

APPROVED



Duplin County
Soil and Water Conservation District
Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2023

Supervisors & Watershed Commission Present	Office Staff / Others Present
Franklin Williams, Chair	
William Kilpatrick, Vice-Chair	
George Mainor, Secretary-Treasurer	
Ann Herring, Member	
Louis Howard, Member	
Williams F. Pickett, Jr., Chair, Watershed Commission	District Staff: Cole Smith, Kristy Dail,
Ann Herring, Vice - Chair, Watershed Commission	Angie B. Quinn, Billy Ivey, Shaqur Moses
Harvey Kennedy, Member, Watershed Commission	
	NRCS: Jordon Lane, Sara Sweeting-Faircloth

Meeting #5 held in Soil and Water Board Room, 165 Agriculture Drive, Kenansville, NC

1. Call to Order:

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 6:35 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.

3. Approval of Minutes:

3a. Minutes of the Board Meeting held **October 9, 2023**, were approved as read. Mainor made and Herring seconded the motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3b. Minutes of the Watershed Improvement Board Meeting held **October 9, 2023**, were approved as read. Kennedy made and Pickett 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 informed the group that NACD's Executive Board Meeting will be held in Washington, DC, during the first week of December 2023. This conflicts with Duplin District's Board Meeting. The group decided unanimously to move the December District Board Meeting from December 4th to December 12, 2023.

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

7. State Programs Update:

- 7a. Quinn presented the Regional Coordinator’s calendar and newsletter for information noting upcoming dates and meetings.
- 7b. NC Ag Cost Share Program
 - 7bi. Smith informed the group that additional cost share funds are expected to be allocated later in November.
 - 7bii. Strategic Plan Modification item moved to December meeting for discussion.
 - 7biii. Smith informed the group that the following contracts were being deferred to the Division for non-compliance:

Contract Number	Amount
31-2017-003	\$1,932.00
31-2017-808	\$3,250.00

- 7biv. Smith informed the group that the following contracts were terminated due to farm sell:

Contract Number	Amount
31-2016-015	\$2,025.00
31-2017-009	\$3,210.00

Amounts were repaid, and the total funds of \$5,235.00, will be returned to the District allocation.

8. Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) - Quinn presented photos of completed work in the Sarecta Community.

ACTION ITEMS

9. State Cost Share Programs:

9a. NC Agriculture Cost Share Program

- 9ai. Smith presented the following Request for Assistance:

Name	Practice
J.P. Grady	Cropland Conversion

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

- 9aai. Smith presented the following NC-ACSP-1, Contracts:

Contract Number	Applicant	Practice	Amount
31-2024-004	Rommie O. Hill, Jr.	Cover Crop	\$3,255.00

Contract 31-2024-004, previously approved in the wrong name (Joshua O. Hill - October Minutes). Herring made and Mainor seconded the motion to rescind approval in October minutes, and approve the corrected contract number in the name, Rommie O. Hill, Jr. Howard abstained from the vote on his son-in-law’s father’s contract. Motion carried.

Contract Number	Applicant	Practice	Amount
31-2024-011	Joshua O. Hill	Cover Crop	\$9,975.00

Herring made and Kilpatrick seconded the motion to approve the new contract. Howard abstained from the vote on his son-in-law’s contract. Motion carried.

9aiii. Smith presented the following information regarding NC-ACSP-3, Request for Payment.

Contract Number	Applicant	Practice	Amount
31-2024-001	John Smith	Non-Field Farm Road Repair	\$11,131.00*

The Board was informed that Division Engineering staff are reconsidering amounts for some components in this contract. The contracted total may be increased pending final review of the checkout compared to the original design.* Kilpatrick made and Herring seconded a motion to approve the Request for Payment as presented and to revisit the RFP at the December meeting if the contracted cost is increased by the Division Engineer. Motion carried.

9b. NC AgWrap Program:

9bi. Smith presented the following Request for Assistance:

Name	Practice
Daniel Herring	AgWrap Pond

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

9bii. Smith presented the following NC-ACSP-3, Request for Payment:

Contract Number	Applicant	Practice	Amount
31-2024-803	Julia Holliday	Well-Livestock	\$5,000.00

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

9biii. Smith requested Letters of Support from the Board to submit with the following NC AgWrap pond requests:

- John C. Smith
- Elijah C. Baker
- Daniel Herring
- Margaret Cottle
- James Williams

Kilpatrick made and Herring seconded a motion to submit the Letters of Support. Motion carried.

9c. Swine and Dairy Assistance Program:

Smith presented the following NC-ACSP-1, Applications:

Contract Number	Applicant	Practice	Amount
31-2024-102	Earnest Kennedy - Hillari Farm	Closure Waste Impoundment	\$100,000.00
31-2024-103	Earnest Kennedy - Whitney Farm	Closure Waste Impoundment	\$100,000.00
31-2024-104	Mike Kennedy	Closure Waste Impoundment	\$100,000.00

31-2024-105	Bennie Kennedy	Closure Waste Impoundment	\$100,000.00
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Herring made and Kilpatrick seconded a motion to approve the NC-ACSP-1, Applications. Motion carried.

10. Watershed Update:

10a. Ivey presented an emergency repair bill to the Watershed Board for Lateral HB3 in the amount of \$1,317.00. Kennedy made and Herring seconded a motion pay the bill. Motion carried.

10b. Williams made a motion to re-appoint Ann Herring to the Watershed Commission for an additional six years. The new term will expire on 12/01/2029. Kennedy made and Pickett seconded the motion to re-appoint Herring to the Watershed Commission. Motion carried. Herring abstained from the vote of her re-appointment.

11. Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP):

Quinn presented a Request for Payment in the amount of \$442,255.00, to Land Mechanic Designs, Inc., for the Emergency Watershed Protection Project. Herring made and Kilpatrick seconded a motion to approve the Request for Payment. Motion carried.

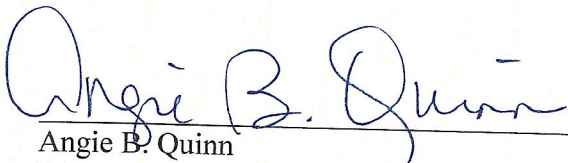
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12. Various Correspondence and Other Business:

Quinn presented various handouts for informational purposes.

13. Adjourn:

There being no further business, Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:14 PM.



Angie B. Quinn
Director, Duplin SWCD

These minutes were approved by the Duplin SWCD on December 12, 2023



Franklin O. Williams
Chair, Duplin SWCD