



**APPROVED**

**Duplin County  
Soil and Water Conservation District  
Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 2023**

<b>Supervisors &amp; Watershed Commission Present</b>	<b>Office Staff / Others Present</b>
Franklin Williams, Chair	Kristina Fischer, Eastern Regional Coordinator
William Kilpatrick, Vice-Chair	John Beck, Agriculture Cost Share Manager
George Mainor, Secretary-Treasurer	Ken Parks, Central Regional Coordinator
Ann Herring, Member	
Louis Howard, Member	<b>District Staff:</b> Billy Ivey, Cole Smith, Vickie Baker,
William F. Pickett, Jr., Chair, Watershed Commission	Kristy Dail, Angie B. Quinn
Ann Herring, Vice - Chair, Watershed Commission	
Harvey Kennedy, Member, Watershed Commission	<b>NRCS:</b> Sara Sweeting-Faircloth, Jordon Lane

**Meeting #3 held in Cooperative Extension Board Room, 165 Agriculture Drive, Kenansville, NC**

**1. Call to Order:**

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 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.

**3a. Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the Board Meeting held August 14, 2023, were approved as read. Kilpatrick made and Herring seconded the motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**3b. Approval of Watershed Minutes:**

Minutes of the Board Meeting held August 14, 2023, were approved as read. Pickett made and Herring seconded the motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**4. Public Comments: NONE**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**5a. NACD-National Association of Conservation Districts Update:**

Williams introduced the group to Conservation Coffee, a virtual learning and networking opportunity for districts and their partners.

**5b. Federal Programs Update:**

Sweeting-Faircloth presented various NRCS updates for information.

**5c. State Programs Update:**

**5ci.** Fischer presented the Regional Coordinator’s calendar and newsletter for information noting upcoming dates and meetings.

**5cii.** Beck presented the Duplin Soil and Water Programs Review Summary for FY2023.

## ACTION ITEMS

### 6a. NC Agriculture Cost Share Program

**6ai.** Baker presented the Annual 3-Year BMP Fund Certification (PY21-PY23) that will be a part of the PY25 Strategic Plan in June 2024. Kilpatrick made and Herring seconded the motion to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.

**6aii.** Baker presented two District NCASP Requests for Assistance (cropland conversion – A. Grady; cover crop – E. Grady). Mainor made and Kilpatrick seconded a motion to accept these requests. Motion carried.

**6aiii.** Baker presented the following CREP NC-ACSP-3, Request for Payment:

Contract Number	Applicant	Practice	Amount
31-2023-301	Miss Grace Farms LLC	Cropland Conversion - Trees	\$426.00

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

### 6b. NC AgWrap Program

Smith presented one District NCASP Request for Assistance (well- irrigation – R. Brock) Howard made and Herring seconded a motion to accept this request. Motion carried.

### 6c. Stream Debris Removal

Smith presented the following Request for Payment:

Name of Stream	Contractor	Amount
Cooks Branch	J & J Environmental	\$24,448.00

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

**6d. Recommendation for Watershed Commission Re-Appointment:** Williams made a motion re-appoint Harvey Lee Kennedy to the Watershed Commission for an additional six years. His new term will expire on 12/01/2029. Herring made and Pickett seconded the motion to re-appoint Kennedy to the Watershed Commission. Motion carried. Kennedy abstained from the vote of his re-appointment.

## CONCLUSION

### 7a. Various Correspondence and Other Business

**7ai.** Quinn presented the August 2023, Soil and Water Department Report

**7aii.** Williams reminded the group of the Area 6 Fall Meeting to be held in Surf City on October 17, 2023. Cost to attend is \$30.00. Supervisors will receive 3.5 hours of Supervisor Credit.

**8. Next Board Meeting** – Monday, October 9, at 6:30 PM.

**9. Adjourn:** There being no further business, Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:09 PM.

*Angie B. Quinn*

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Director, Duplin SWCD

These minutes were approved by the Duplin SWCD on October 9, 2023

*Franklin O. Williams*

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