

APPROVED

MINUTES

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

Meeting Number: 9 DATE: March 6, 2023

Supervisors Present:

Franklin Williams, William Kilpatrick, George Mainor, Ann Herring, Louis Howard

Watershed Commission Present:

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

District & NRCS Staff Present:

Sara Sweeting-Faircloth, Billy Ivey, Cole Smith, David Whaley, Vickie Baker, Jordon Lane, Angie B. Quinn

Call to Order:

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

Minutes:

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

Duplin Soil and Water Conservation Budget:

Quinn presented the 2023-2024 Soil and Water Budget. She plans to present this information to the Duplin County Commissioners on Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

NACD-National Association of Conservation Districts Update:


Williams and Kilpatrick shared highlights of the NACD Annual Meeting that was held in New Orleans, LA, February 11-15, 2023.

Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Update:

Quinn informed the group that Duplin County has been granted an extension of contract NR204532XXXC029. The new contract expires September 5, 2023.

Next Meeting Date: 04/3/2023 **Time:** 6:30 PM

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



Signature

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Promoting Innovations in Animal Waste Management Phase II Grant:

Quinn presented a grant opportunity through the NC Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation. The grant proposes to provide financial support to the District for consultation and review of eligible livestock grower(s) that are partnering with Phinite, Inc., for the installation of a sludge drying unit. The District will host two field days to demonstrate the installed sludge dryers. Kilpatrick made and Herring seconded the motion to accept the Foundation Grant. Motion carried.

Federal Programs Update:

Sweeting-Faircloth presented various NRCS updates for informational purposes.

NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation:

Quinn presented a request to pay the 2023 NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation annual dues in the amount of \$700.00. Herring made and Howard seconded the motion to pay the NCASWCD annual dues. Motion carried.

NC Division of Soil and Water Conservation:

Quinn presented the Regional Coordinator's Calendar and Newsletter for information purposes.

Baker informed the group that Duplin has requested the following re-allocations for PY23 Cost Share Programs:

NCACSP - \$ 36,000.00

AgWRAP - \$ 1,553.00

Baker presented two new NCACSP Applications for acceptance. Kilpatrick made and Mainor seconded a motion to accept the applications. Motion carried.

Baker presented the following NCACSP Contracts:

31-2023-011 James B. Jones, Jr. FB/Cropland Conv \$ 14,983

31-2023-301 Miss Grace Farms, LLC CREP-Hardwoods \$ 3,276*

*Board approved 2/6/23, cost was revised from \$2,423 per CREP Specialist

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

Smith presented the following COVID Swine and Dairy Program Contract:

31-2023-102 James B. Jones, Jr. Lagoon Closure \$ 100,000

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

Education Programs Update:

Quinn presented information to the group that the Resource Conservation Workshop (RCW) is scheduled for June 25, thru June 30, 2023. The cost this year will be \$575 per student, which includes meals.

Limestone and Muddy Watershed Update:

Ivey presented the following Requests for Payment:

Han-Dy-Land Farms Limestone and Muddy Creek Mowing Contract \$49,800.00

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

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Ivey presented information on options to renew the Annual Mowing and Maintenance Contracts for two years. The contracts would run as follows:

Han-Dy-Land Farms December 1, 2023, through February 29, 2024, and December 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025. Kennedy made and Herring seconded the motion to renew the contract for two years pending price and County Commission approval. Motion carried.

D & D Construction July 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023, and July 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024. Kennedy made and Herring seconded the motion to renew the contract for two years pending price and County Commission approval. Motion carried.

Ivey informed the group that Inspections will begin in the next couple of weeks, and a contract price will be established to present to the Watershed Board and the Duplin Commissioners.

StRAP Funding Update:

Ivey presented a Request for Payment for Limestone and Muddy Creeks Maintenance Contract, on behalf of D & D Construction in the amount of \$135,300.00. Kennedy made and Herring seconded the motion to approve the Request for Payment. Motion carried.

Smith presented a Request for Payment for Sections 4-7 of Limestone Creek, on behalf of SnatchIt Clearing in the amount of \$98,496.00. Kennedy made and Herring seconded the motion to approve the Request for Payment. Motion carried.

Smith informed the group that Hall's Tree Service was scheduled to begin work on Muddy Creek Monday, March 6, 2023.

Various Correspondence Update:

Williams presented various handouts and reports noting upcoming events for informational purposes.

Next Board Meeting:

Next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held April 3, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:21 PM.