

**NORTH CAROLINA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA
AGENDA
DRAFT**

WORK SESSION

Sheraton Four Seasons
Imperial E-F Room
3121 High Point Road
Greensboro, NC 27407
January 4, 2015
9:30 a.m.

BUSINESS SESSION

Sheraton Four Seasons
Guilford D-E
3121 High Point Road
Greensboro, NC 27407
January 4, 2015
3:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The State Government Ethics Act mandates that at the beginning of any meeting the Chair reminds all the members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and inquire as to whether any member knows of any conflict of interest or potential conflict with respect to matters to come before the Commission. If any member knows of a conflict of interest or potential conflict, please state so at this time.

II. PRELIMINARY – Business Meeting

Welcome	Chairman John Langdon
Reading of Statements of Economic Interest	Chairman John Langdon

III. BUSINESS

1. Approval of agenda	Chairman John Langdon
2. Approval of November 19, 2014 minutes	Chairman John Langdon
3. Division report	Ms. Pat Harris
4. Association report	Chairman John Langdon
5. NRCS report	Mr. Tim Beard
6. Consent Agenda	
A. Nomination of Supervisors	Ms. Kristina Fischer
B. Supervisor contracts	Ms. Kelly Ibrahim
C. Job Approval Authority	Ms. Natalie Woolard

- 7. PY2014 Cost Share Programs Annual Report
 - A. Agriculture Cost Share Program
 - B. Community Conservation Assistance Program
 - C. Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program
- 8. AgWRAP Review Committee Recommendations
 - A. PY2015 regional application recommendations
- 9. District issues
 - A. Request for exception of the new and expanded operations policy
 - B. Lenoir Technical Assistance Request for Payment
 - C. Exception for eligibility
- 10. CCAP Reallocation

Ms. Kelly Ibrahim
Mr. Tom Hill
Ms. Julie Henshaw

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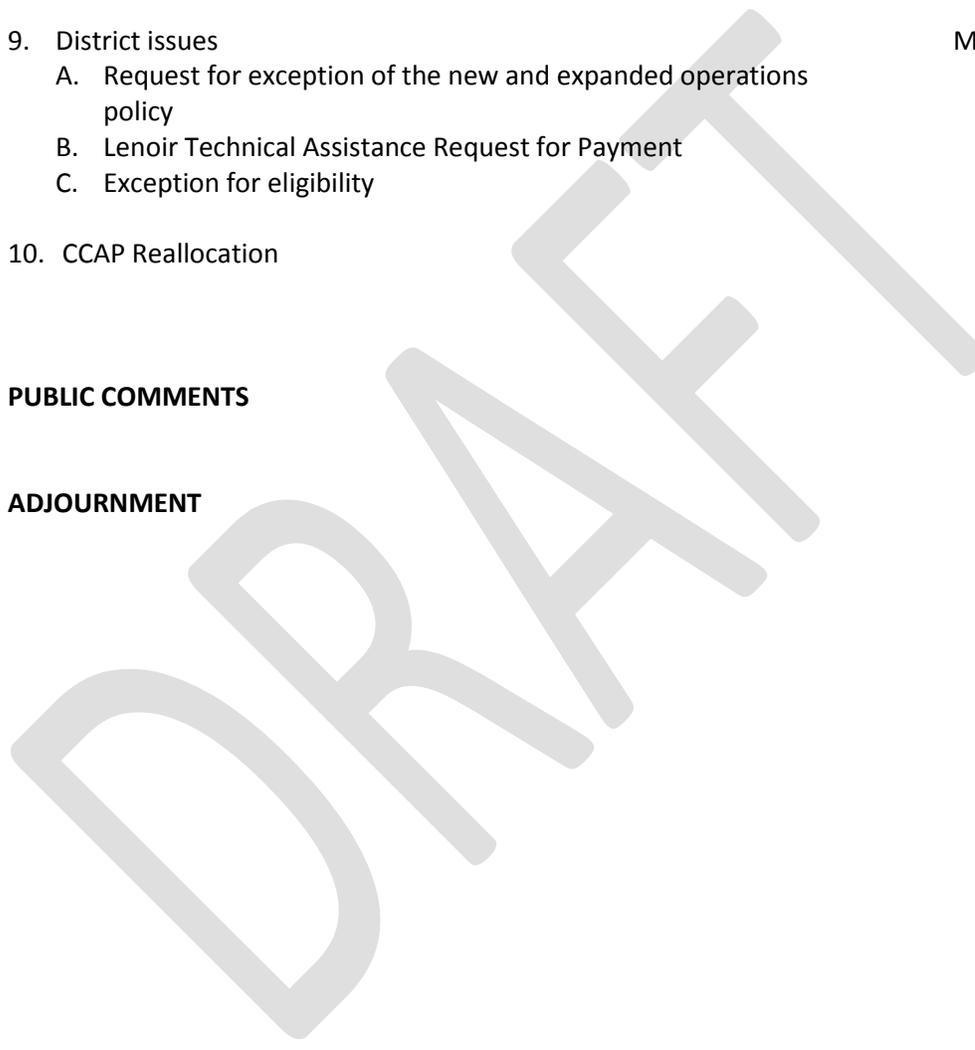
Ms. Kelly Ibrahim
Burke SWCD

Lenoir SWCD
Pender SWCD

Mr. Tom Hill

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

V. ADJOURNMENT





NORTH CAROLINA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES January 4, 2015

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Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons
Greensboro, NC

Commission Members		
John Langdon	Donald Heath	Drew Brannon
Craig Frazier	Scott Alons	Patrick Baker
Tommy Houser	Marlene Salyer	Tara Hughes
Charles Hughes	Lea-Ann Branch	Elissa Riley
Manly West	Susannah Goldston	Jody Smith
Bill Yarborough	Laurie Brokaw	Sherry Pittman
	Charles Bass	Tyler Ross
	Tom Ellis	Terry English
	Evan Davis	Nancy Carter
Commission Counsel		
	Ben Knox	Eileen Langdon
Phillip Reynolds	Michelle Lovejoy	Sam Davis
	Eddie Culberson	Chester Lowder
Guests		
	David Price	Rachel Smith
Tim Beard	Sue Glover	Pam Hawkins
Dr. Richard Reich	Linda Hash	Mamie Caison
Pat Harris	Ray Briggs	Janie Woodle
David Williams	Mike Dupree	Donna Rouse
Natalie Woolard	Rick Rhyne	Tom Best
Julie Henshaw	Andrew Cox	Jerry Raynor
Kelly Hedgepeth	Leonard Baldwin	Al Slawuta
Ralston James	Charles Davenport	Gail Hughes
Sandra Weitzel	Edward Humphrey	Tim Huffman
Tom Hill	James Massey	Kenneth Brantley
Dick Fowler	Wayne Short	Leonard Killian
Ken Parks	Kirsten Frazier	Larry West
Lisa Fine	James Ferguson	Dewitt Hardee
Joseph Hudyncia	Jack Huss	Matt Kinane
Rob Baldwin	Kevin Clark	Bruce Miller
Kristina Fischer	Jeff Joyner	Jeff Harris
Louise Hart	Patricia Martin	Jason Turner
Don Rawls	William Brown	

Chairman John Langdon called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer. He inquired whether any Commission members need to declare any conflict of interest, or appearance

of conflict of interest, that may exist for agenda items under consideration, as mandated by the State Ethics Act. Commissioner Hughes announced that he would be stepping down to represent the Lenoir SWCD as a district supervisor for agenda items 9B and 9D and would recuse himself from the vote.

Chairman Langdon welcomed everyone to the meeting and commended the staff for their preparations for the annual meeting.

1. Approval Of Agenda:

Chairman Langdon reviewed the agenda. Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Houser. The motion carried.

2. Approval Of Minutes – November 19, 2014 Meeting: The minutes of the Commission meeting held on November 19, 2014 were presented. Commissioner Frazier offered a motion to approve the minutes with some minor edits previously shared with staff. Commissioner Yarborough seconded the motion. The motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. Division Report: Ms. Pat Harris, director of the Division of Soil and Water Conservation, presented the division report. Her presentation included the following:

- 2015 is the International Year of Soils
- Congratulated Chairman Langdon who was appointed by Governor McCrory as the Chair and at-large Commission member effective January 1, 2015.
- Reminded the Commission members of the required Statements of Economic Interest due April 15 and the availability of ethics training.
- Alerted the Commission to the upcoming School of Government training and its impact on supervisor travel funds
- Reminded the Commission of the Association's Legislative Breakfast on March 18, just before the Commission's March Meeting. March 18 is also National Ag Day, and the Department has some other exciting activities planned.
- Provided some updates on the Division's internal operations
 - Preparing for FY2016 budget and legislative long session
 - Personnel
 - Kent Vaughan is interim CREP Manager
 - Sam Edwards promoted to Operation Review Environmental Specialist in Wilmington
 - Sam Edwards' previous CREP Specialist position will be reclassified and moved to Mocksville; expected to post in March
 - Beginning interviews for western Soil Scientist position
- Updated the Commission on the Stream Debris Removal Project and the allocation to 19 applicants of funding to address debris removal needs.
- Reviewed Commission policies for non-participation in Board Meetings

The handout for the division report is included as Attachment 3.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Chairman Langdon recognized Vicky Porter and thanked her for her service to the Commission for the last 4 years.

Chairman Langdon also recognized Tommy Houser and thanked him for his service to the Commission.

- 4. Association Report:** Chairman Langdon, NCASWCD President, presented a brief overview on the following:
- Welcomed everyone to the 71st annual meeting of the Association, and provided some statistics on registration
 - Reported on attendance to the Fall Area Meetings
 - Announced the upcoming Basic Training for Soil & Water Conservation Districts, which will be February 10-11, 2015 at the UNC School of Government.

The handout provided for item 4 is attached and is an official part of the minutes.

- 5. NRCS Report:** Mr. Tim Beard, State Conservationist for the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), presented a report on the following items. The handout provided for item 5 is attached and is an official part of the minutes.

- NRCS is now accepting public comments on interim rules for the Conservation Stewardship Program and Environmental Quality Incentives Program
- Mentioned that 2015 was declared the International Year of Soils
- Announced upcoming signup periods for the EQIP program
- NRCS' ATAC agreement with the Division has funded 38 part-time technical and administrative employees to accelerate conservation implementation
- Efforts to enhance soils technical assistance statewide have been successful, with four resource soil scientists.
- Noted successful efforts to offer training opportunities to partnership employees
 - Basics of Conservation Planning
 - Toolkit Training (11 statewide sessions and 7 how-to guides)
 - Extending the partnership with the Division to offer scholarships to state/local partnership employees to attend trainings.
- Emphasized the partnership's Conservation Action Team efforts to address challenges and establish a consistent process for partnership staff to attain Job Approval Authority and Certified Conservation Planning Certification.
- Overviewed FY 2014 performance
- Informed the Commission that he is seeking partnership input on potential organizational changes in NRCS

Chairman Langdon thanked Mr. Beard for his presentation and NRCS' support to the partnership.

6. Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner West, and it passed unanimously.

6A. Appointment of Supervisors

- Willie L. Beard; Bladen SWCD; filling an expired term previously held by Russell Patterson
- Harold Hicks Pollard; Burke SWCD, filling an expired term previously held by Barry Clark
- Nikki Young; Jackson SWCD, filling the unexpired term in an elected seat of Boyce Deitz who was appointed to an appointed seat in November. Mr. Deitz had resigned the elected seat effective December 1, 2014. Ms. Young and Mr. Deitz are effectively switching seats since Mr. Deitz was elected to serves as a county commissioner in Jackson County in November.
- John Stephen Barnes; Washington SWCD, filling an expired term previously held by Paul Lilly

6B. Approval of Cost Share Supervisor Contracts

Contract No.	District	Supervisor Name	Practice(s)	Contract Amount
02-2015-003	Alexander	Kent Herman	Livestock Feeding Area	\$13,356
46-2015-005	Hertford	Samuel B. Howell (operator, H&H Farms)	Precision Nutrient Management	\$15,000
71-2015-003	Pender	William Murrell	Repair to cropland conversion to grass	\$3,645
93-2015-012	Warren	Herman L. Collier	Heavy Use Area Protection	\$16,032

7C. Approval of Job Approval Authority

Pond Site Assessment

Scott Alons, Chowan SWCD

Sediment Removal Planning and Certification

Scott Alons, Chowan SWCD

Water Needs Assessment

Scott Alons, Chowan SWCD

Backyard Raingarden

Gail Hughes, Orange SWCD

The handouts provided for items 6A-6C are attached and are an official part of the minutes.

7. PY2014 Cost Share Programs Annual Report

Ms. Kelly Hedgepeth presented a summary of the 2014 annual reports for the Agriculture Cost Share Program.

Mr. Tom Hill presented the 2014 annual report for the Community Conservation Assistance Program.

Ms. Julie Henshaw presented the 2014 annual report for the Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program.

Ms. Henshaw also recognized and thanked the cost share programs staff.

The powerpoint presentation for item 7 and the reports provided for items 7A-7C are attached and are an official part of the minutes.

Commissioner Yarborough thanked the Division and partnership staff for the important action to retain and restore institutional knowledge for pond building.

Chairman Langdon also acknowledged the trust that the General Assembly has put in the districts to implement the important programs delivered through districts. He thanked all the partnership agencies for their essential roles in delivering the programs.

8. AgWRAP Review Committee recommendations

Ms. Julie Henshaw called attention to the handout for item 8, which is attached as an official part of the minutes. The AgWRAP Review Committee has reviewed the eleven applications submitted for the regional application first batching period (ending in November) for new ponds and pond repair/retrofit. Applications were submitted from six districts. Four of the applications were found to be incomplete. The Committee is recommending approval of applications scoring 10% or higher during the first batching period. There are a total of 6 applications recommended for approval totaling \$143,000, including 5 pond repair/retrofit applications and 1 new pond application, that scored above 10%. Four of these applications are from the Western Region and 2 are from the Eastern Region. There was one application that scored below 10% that will be deferred to the second batching period.

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the Committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hughes, and the motion was approved.

9. District Issues

Ms. Hedgepeth presented the following district issues, referring to the handout for items 9A-9C, which is attached as an official part of the minutes.

9A. Request for Approval of a Cost Share Contract for a New Operation

Ms. Hedgepeth referred to the handout for item 9A, which is included as part of the minutes. Mr. William Brown and Mr. Jack Huss, supervisors from Burke SWCD and Mr. Kevin Clark were present to answer any questions from the Commission. The contract involves a poultry operation established in August 2013 that is experiencing significant erosion. The farmer is a new farmer. The Burke SWCD board is seeking an exception to policy to address the erosion problem before it becomes worse. If they cannot provide assistance to address the erosion at the current time, the board anticipates the farmer coming back when he reaches the 3-year in operation deadline and the cost to address the concern will be greater than now. The site needs critical area planting, grassed waterway, lined waterways and outlets, roof runoff structure, and underground outlet. Mr. Clark estimated the total cost of the project to be \$35-\$45,000.

Chairman Langdon asked whether there was any vegetation established at the time of construction. Mr. Clark responded that there had been an attempt to establish vegetation.

Mr. Huss stressed the state needs to address siting and construction requirements for poultry operations. He mentioned concerns about poultry operations being constructed in the 100-year floodplain and concerns that growers are being advised that they can wait until they have been in operation for three years and then they can request funding to address runoff, waste storage, and mortality concerns.

Commissioner Yarborough noted that the 3-year policy was put in place in response to expansion of the livestock industry.

Commissioner Frazier noted that it is difficult to hold the integrator responsible for the actions of individual growers, other than to encourage responsible actions. It is the consumer who has the greatest influence on the industry.

Chairman Langdon stated that he understands the district's desire to address the problem, but the Commission must consider the precedent.

Commissioner Yarborough noted the importance of preserving the agricultural exemption under the Sedimentation Pollution Control Act.

Commissioner Hughes speculated that the construction was not conducted properly, which contributed to the problem.

Commissioner Yarborough offered a motion that the Commission send a letter to integrators in new and expanding areas, the Poultry Federation, and other stakeholders to encourage them to consider soil and water conservation for new agricultural construction. Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

No motion was offered to grant the requested exception from the Burke district.

9B. Request for Payment for Payment for Technical Assistance for Lenoir SWCD

Ms. Hedgepeth referred to the handout for item 9B, which is included as part of the minutes. Commissioner Charles Hughes, stepped down from his seat to represent the Lenoir SWCD as supervisor and to answer any questions from the Commission. Ms. Hedgepeth reported that the Division has reviewed the request and recommends approval. Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the request for payment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner West, and the motion carried.

9D. Approval of Agriculture Cost Share Program Contract for Lenoir SWCD

Ms. Hedgepeth referred to the handout for item 9D, which is included as part of the minutes. Ms. Hedgepeth reported the Lenoir SWCD is requesting approval for a contract for lagoon biosolids removal. The Division has reviewed the contract and recommends approval subject to approval of the biosolids removal plan when it is completed. Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Houser, and the motion carried.

9C. Exception for Program Eligibility

Ms. Hedgepeth called attention to the letter included in the packet for item 9C, which is included as part of the minutes. Mr. Don Rawls , Supervisor from Pender SWCD, and Mr. Jason Turner, district technician, were present to answer any questions from the Commission. The contract involves installation of a water well for livestock watering under the AgWRAP. The applicant is a small farmer who does not qualify for the sales tax exemption for agriculture from the NC Department of Revenue. The district provided a copy of the conservation plan that is required for the Commission to approve the eligibility for the contract.

Without a motion, the requested exception was not approved.

10. Approval of Reallocation of CCAP Funds

Chairman Langdon called on Mr. Hill to present the recommended reallocation of CCAP funds. Mr. Hill stated that a total of \$47,231 was available to be reallocated resulting from districts releasing their some or all of their 2015 allocated funds to be reallocated to other districts, contracts being completed with funds remaining and contracts being cancelled. Seventeen districts who have already encumbered more than 75% of their existing CCAP allocation requested nearly \$228,000 of CCAP funds. The recommended allocation awards funds to all seventeen. Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the recommended reallocation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Yarborough, and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Langdon asked if anyone had any public comments.

Commissioner Yarborough noted that in the fall one of the Trust Funds voted to cancel the maintenance requirement for a conservation easement for economic development purposes. He asked the Commission to consider for the future the importance of affirming support for conservation easements.

Commissioner Yarborough congratulated Chairman Langdon and thanked him for all he has done to support the Association and districts.

With no further public comments, Chairman Langdon thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairman Langdon declared the meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Patricia K. Harris

Patricia K. Harris, Director
Division of Soil & Water Conservation, Raleigh, N.C.

David B. Williams

David B. Williams, Recording Secretary

These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Soil & Water Conservation Commission on March 18, 2015.

Patricia K. Harris

Patricia K. Harris, Director

North Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Commission



2015

International
Year of Soils

DIVISION REPORT

JANUARY 4, 2015

CONGRATULATIONS!



Governor Pat McCrory appointed John Langdon chairman and at-large member effective Jan. 1



NC ETHICS RULES



- Commission is subject to NC Ethics Rules
- Statements of Economic Interest are due April 15th (online; 2 options – long form & no change form)
- Ethics education and lobbying presentation within 6 months of appointment; refresher every 2 years thereafter (online option)
- <http://www.ethicscommission.nc.gov/sei/>

2015 SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT

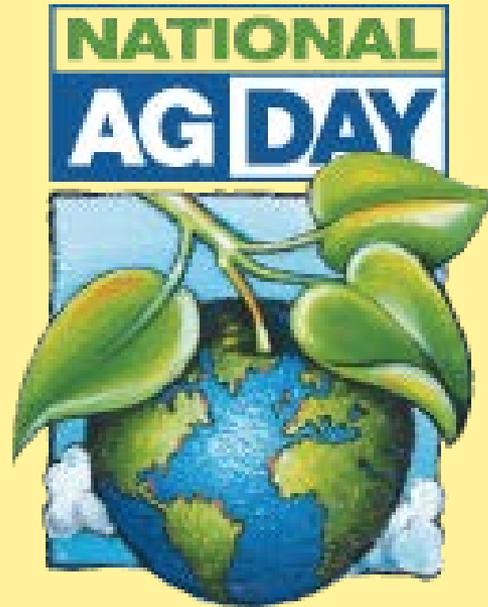


- **Basic Training for Soil and Water Conservation Districts**
- **February 10-11, 2015**
- **Large class (2014 General Elections)**
- **Programming provided as contract deliverable between Association and Division**

March 18, 2015



- NCASWCD Legislative Breakfast, 7:00 a.m.
- Commission's March Business Session, 9:00 a.m.
(Archdale Building)
- National Ag Day
- State activities



INTERNAL OPERATIONS



- FY2015 budget
- Long session begins January 14, 2015
- Personnel
 - Interim CREP Manager – Kent Vaughan effective Dec. 1; post position Jan. 2015
 - Operation Review Environmental Specialist – Sam Edwards effective Dec. 8
 - CREP Program Specialist – reclassify position and post in March
 - Western Region Soil Scientist – interviews Jan. 15-16

STREAM DEBRIS REMOVAL



Rowland Creek (Beaufort Co.)



**Rowland Creek
Project Completed**

STREAM DEBRIS REMOVAL – Phase 3



Phase 3 Applicants	Request	Total Needs	Allocation
Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation District	\$ 48,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 10,000.00
Camden Soil & Water Conservation District	\$ 29,566	\$ 29,566	\$ 10,000.00
Carteret Soil & Water Conservation District	\$ 37,000	\$ 95,000	\$ 10,000.00
Chowan Soil and Water Conservation District	\$ 15,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 14,000.00
Columbus Soil and Water Conservation District	\$ 20,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 10,000.00
Craven Soil & Water Conservation District	\$ 551,696	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 14,000.00
Currituck County	\$ 48,000	\$ 48,000	\$ 10,000.00
Dare Soil & Water Conservation District	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 14,000.00
Duplin Soil & Water Conservation District	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 14,000.00
Hyde Soil & Water Conservation District	\$ 14,475	\$ 60,020	\$ 10,000.00
County of Jones	\$ 20,064	\$ 190,080	\$ 14,000.00
Martin County	\$ 18,450	\$ 59,520	\$ 14,000.00
Onslow County	\$ 149,697	\$ 407,000	\$ 10,000.00
Pamlico Soil & Water Conservation District	\$ 58,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 14,000.00
Pasquotank County	\$ 52,906	\$ 75,000	\$ 14,000.00
Perquimans Soil and Water Conservation District	\$ 25,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 14,000.00
Town of Winterville	\$ 18,750	\$ 30,000	\$ 12,500.00
Tyrrell County	\$ 48,400	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 12,500.00
Washington County	\$ 79,000	\$ 119,000	\$ 14,000.00
	\$ 1,374,004	\$ 5,443,186	\$ 235,000.00

SUPERVISOR REMOVAL FOR NON-PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS



- G.S. 139-7 states, “Any supervisor may be removed by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission upon notice and hearing, for neglect of duty, incompetence or malfeasance in office, but for no other reason”
- Neglect of duty shall include, but is not limited to, the ceasing to discharge the duties of the office over a period of three consecutive months *except* when prevented by sickness
- District boards shall advise the commission in writing of the failure of any supervisor to so discharge his or her duties over the three-month period
- The Commission interprets the phrase “three consecutive months” to mean “three consecutive regularly-scheduled local district meetings”
- Attorney General’s office interprets “any supervisor” as mentioned in GS-139 to mean both elected and appointed supervisors

Special Recognition



BY CHAIRMAN JOHN LANGDON



ASSOCIATION REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

January 4, 2015

2015 Annual Meeting by the Numbers—The 71st annual meeting of the NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts is now upon us. An excellent program has been planned and registration numbers are strong. A breakdown on annual meeting numbers is as follows:

Total Registered: 347. Based on previous years, expect an additional 50-75 registrations during the meeting, primarily district supervisors.

Attendee Type: 130 supervisors; 158 district employees; 32 federal employees; 20 state employees; and 6 other. Total supervisor attendance expected to be around 185.

Payment Types: As of December 23, 187 paid by check and 92 paid by credit card.

2014 Fall Area Meetings: It is of concern to the Association that attendance and participation by district supervisors at area meetings seem to be slipping. For the recent fall area meetings, the state-wide average attendance by supervisors was 37%, a low for spring or fall area meetings since records were started in the fall of 2010. For the fall 2014 meetings, supervisor attendance ranged from a high of 53% to a low of 25%.

School of Government Training: Planning is underway for the course entitled, “Basic Training for Soil and Water Conservation Districts” to be held at the UNC School of Government February 10-11, 2015. High attendance is expected following an election year and as of early December, thirteen had registered for the training. Registration will remain open until February 3 and all needed information is available at www.sog.unc.edu/node/926.



Natural Resources Conservation Service North Carolina - Quick Notes

State Conservationist Tim Beard - Quick Notes

Our agency is jumping feet-first into fiscal year (FY) 2015. I want to thank all of our employees, partners, customers and volunteers for their diligent and dedicated efforts that successfully led us toward reaching our FY 14 goals and objectives. Below you will find some current news, important dates and highlights of some of our internal and external accomplishments for FY 14, and many of these will continue to evolve and grow throughout FY 15. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any member of our NRCS North Carolina Leadership Team.

In the News

National News

CSP Interim Final Rule - USDA has announced proposed changes to the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) USDA published an interim final rule containing the statutory changes to CSP in the Federal Register, and is seeking public comment on the rule through Jan. 5, 2015. The public comments will be used to finalize the interim final rule. The CSP interim final rule can be viewed at www.nrcs.usda.gov.

EQIP Interim Final Rule - The U.S. Department of Agriculture is publishing a rule that outlines how it will improve the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), one of USDA's largest conservation programs. The interim final rule includes program changes authorized by Congress in the 2014 Farm Bill. USDA has established a 60-day comment period for the rule. The rule is expected to be available in the Federal Register and regulations.gov on Friday, Dec. 12. Beginning Friday, public comments can be submitted through regulations.gov or by mailing them. Comments are due by Feb. 10, 2015. Full details are in the Federal Register notice.

Year of Soils - 2015 is the International Year of Soils and USDA NRCS is excited to be working with the United Nations to help raise global awareness and promote the importance of conservation of our soils. More information on International Year of Soils, new soil health tools, and outreach materials and educational soil conservation videos are now live at www.nrcs.usda.gov and www.nc.nrcs.usda.gov.

State Program News

Producers interested in having their EQIP applications considered for available EQIP Financial Assistance is close of business on January 16, 2015. If funding is still available through the program; eligible applications received by close of business on March 20 and May 15 will be considered until all funds are exhausted.

Fiscal Year 2014 Highlights

Staffing and Increased Technical Assistance

Increasing Staffing Capabilities Through ATAC - At the beginning of FY 14, NRCS and our NCDSWC partner worked through our Accelerated Technical Assistance for Conservation (ATAC) agreement to further supplement our Federal workforce with contracted technical assistance. At the beginning of the fiscal year we started with approximately 24 ATAC employees. By the end of FY 14, we had grown this technical workforce to approximately 38, with 12 of these employees providing administrative Farm Bill assistance and 26 providing conservation related technical assistance.

Enhancing Soil Technical Assistance Across the State In FY 14 the NRCS Technical Soil Science Division was designed to better provide technical assistance to customers, partners and conservationists across the state. Four resource soil science areas were established and staffed with Resource Soil Scientists who are assisting with wetland and Highly Erodible Land compliance, performing on-site soil investigations, assisting with the use of soils data, and much more.

Increased Training Opportunities

This year NRCS was host to, sponsored, or assisted in a wide range of training opportunities for staff, partners and landowners covering areas of grazing, soil health, conservation planning and technology.

Basics of Conservation Planning – This spring, NRCS began planning the Basics of Conservation Planning (BCP) class. On October 6-10, BCP was conducted for the first time in several years. The training offered hands-on field applications for the conservation planning process and was open to District employees.

ToolKit Training – Toolkit upgrades led to an increase need for field and partner trainings and increased proficiency. NRCS conducted 10 Toolkit Webinars, 11 statewide trainings, and developed seven how-to-guides.

Partnership Training – An agreement with the Division to provide scholarships to state and local partnership employees to attend conservation training was established in FY 14 - instituting a pathway for enhanced technical field knowledge at the local level. This successful collaborative conservation partnership agreement has been extended to cover the new FY.

Job Approval Authority and Certified Conservation Planning in North Carolina

Partnership Working Together for JAA and CCP – The North Carolina District Employee Association, North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Division of Soil and Water Conservation and NRCS formed the State Conservation Action Team (CAT) with the mission to address challenges and establish a consistent process for all partnership staff to obtain Job Approval Authority (JAA) and Certified Conservation Planning (CCP) certification in order to improve the delivery of technical services at the field level. The goals of the state CAT are to establish a greater number of employees with JAA, increase the number of CCP within the partnership, and to enhance district technical capacity and service delivery at the local level.

Fiscal Year 2014 Program Overview

Program	Financial Assistance	Number of Contracts
EQIP	\$17,137,708	647
EQIP StrikeForce	\$757,831.94	99
CSP	\$252,885	19

EQIP Funds Obligated by Ranking Pool

Western Stream Initiative	\$1,647,049
NWQI	\$1,211,509
Socially Disadvantaged	\$1,060,712
Beginning Farmer	\$708,574
StrikeForce Forestry	\$401,756
FY On-Farm Energy	\$383,476
StrikeForce High Tunnel	\$353,860
Seasonal High Tunnels	\$109,819
Organic	\$103,006

Top EQIP Practices for FY 14

Practice Description	Count of Contracts with Practice
Prescribed Burning	172
Cover Crop	157
Heavy Use Area Protection	136
Critical Area Planting	131
Conservation Crop Rotation	115
Tree & Shrub Establishment	101
Firebreak	98
Integrated Pest Management	98
Fence	94
Tree & Shrub Site Preparation	87

StrikeForce FY 14 Seasonal High Tunnel

County	Sum of Obligation	Number of Contracts
BERTIE	\$9,855.00	1
CHEROKEE	\$101,697.60	11
CLAY	\$28,227.00	3
CLEVELAND	\$9,409.00	1
COLUMBUS	\$12,024.00	2
DUPLIN	\$7,231.00	1
GRAHAM	\$73,561.20	8
GRANVILLE	\$7,841.00	1
HALIFAX	\$9,072.00	1
HOKE	\$9,409.00	1
JONES	\$7,231.00	1
ROBESON	\$14,462.00	2
RUTHERFORD	\$16,640.00	2
SWAIN	\$18,818.00	2
WATAUGA	\$9,331.20	1
WAYNE	\$18,818.00	2
Grand Total	\$353,627.00	40

StrikeForce - FY14 Forestry

County	Sum of Obligation	Number of Contracts
NORTHAMPTON	\$75,178.08	7
SCOTLAND	\$49,704.80	1
BERTIE	\$40,977.13	6
ANSON	\$35,423.00	7
BLADEN	\$35,116.00	7
COLUMBUS	\$28,047.93	6
GATES	\$24,833.00	3
NASH	\$24,610.70	4
HALIFAX	\$23,783.00	6
SAMPSON	\$16,519.00	2
WARREN	\$14,651.00	1
RUTHERFORD	\$12,264.00	3
CHEROKEE	\$12,084.00	2
ROBESON	\$7,317.00	2
GRANVILLE	\$2,665.30	1
JACKSON	\$1,031.00	1
Grand Total	\$404,204.94	59

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DEC 15 2014

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION

INTERNAL USE ONLY: Appointed / Elected Seat Current Term: 14-18

DIVISION OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services 1614 Mail Service Center • Raleigh, NC 27699-1614 919.733.2302 • www.ncagr.gov/sw/

RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISOR

Complete and send 1 copy to the address above; keep a copy for your file

The supervisors of the Bladen Soil and Water Conservation District of Bladen County, North Carolina have recommended the individual listed below for APPOINTMENT as a district supervisor in accordance with N.C.G.S. 139-7 for a term of office commencing 12/1/14 and ending 12/1/18 to fill the expired or un-expired term of Russell L. Patterson (vacant) 12/3/18

Name of nominee: Willie L. Beard Address of nominee, City, State, Zip: 3281 Rosindale Road, Clarkton NC Email address of nominee: leebeard54@yahoo.com Home phone: 910-645-4840 Mobile phone: 910-520-3749 Business phone: Occupation: Farmer Age: 60 Education: High School Positions of leadership NOW held by nominee: Former occupations or positions of leadership contributing to nominee's qualifications:

Other pertinent information: Member - Bladen Livestock Association

Is nominee willing to attend a training session within the first year after appointment? Check for "Yes" [X] Has the nominee been contacted to determine their willingness to serve? Check for "Yes" [X] Has the program and purpose of the soil and water conservation district been explained to the nominee? Check for "Yes" [X] Is the nominee willing to attend and participate in local district meetings? Check for "Yes" [X] Is the nominee willing to attend and participate in Area meetings? Check for "Yes" [X] Is the nominee willing to attend and participate in State meetings? Check for "Yes" [X]

Signatures

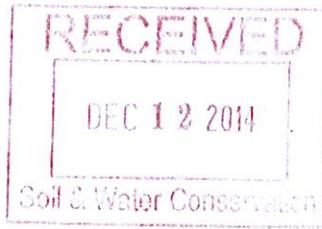
I hereby certify that the board of supervisors considered the Guiding Principles for Supervisor Nomination for Appointment shown on the reverse of this nomination form when selecting the above supervisor candidate for nomination.

[X] Earl Storms SWCD Chair (or Vice Chair if Chair is being nominated) Printed name: Earl Storms Date: 12/3/14

This recommendation has been considered and approved by a majority of the members of the board of supervisors and entered in the official minutes of the board.

[X] Earl Storms SWCD Chair (or Vice Chair if Chair is being nominated) Printed name: Earl Storms Date: 12/3/14

X Willie L. Beard Individual recommended for appointment Printed name: Willie Lee Beard Date: 12-3-14



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RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISOR

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The supervisors of the Burke Soil and Water Conservation District of Burke County, North Carolina have recommended the individual listed below for APPOINTMENT as a district supervisor in accordance with N.C.G.S. 139-7 for a term of office commencing January 2015 and ending 2018 to fill the expired or un-expired term of Bary Clark (vacant).

Name of nominee: Harold Hicks Pollard
Address of nominee, City, State, Zip: 5394 Dysartsville Road Morganton, NC 28655
Email address of nominee: pollard.harold@yahoo.com
Home phone: 8285841036
Mobile phone:
Business phone:
Occupation: Retired from Great Lakes Carbon Plant - Farms full time now
Age: 65
Education: High School Graduate
Positions of leadership NOW held by nominee:
Former occupations or positions of leadership contributing to nominee's qualifications: Foreman in Graphite and Extrusion at Great Lakes Carbon
Other pertinent information: Member of Burke County Cattleman's Association

Is nominee willing to attend a training session within the first year after appointment? Check for "Yes" [X]
Has the nominee been contacted to determine their willingness to serve? Check for "Yes" [X]
Has the program and purpose of the soil and water conservation district been explained to the nominee? Check for "Yes" [X]
Is the nominee willing to attend and participate in local district meetings? Check for "Yes" [X]
Is the nominee willing to attend and participate in Area meetings? Check for "Yes" [X]
Is the nominee willing to attend and participate in State meetings? Check for "Yes" [X]

Signatures

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X [Signature] F. B., III Date: 3 Dec '14
SWCD Chair (or Vice Chair if Chair is being nominated)
Printed name: William F. Brown, III

This recommendation has been considered and approved by a majority of the members of the board of supervisors and entered in the official minutes of the board.

X [Signature] F. B., III Date: 3 Dec '14
SWCD Chair (or Vice Chair if Chair is being nominated)
Printed name: William F. Brown, III

X Harold Hicks Pollard Date: 3 Dec '14
Individual recommended for appointment
Printed name: Harold Hicks Pollard



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 Current Term: 12-16

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RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISOR

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The supervisors of the Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District of Jackson County, North Carolina have recommended the individual listed below for APPOINTMENT as a district supervisor in accordance with N.C.G.S. 139-7 for a term of office commencing Jan. 2015 and ending December 2016 to fill the expired or un-expired term of Boyce Deltz.

Name of nominee: Nikki Young
 Address of nominee, City, State, Zip: 374 Tritt Road, Cullowhee, NC 28723
 Email address of nominee: nyoung_sm@yahoo.com
 Home phone: 828-293-0468
 Mobile phone: _____
 Business phone: 828-293-1514
 Occupation: Business Owner
 Age: 40
 Education: Bachelors Landscape Arch/minor Horticulture, Masters Ag. Education
 Positions of leadership NOW held by nominee: Jackson County representative for NC State Wolf Pack Club
 Former occupations or positions of leadership contributing to nominee's qualifications: Taught H.S. agriculture, FFA advisor, H.S. volleyball coach, H.S. track coach, worked for a Landscape Architecture firm
 Other pertinent information: _____

Is nominee willing to attend a training session within the first year after appointment? Check for "Yes"
 Has the nominee been contacted to determine their willingness to serve? Check for "Yes"
 Has the program and purpose of the soil and water conservation district been explained to the nominee? Check for "Yes"
 Is the nominee willing to attend and participate in local district meetings? Check for "Yes"
 Is the nominee willing to attend and participate in Area meetings? Check for "Yes"
 Is the nominee willing to attend and participate in State meetings? Check for "Yes"

Signatures

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X [Signature] 12-3-14
 SWCD Chair (or Vice Chair if Chair is being nominated) Date
 Printed name: John Wittekind

This recommendation has been considered and approved by a majority of the members of the board of supervisors and entered in the official minutes of the board.

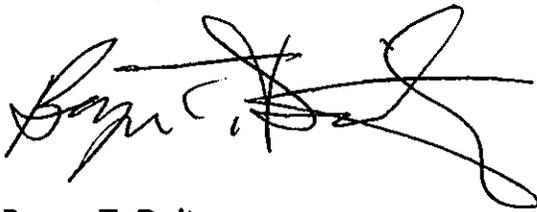
X [Signature] 12-3-14
 SWCD Chair (or Vice Chair if Chair is being nominated) Date
 Printed name: _____

X [Signature] 12/3/14
 Individual recommended for appointment Date
 Printed name: Nikki Young

October 1, 2014

I, Boyce T. Deitz, am resigning my elected position on the Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District, effective on December 1, 2014.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Boyce T. Deitz", written in a cursive style.

Boyce T. Deitz

Thanks for the opportunity
to serve 

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RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISOR

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The supervisors of the Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District of Washington County, North Carolina have recommended the individual listed below for APPOINTMENT as a district supervisor in accordance with N.C.G.S. 139-7 for a term of office commencing 1/1/15 1/1/15 and ending DEC. 2018 1/1/15 to fill the expired or un-expired term of John Paul Lilly (vacant) WAF

Name of nominee: John Stephen Barnes
Address of nominee, City, State, Zip: 5735 Shore Drive, Creswell, N.C. 27928
Email address of nominee: cedbarnes@wildblue.net
Home phone: 252-797-4554
Mobile phone: 252-217-6263
Business phone: _____
Occupation: Retired
Age: 72

Education: Masters in Soil Science from N.C. State
Positions of leadership NOW held by nominee: Washington Co. Planning Board, Washington Co. Farm Bureau, Board of Deacons 1st Baptist Church
Former occupations or positions of leadership contributing to nominee's qualifications: 65-74 In charge of Extension and Research for Blackland farms for N.C. State, 74-87 Agronomist for 1st Colony Farms, 87-2007 Superintendent of Ag. Research at the two State Research Stations
Other pertinent information: _____

Is nominee willing to attend a training session within the first year after appointment? Check for "Yes"
Has the nominee been contacted to determine their willingness to serve? Check for "Yes"
Has the program and purpose of the soil and water conservation district been explained to the nominee? Check for "Yes"
Is the nominee willing to attend and participate in local district meetings? Check for "Yes"
Is the nominee willing to attend and participate in Area meetings? Check for "Yes"
Is the nominee willing to attend and participate in State meetings? Check for "Yes"

Signatures
I hereby certify that the board of supervisors considered the Guiding Principles for Supervisor Nomination for Appointment shown on the reverse of this nomination form when selecting the above supervisor candidate for nomination.

X Paul Wayne Barnes 12/11/14
SWCD Chair (or Vice Chair if Chair is being nominated) Date
Printed name: _____

This recommendation has been considered and approved by a majority of the members of the board of supervisors and entered in the official minutes of the board.

X Ardis Rhodes 12/11/14
SWCD Chair (or Vice Chair if Chair is being nominated) Date
Printed name: _____

X Steve Barnes 12/11/14
Individual recommended for appointment Date
Printed name: _____

**NCACSP Supervisor Contracts
Soil and Water Conservation Commission**

County	Contract Number	Supervisor Name	BMP	Contract Amount	Comments
Alexander	02-2015-003	Kent Herman	livestock feeding area	\$13,356	
Hertford	46-2015-005	Samuel B. Howell (H & H Farms)	precision nutrient management	\$15,000	
Pender	71-2015-003	William Murrell	repair to cropland conversion to grass	\$3,645	

Total Number of Supervisor Contracts: 3
 Total \$ **32,001**

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NC -CSPs-1B
(11/2012)

ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION COST SHARE PROGRAMS

As a Soil and Water District Supervisor, for the Alexander Soil and Water Conservation District, I have applied for, or stand to benefit* from, a contract under a commission cost share program. I did not vote on the approval or denial of the application or attempt to influence the outcome of any action on the application. The proposed contract is for the installation of the following best management practices.

Program: ACSP

Best management practice: Livestock Feeding Area

Contract number: 02-2015-003 Contract amount: \$ 13,356 (\$5,664 II + \$7,692 CS)

Score on priority ranking sheet: 41

Cost Share Rate : 75% If different than 75%, please list % percent:
Reason:

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): 4th out of 14 projects considered

Were any higher or equally ranked contracts denied? no

If yes, give an explanation as to why the supervisor's contract was approved over the other contracts:

1 higher ranked contract is awaiting design and therefore, has not been contracted yet. There are enough funds left to ensure that it will be funded still. Another higher ranked applicant is being funded through EQIP.

Supervisor name: Kent Herman

Herman Dairy Farm
By Kent Herman
(District Supervisor's signature)

11/14/14
Date

Approved by:

Bill Chapman
(District Chairperson's signature)

12-19-14
Date

The Soil & Water Commission has approved the subject application for a contract.

(SWCC Chairperson's signature)
(Pursuant G.S. 139-8(b)(2))

Date

*Beneficiaries include but are not limited to applicant, landowner, and/or business partners.

ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION COST SHARE PROGRAMS

As a Soil and Water District Supervisor, for the Hert Ford Soil and Water Conservation District, I have applied for, or stand to benefit* from, a contract under a commission cost share program. I did not vote on the approval or denial of the application or attempt to influence the outcome of any action on the application. The proposed contract is for the installation of the following best management practices.

Program: NLALSP

Best management practice: Precision Nutrient Management

Contract number: 46-2005-005 Contract amount: \$ 15000.00

Score on priority ranking sheet: 140

Cost Share Rate : 100 % If different than 75%, please list % percent:

Reason: Incentive Practice

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): 1 of 4

Were any higher or equally ranked contracts denied?

If yes, give an explanation as to why the supervisor's contract was approved over the other contracts:

Supervisor name: Samuel B. Howell (H+H Farms)

Samuel B. Howell
(District Supervisor's signature)

11/18/14
Date

Approved by:

John D. III
(District Chairperson's signature)

11-18-14
Date

The Soil & Water Commission has approved the subject application for a contract.

(SWCC Chairperson's signature)
(Pursuant G.S. 139-8(b)(2))

Date

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NC -CSPs-1B
(11/2012)

ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION COST SHARE PROGRAMS

As a Soil and Water District Supervisor, for the PENDER Soil and Water Conservation District, I have applied for, or stand to benefit* from, a contract under a commission cost share program. I did not vote on the approval or denial of the application or attempt to influence the outcome of any action on the application. The proposed contract is for the installation of the following best management practices.

Program: AG COST SHARE

Best management practice: REPAIR-CROPLAND CONVERSION TO GRASS

Contract number: 71-2015-003 Contract amount: \$ 3645

Score on priority ranking sheet: 55

Cost Share Rate : 90 % If different than 75%, please list % percent:

Reason: LIMITED RESOURCE CERTIFICATION

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): 1 st out of 9

Were any higher or equally ranked contracts denied? No

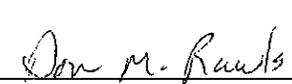
If yes, give an explanation as to why the supervisor's contract was approved over the other contracts:

Supervisor name: WILLIAM MURRELL


(District Supervisor's signature)

12/11/14
Date

Approved by:


(District Chairperson's signature)

12/15/14 JGT
12/14/14
Date

The Soil & Water Commission has approved the subject application for a contract.

(SWCC Chairperson's signature)
(Pursuant G.S. 139-8(b)(2))

Date

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ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION COST SHARE PROGRAMS

As a Soil and Water District Supervisor, for the Warren Soil and Water Conservation District, I have applied for, or stand to benefit* from, a contract under a commission cost share program. I did not vote on the approval or denial of the application or attempt to influence the outcome of any action on the application. The proposed contract is for the installation of the following best management practices.

Program: ACSP

Best management practice: Heavy Use Area Protection

Contract number: 93-2015-012 Contract amount: \$ 16,032

Score on priority ranking sheet: 155

Cost Share Rate : 75 % If different than 75%, please list % percent:
Reason:

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): 1 of 1

Were any higher or equally ranked contracts denied? No

If yes, give an explanation as to why the supervisor's contract was approved over the other contracts:

Supervisor name: Herman L. Collier

Herman L. Collier
(District Supervisor's signature)

12/16/2014
Date

Approved by:

Lernard Kilian
(District Chairperson's signature)

12/16/2014
Date

The Soil & Water Commission has approved the subject application for a contract.

(SWCC Chairperson's signature)
(Pursuant G.S. 139-8(b)(2))

Date

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SWCC Job Approval Authority Recommendations

January 4, 2015

The following individual has submitted a request to obtain Commission Job Approval Authority for the respective categories.

1. Pond Site Assessment
Scott Alons - Chowan Soil and Water Conservation District
2. Sediment Removal Planning and Certification
Scott Alons – Chowan Soil and Water Conservation District
3. Water Needs Assessment
Scott Alons - Chowan Soil and Water Conservation District
4. Backyard Rain Garden
Gail Hughes – Orange Soil and Water Conservation District

Mr. Alons and Ms. Hughes have successfully completed the requirements and has acquired confirmation of demonstrated technical proficiency from a Division engineer; therefore I recommend that their job approval authority requests be approved.

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PY2014 Cost Share Programs Annual Reports

This is the first year that the division is using new Cost Share Contracting System (CS²) for annual reporting. Division staff is completing an additional review to ensure that the data is presented correctly and consistently using the new database outputs. The final reports will be emailed prior to the Commission meeting. The following pages include maps displaying best management practices contracted in PY2014 for the three Soil and Water Conservation Commission Cost Share Programs: Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP), Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP), and the Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program (AgWRAP).



Agriculture Cost Share Program BMPs

Soil and Water Conservation Commission Funded Best Management Practices
 Contracted from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014



Legend

● Agri-Chemical Pollution Prevention	■ Water Bodies
● Drought Management	— Major Rivers
● Erosion/Nutrient Reduction	□ County Boundaries
● Sediment/Nutrient Reduction	
● Stream Protection	
● Waste Management	

Points represent the approximate BMP locations based on the latitude and longitude provided by the local soil and water conservation districts. This data represents 1,102 BMPs contracted in FY2014.



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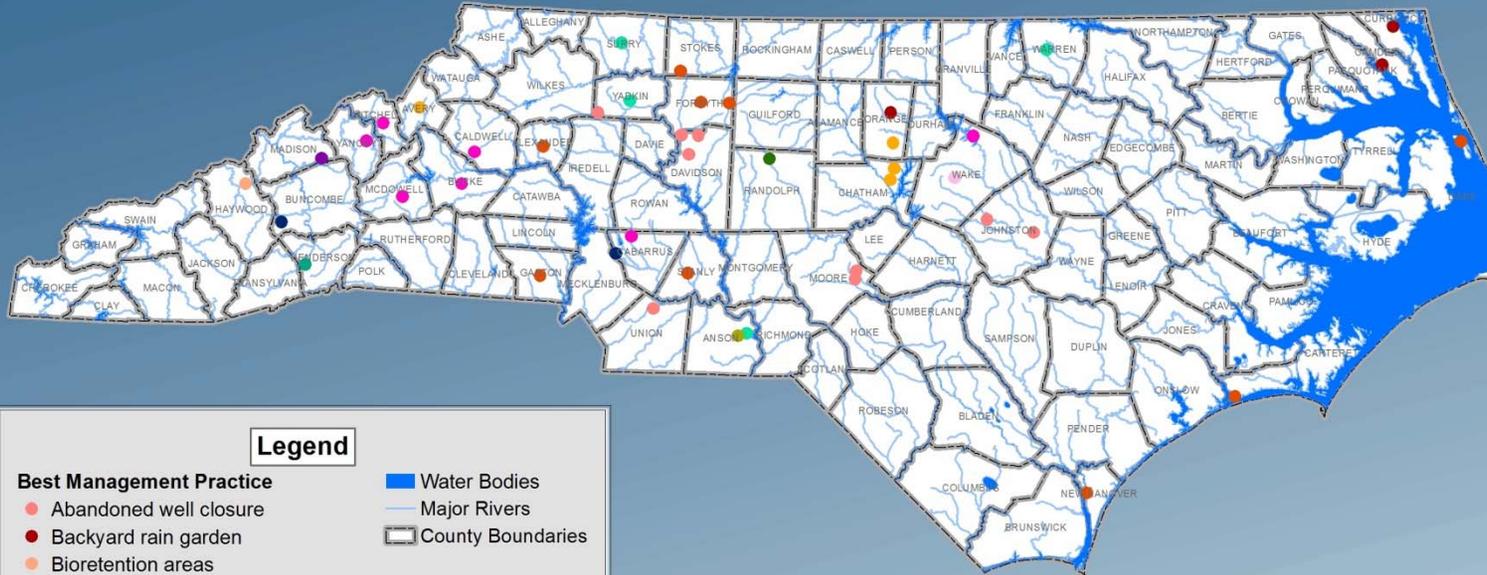




Community Conservation Assistance Program BMPs

Soil and Water Conservation Commission Funded Best Management Practices

Contracted from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014



Legend	
Best Management Practice	■ Water Bodies
● Abandoned well closure	— Major Rivers
● Backyard rain garden	□ County Boundaries
● Bioretention areas	
● Cisterns	
● Critical area planting	
● Grade Stabilization Structure	
● Grassed Swale	
● Pet waste receptacle	
● Riparian buffer	
● Stormwater wetlands	
● Stream restoration	
● Streambank and shoreline protection	
● Structural Stormwater Conveyance	

Points represent the approximate BMP locations based on the latitude and longitude provided by the local soil and water conservation districts. This data represents 124 BMPs contracted in FY2014.



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Agriculture Water Resources Assistance Program BMPs

Soil and Water Conservation Commission Funded Best Management Practices

Contracted from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014



Legend

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- Agricultural Pond Sediment Removal
- Agricultural Water Supply/Reuse Pond
- Agriculture Pond Repair/Retrofit
- Micro-Irrigation System
- Streamside Pickup
- Well
- Water Bodies
- Major Rivers
- County Boundaries

Points represent the approximate BMP locations based on the latitude and longitude provided by the local soil and water conservation districts. This data represents 90 BMPs contracted in FY2014.



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PY 2015 Regional Application Recommendations

Region	County	Applicant	BMP	Acres irrigated or animals watered	Total Percent	Total AgWRAP Request
Western	Yadkin	Rob Means	Pond repair/retrofit	17 acres	39%	\$ 27,500
Western	Haywood	William Dibe Duckett	Pond repair/retrofit	10.5 & 25 cow/calf	38%	\$ 24,000
Western	Haywood	James Alan Best	Pond repair/retrofit	8 acres & 40 cow/calf	25%	\$ 20,000
Western	Yadkin	Marty Casstevens	New pond	24 acres	24%	\$ 27,500
Eastern	Gates	Double A Farms	Pond repair/retrofit	76 acres	16%	\$ 24,000
Eastern	Hertford	Anthony Cuthberson	Pond repair/retrofit	25 acres	15%	\$ 20,000

The AgWRAP Review Committee recommends approval of contracts with a total percent or 10% or more during the first batching period.

Total recommendation for approval

Western region	\$ 99,000
Eastern region	\$ 44,000
Total	\$ 143,000

Proposal for NCACSP to the North Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Commission

From: Burke Soil and Water Conservation District

County: Burke

Landowner: Cha Xiong

Operation: Broiler Chickens, 4 houses x 26,500 birds/house = 106,000 broiler chickens

Date of Establishment: August 2013

Application for Assistance: EQIP signed August 11, 2014 for Waste Storage/Mortality Management and erosion.

Farm Visit: October 20, 2014 William Faulkner (NRCS District Conservationist) and Kevin Clark (ATAC Environmental Specialist) Met with Mr. and Mrs. Xiong. An initial site evaluation was conducted.

Narrative:

William Faulkner and Kevin Clark met with Mr. and Mrs. Xiong to look at their farm and evaluate the resource concerns. The most noteworthy resource concern was erosion. Deep eroded ditches were prominent on slopes and where concentrated flows have occurred. Culverts installed for runoff were not functioning properly. One culvert was completely exposed from soil erosion caused by storm water bypassing the pipe inlet. Vegetation was lacking between the chicken houses. No provisions were made for roof runoff resulting in soil erosion near the foundation of the buildings. Only two areas were observed that had adequate vegetation.

Mr. Faulkner and Mr. Clark described the current programs available through the conservation district to the Xiong's. Both gentlemen stated that the farm needed to be established for three years before cost share eligibility could proceed. Mrs. Xiong asked "If we wait three years, what are we supposed to do about the erosion until that time?" At that point Mr. Faulkner stated that we would check and see if opportunities may exist to address the erosion quicker.

The Burke Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors request the Soil and Water Conservation Commission to consider allowing NCACSP funds to assist this farm with implementation of BMPs to control erosion prior to the three year establishment period.

Bmps needed

Critical Area Planting

- Heavy Grading
- Matting
- Mulching
- Hydro-seeding
- Fill material
- Seedbed preparation

Underground Outlets

Lined Waterways and Outlets











North Carolina Cost Share Programs Technical Assistance Request for Payment Form

District Name:	Lenoir	Master Agreement Contract No.	0
Program Year	2015	Period Covered by this request	July 1, 2014 - September 30, 2014
Position Number	1	Employee Name	David Anderson
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	1.00	Payment Request No.	1

Budget Item	Subcategory	Total Expenditures This Period	Reimbursement Request This Period	Amount Invoiced Previously this FY	Annual Allocation for This Purpose	Allocation Available for This Invoice	Allocation Remaining to be Invoiced
Salary		\$11,510.00	\$2,877.50				
Benefits		\$3,888.00	\$972.00				
Total Salary & Benefits		\$15,398.00	\$3,849.50	\$ -	\$ 12,750.00	\$ 12,750.00	\$ 8,900.50
Equipment	Office	\$117.93	\$29.48				
	Field		\$0.00				
	Office	\$184.39	\$46.10				
	Field		\$0.00				
Supplies	Meals/Lodging/ Registration		\$0.00				
	Mileage		\$0.00				
Travel			\$0.00				
Rent			\$0.00				
Postage		\$59.11	\$14.78				
Telephone		\$192.40	\$48.10				
Total Operating Expenses		\$553.83	\$138.46	\$ -	\$ 530.00	\$ 530.00	\$ 391.54
Please reimburse this amount			\$3,987.96				

Signature Mary St. Baker

Title Administrative Assistant

Date 10-9-14



**PENDER SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

801 South Walker Street
PO Box 248 Burgaw, NC 28425
910-259-9123 Ext. 3
910-259-1505 Fax

12-15-14

To The Soil & Water Commission,

The Pender Soil & Water Board of Supervisors is requesting to be placed on the agenda for the Commission meeting on January 4, 2015 to approve the following contracts for Supervisor WW Murrell (71-15-003) and Chris Shorette (71-15-801) exemption for program eligibility.

If you have any questions, feel free to give us a call.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Rawls".

Don Rawls
PSWCD Chairman



North Carolina Department of Revenue

Pat McCrory
Governor

Lyons Gray
Secretary

March 20, 2013

Mr Chris Shorette
679 Bell Williams Rd
Burgaw NC 28425

Dear Mr Shorette:

We received your Form E-595EA, Application for Exemption Number for Qualified Purchases. Based on the application, we do not have sufficient information to conclude you qualify for an agricultural exemption number. Your application is denied for the following reason(s):

- Based on the explanation entered on Line 9, you do not qualify for an exemption number.
- Based on review of your Federal income tax return information, we did not find an accompanying Schedule F, Profit or Loss from Farming, or other evidence that supports you are engaged in commercial farming operations.
- We did not find a filed State income tax return and have no evidence that you are engaged in commercial farming operations.

If you feel that we have denied your application in error, you should resubmit your application to the address or fax number below along with the requested information:

- Copies of the Federal Schedule F, Profit or Loss from Farming, filed with your most recent federal income tax return or other evidence reflecting income or loss derived from commercial farming operations.
- A detailed explanation as to why you are entitled to be issued an exemption number.

Business Registration Unit
NCDOR Business Exceptions and Registrations
Post Office Box 25000
Raleigh, North Carolina 27640
(919) 715-2999

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Application for Exemption Number for Qualified Purchases

North Carolina Department of Revenue

Office Use

1. If Corporation, Partnership, or LLC enter Federal Employer ID No.: _____ If Proprietorship then enter Social Security Number: _____
2. Type of Ownership: Proprietorship Corporation Partnership LLC Other (Identify) _____
3. Owner's Legal Name: Chas ~~Shorette~~ Shorette
4. Trade Name (DBA Name): Shorette Farms
5. Street Address: Street 679 Bell Williams Rd
(Not P.O. Box Number)
City Burgaw State NC Zip Code 28425 County Pender
6. Mailing Address: Street or P.O. Box _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
7. Type of Business or Profession:
 Farmer
 Commercial Fisherman
 Commercial Logger
 Veterinarian
8. Dollar amount of annual income from business or professional activities: \$3,000.00
 Check if just started within the year.
 Check if just moved to North Carolina.
9. Describe the type of items sold and/or produced or services rendered: We sell Calfs from our Beef Cattle.

Signature: Chas Shorette Date: 2-2-13
I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, this application is accurate and complete.

Name (Print): Chas Shorette Title: owner
E-mail: _____ Phone: 910-443-0006

Mail to: N.C. Department of Revenue, Exceptions/Registration
P. O. Box 25000, Raleigh, NC 27640-0001

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JANE NORDHAUS-WOOD
DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST

Conservation Plan

CHRIS SHORETTE
697 BELL WILLIAMS RD
BURGAW, NC 28425

Forage Harvest Management (511)

Cutting and removal of forages from the field as hay, greenchop, or ensilage. To maintain high yields of quality hay and pasture, apply plant Nutrients as indicated by soil test. For grazing, turn livestock on to pasture when grass is 10-12 inches high. For hay, cut when grass is 10-12 inches high. See job sheet

Tract	Field	Amount	Month	Year
6596	1	9.6 ac	3	2015
6596	2	9.3 ac	3	2015
	Total:	18.9 ac		

Water Well (642)

Install a well on the approximate location on the conservation plan map. The well will provide water for livestock in order to facilitate the proper use of adjacent pastures or hayland. Water well must be

Tract	Field	Planned Amount	Month	Year
6596	1	1 no	3	2015
	Total:	1 no		

CERTIFICATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Chris Shorette 12/12/14
 CHRIS SHORETTE DATE

CERTIFICATION OF:

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST / CCP
Jane Nordhaus-Wood 12/15/14
 JANE NORDHAUS-WOOD DATE
 CCP

CONSERVATION DISTRICT 12/15/14
Pender Soil & Water Conserve
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**NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURE COST SHARE PROGRAMS
CONSERVATION PLAN OF OPERATION (CPO) SUMMARY**

NC-ACSPs-11A
12/12/14

Name:	Shorette, Chris	Application Number:	71-2015-801
Business:		County:	PENDER
Address:	679 Bell Williams Rd, Burgaw, NC, 28425-0679	Approved Contract Amount \$	\$5,963
Phone:	910-443-0006	Mobile:	

Total Acres Affected	Total Soil Loss Reduction	Total Nutrient Reduction (N)	Total Waste Managed (P)	Program	Program Name	Contract Value
ACRE	TONS	POUNDS	POUNDS	AG	AgWRAP	Qty
				AG	BEEF	\$5,963
						25.00

Highest level of design approval: FIELD OFFICE AREA OFFICE STATE OFFICE OTHER

The Cooperator(s) has reviewed the Cost Share Agreement and CPO and agrees to apply the planned treatment according to the standards and specifications as approved by the Division of Soil and Water Conservation. Failure to carry out the un-numbered contract items (UN) does not constitute non-compliance with the contract. The Cooperator(s) agrees to maintain the installed practices according to the practice specific maintenance period(s) shown on form NC-ACSPs-11 (CPO). The Cooperator(s) also agrees to fully implement and comply with all practice specific requirements including, but not limited to, certifications related to the Waste Management Plan (WMP), the Nutrient Management Plan, the Operation and Maintenance Plan, etc. CPO and payment are contingent on approval by NPS Section, Division of Soil and Water Conservation, NCD&CS. The parties to this contract agree and understand that the payment of the sum specified in this CPO is dependent upon and subject to the appropriation, allocation, and availability of funds for this purpose to the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and upon final annual allocation of State funds to the District. Installation may not begin prior to receiving approval from the Division, with the exception of vegetative-only CPOs not exceeding \$3,500, as provided by the NC-ACSPs-2 contract form, if chosen by the cooperator(s).

Applicant: *Chris Shorette* Date: 12-12-14

Landowner (if applicable): _____ Date: _____

Technical Representative: *[Signature]* Date: 12-12-14

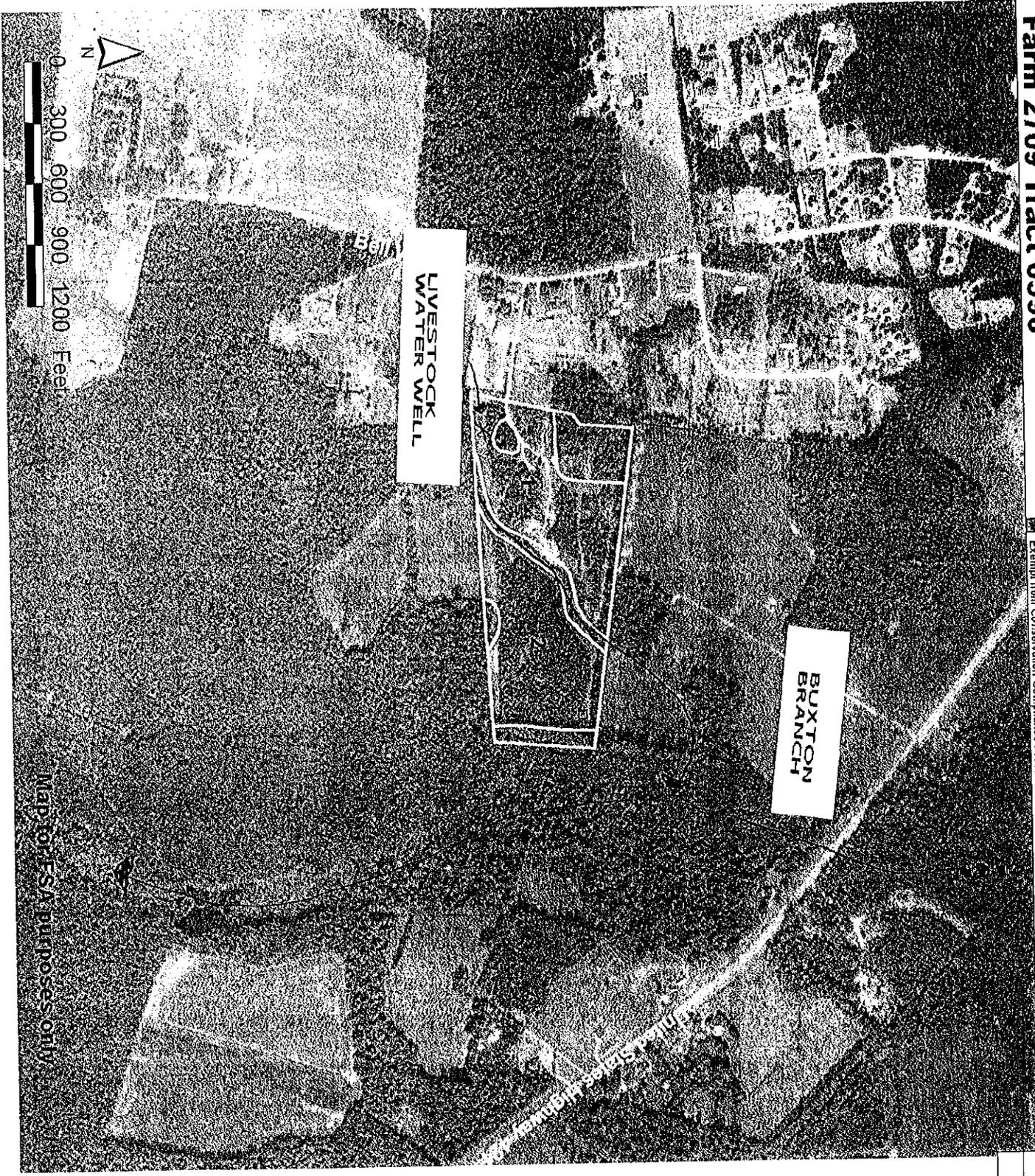
Design Approval Authority: *[Signature]* Date: 12-10-14
(Can be submitted separately from 11A)

District Chair: *Don M. Reeds* Date: 12/15/14

Pender County FSA Farm 2709 Tract 6596

- Wetland Determination Identifiers**
- Restricted Use
 - Limited Restrictions
 - Exempt from Conservation Compliance Provisions

Disclaimer: Wetland identifiers do not represent the size, shape, or specific determination of the area. Refer to your original determination (CPA-026 and attached maps) for exact wetland boundaries and determinations, or contact NRCS.



	Acres	Crop	HEL	CRP
1	9.59		N	
2	9.34		N	

**Total Cropland Acres
18.9**

Map for FSA purposes only

State ranking questions required for PY2015 AgWRAP water supply wells

1. What is the percent of the water use demand of the operation provided by the proposed well? *Response = percent*

- a. Determine water needs of the operation. Use the Water Needs Assessment Tool for NC. Download from: <http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/tech/onlinedesigntools.html>
Under Water Balance heading

How to calculate:

- Enter crops and/or animals and watershed information if applicable. Result will be in acre-feet. *42*
- Go to summary sheet, convert required storage to gallons: 1 acre foot = 325 851.429 gallons *22,810*

There are a variety of online tools that will help with the conversion:

- o <http://www.convertunits.com/from/acre-feet/to/gallons>
- o [http://www.kylesconverter.com/volume/acre--feet-to-gallons-\(u.s.-fluid\)](http://www.kylesconverter.com/volume/acre--feet-to-gallons-(u.s.-fluid))

- b. Total the existing water sources used on the operation. Obtain this data from discussing the current animal watering or irrigation sources and timing and/or amount used by the cooperators. This will be an estimate based on best professional judgment unless the cooperators are using water meters. *275 gallons tank 4 times/week = 1100 gallons*
1100 x 52 weeks = 57,200
- c. Subtract: item a – item b = amount of water needed from proposed well
34,390
- d. Determine what the typical well rate (gallons) is in the proposed location. This data can be found by contacting certified well contractors or referring to Division of Water Resources data: <http://www.ncwater.org/?page=525> Total for the year.
50 gallons / minute
- e. Divide: item c/item d (deficit/amount of water provided by well)
688
- f. Multiply: item e * 100 *68,800*
- g. Multiply: Item f * 50 to obtain points. Note the maximum available for this question is 50 – so if the proposed well will provide more than 100% of the water use demand needed, the points for this parameter will be 50.
3440000

2. Does the operation currently use a public water system? *Response = yes or no*

- a. Determine when discussing item 1b with the cooperators.
- i. Yes = 25 points
 - ii. No = 0 points *0*

3. Will the proposed well be located in a groundwater drinking water assessment area? *Response = yes or no* *No*

- a. Go to the following website: <http://149.168.87.14/pws/>
- b. Enter proposed latitude and longitude 78°55'14" 343387
- c. Results table will indicate if the location is in a groundwater drinking water assessment area.
 - i. If project IS located within a groundwater drinking water assessment area, response = Yes = subtract 15 points
 - ii. If project in NOT located within a groundwater drinking water assessment area, response = No = 0 points

4. For Projects in the Coastal Plain ONLY: Will well be located in the Black Creek or Upper Cape Fear Aquifers?* Response = yes or no

- a. Go to the following website <http://www.ncwater.org/?page=350>
- b. Enter proposed latitude and longitude
- c. Enter typical well depth in your county. If you are not sure, contact your certified well driller, provide the approximate location, and they can provide an estimate.
- d. Enter typical top of screen depth or top of open hole depth in your county (generally 10 feet less than well depth). If you are not sure, contact your certified well driller, provide the approximate location, and they can provide an estimate.
- e. Submit Request
 - i. If the bottom of your well IS in the Black Creek or Upper Cape Fear layers = Yes response = subtract 35 points.
 - ii. If the bottom of your well is NOT in the Black Creek or Upper Cape Fear layers = No response = 0 points.

5. For Projects in the Coastal Plain ONLY: Will well be located in a strongly confined aquifer?* Response = yes or no

- a. Go to the following website <http://www.ncwater.org/?page=350>
- b. Enter proposed latitude and longitude
- c. Enter typical well depth in your county. If you are not sure, contact your certified well driller, provide the approximate location, and they can provide an estimate.
- d. Enter typical top of screen depth or top of open hole depth in your county (generally 10 feet less than well depth). If you are not sure, contact your certified well driller, provide the approximate location, and they can provide an estimate.
- e. Submit Request
 - i. If the bottom of your well IS below two dark gray layers = Yes response = subtract 25 points. 25
 - ii. If the bottom of your well is NOT below two dark gray layers = No response = 0 points.

***Projects will only receive points for 4 OR 5 – not both!**

6. Cooperator has already installed water conservation measures on their operation.

Please complete for all practices that the cooperator has already adopted on the operation. The maximum point total for this section is 10 points. ○

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|--|---|
| _____ Acreage under no-till (3 pts) | _____ Acreage receiving soil amendments or mulch to add organic matter (3 pts) |
| _____ Acreage under cover crops (3 pts) | <input type="checkbox"/> Water meter used to track water use (3 pts) |
| _____ Acreage under contour farming (3 pts) | <input type="checkbox"/> Follows a pre-existing written irrigation management plan (5 pts) |
| _____ Acreage under sod based rotation(3 pts) | <input type="checkbox"/> Have a completed water usage audit (5 pts) |
| _____ Acreage under strip-cropping (3 pts) | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce flushing of ponds between harvesting fish and receiving new fish (aquaculture operations only) (10 pts) |
| _____ Acreage under micro-irrigation / drip irrigation (15 pts) | <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer water to emptied ponds instead of discharging (10 pts) |
| _____ Acreage irrigated at night (5 pts) | _____ Please list number of all waterers and the number of ball waterers on the management unit. (3 pts) |
| _____ Acreage under end gun shut-off systems (4 pts) | |
| _____ Acreage under plasticulture (10 pts) | |
| _____ Acreage under low pressure irrigation system (not micro or drip) (4 pts) | |

7. **Current water source will not meet the requirements under the Food Safety Modernization Act.** *More details will be available and posted in the coming weeks. If you have a board meeting scheduled before this guidance is issued, please give the application 0 points for this question..* ○

8. **Applicant has a suitable pond site, but would prefer a well.** *Subtract 10 points* 10

9. **Applicant does not have a suitable pond site.** *Add 20 points*

DISTRICT RANKING QUESTIONS

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PY2015 Community Conservation Assistance Program Allocation
Draft Supplemental Allocation: January 2015

County	PY2015 CCAP supplemental funds requested (CC - state appropriated funds)	Draft PY2015 BMP funds allocated January 2015 (CC - state appropriated funds)
BUNCOMBE	\$ 10,000	\$3,327
CABARRUS	\$ 3,600	\$3,549
CALDWELL	\$ 5,000	\$3,447
CLAY	\$ 37,500	\$2,177
DAVIDSON	\$ 573	\$573
DURHAM	\$ 35,000	\$4,309
FORSYTH	\$ 5,000	\$3,512
HENDERSON	\$ 10,000	\$3,632
LINCOLN	\$ 4,000	\$3,308
MITCHELL	\$ 1,500	\$1,500
ONSLow	\$ 20,000	\$3,076
ORANGE	\$ 10,000	\$3,827
STANLY	\$ 625	\$625
STOKES	\$ 3,000	\$2,966
WAKE	\$ 15,000	\$3,438
WASHINGTON	\$ 7,000	\$1,500
WILKES	\$ 60,000	\$2,465
TOTALS	\$ 227,798	\$47,231