

MINUTES

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

Meeting Number: 11

DATE: May 1, 2023

Supervisors Present:

Franklin Williams, George Mainor, 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, Billy Ivey, Angie B. Quinn

Others Present:

Kristina Fischer, NC Division of Soil and Water Conservation, Eastern Region Coordinator

Call to Order:

Williams called the meeting to order at 6:29 PM and welcomed everyone.

Minutes:

Minutes of the Board Meeting held April 3, 2023, were presented. Herring made and Howard seconded the motion to edit the language related to Closed Session presented in Minutes. Motion carried. Howard made and Herring seconded motion to accept the amended Minutes as presented with noted changes. Motion carried.

Watershed Minutes:

Minutes of the Board Meeting held April 3, 2023, were approved as read. Pickett made and Kennedy seconded the motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

NACD-National Association of Conservation Districts Update:

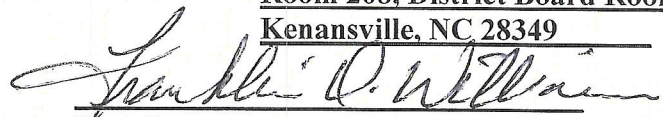
Williams updated the group on various upcoming events for NACD.

Federal Programs Update:

Sweeting-Faircloth presented various NRCS updates for information.

Next Meeting Date: 06/5/2023 **Time:** 6:30 PM

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


Signature

NOTE: Minutes are numbered by FY. This is FY 2022-2023.
Soil and Water Conservation Commission, NC Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services

NC Division of Soil and Water Conservation:

Fischer presented the Regional Coordinator's calendar and newsletter for information noting upcoming dates and meetings.

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

Baker presented the following NCACSP Contracts:

31-2023-013	Eugene Carlton	Cropland Conversion	\$ 2,678
31-2023-014	Jeremy A. Thomas	Cropland Conversion	\$ 12,600

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

Baker presented the following Requests for Payment:

31-2023-007	William D. Kilpatrick	Cropland Conversion	\$12,499
31-2023-010	Donna S. Smith	Pasture Renovation	\$ 5,655
31-2023-011	James B. Jones, Jr.	FB/Cropland Conversion	\$ 6,133

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

Baker reminded the group that spot check inspections would be conducted during the months of May and/or June. She will call for volunteers and set dates in the next couple of weeks.

Baker presented a draft Strategic Plan and Ranking Sheets for review. After much discussion, she instructed the group to review and present any changes/discussion as soon as possible so she can submit to the Division prior to the upcoming June 1, 2023, deadline.

Smith presented the following AgWrap Requests for Payment:

31-2022-805	Joshua Hill	Well-Irrigation	\$ 5,000
31-2023-807	Herbert Cottle	Well-Irrigation	\$ 1,353 (supplement 31-2023-806)

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

Education Programs Update:

Baker gave highlights of the State Envirothon which she attended representing Duplin Soil and Water.

The group discussed the success of the Annual Cabin Lake Youth Fishing Tournament that was held on April 15, 2023, at Cabin Lake County Park.

Quinn presented two applications for the Resource Conservation Workshop. Quinn stated Smithfield Foods has agreed to fund one application, and there were available funds for Duplin Soil and Water to fund the other application. Howard made and Herring seconded the motion to send both applicants to the Resource Conservation Workshop in June 2023. Motion carried.

StRAP Funds Update:

Smith presented the bid tabs for Sections 1, 2 and 3, of the NE Cape Fear River Project. Due to limited funding, only Section 2 may be funded at this time. Herring made and Kilpatrick seconded the motion to award NECFR Section 2, to Daniel Steiner, DBA SnatchIt Clearing, in the amount of \$74,892.00. Motion carried.

Limestone and Muddy Creeks Watershed Update:

Ivey presented the Annual Mowing Contract for approval:

Limestone and Muddy Mowing Contract	Han-Dy-Land Farms	\$ 51,800.00
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Kennedy made and Herring seconded the motion to award the Mowing Contract. Motion carried.

Ivey presented the Annual Maintenance Contract for approval:

Limestone and Muddy Maintenance Contract	D & D Construction	\$133,500.00
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Kennedy made and Herring seconded the motion to award the Maintenance Contract. Motion carried.

Ivey presented the following PL 566 Contract for approval:

Cabin Lake Dam Assessment	Greenmen-Pedersen	\$ 30,000.00
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Kennedy made and Herring seconded the motion to award the Cabin Lake Dam Assessment Contract. Motion carried.

Ivey presented the following PL 566 Contract for approval:

Cabin Lake Dam Emergency Action Plan	Greenmen-Pedersen	\$ 28,000.00
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Kennedy made and Herring seconded the motion to award the Cabin Lake Dam Emergency Action Plan Contract. Motion carried.

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 **June 5, 2023, at 6:30 PM.**

Adjourn:

There being no further business, Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:58 PM.