 2024 Election of Officers – Board of Supervisors:

Herring made and Mainor seconded a motion to continue 2024, with the current slate of Officers for the Board of Supervisors. Motion carried.

- Franklin Williams, Chairman
- William Kilpatrick, Vice-Chairman
- George Mainor, Secretary-Treasurer
- Ann Herring, Member
- Louis Howard, Member

12. Election of Officers – Current Slate Watershed Commission:

Kennedy made and Herring seconded a motion to continue 2024, with the current slate of Officers for the Watershed Commission. Motion carried.

- William F Pickett, Chairman
- Ann Herring, Vice-Chair
- Harvey Lee Kennedy, Member

13. Position Vacancies:

13a. Quinn informed the group that Shaqur Moses, Soil Conservationist, has accepted a position with NRCS, leaving a vacant Soil Conservationist position. Herring made and Kilpatrick seconded the motion to advertise the vacancy.

13b. Quinn informed the group that Kristy Dail has resigned from her position of Administrative Specialist, effective December 11, 2023. After much discussion, the group agreed to re-advertise the position with more emphasis on the Environmental Education portion and less on the NRCS duties that are currently handled by an NRCS Program Assistant. Herring made and Kilpatrick seconded the motion to advertise the vacancy.

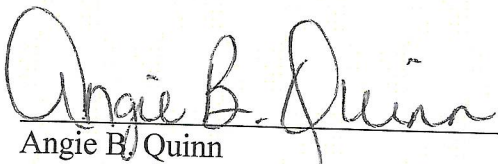
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14. Various Correspondence and Other Business:

Williams presented various handouts for informational purposes.

15. Adjourn

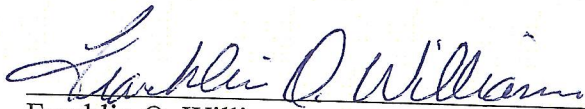
There being no further business, Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:36 PM.



Angie B. Quinn

Director, Duplin SWCD

These minutes were approved by the Duplin SWCD on February 5, 2024



Franklin O. Williams

Chair, Duplin SWCD