

## NORTH CAROLINA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION TELECONFERENCE MINUTES August 23, 2013

Room 1106Z  
Archdale Building  
512 N. Salisbury Street  
Raleigh, NC

Commission Members	Others Present	
Vicky Porter, Chairwoman	Pat Harris	Will Mann
Craig Frazier, Vice Chairman	David Williams	Michelle Lovejoy
Charles Hughes	Kelly Ibrahim	Linda Birdsong
Bill Yarborough	Julie Henshaw	James Murray
Donald Heath	Tom Hill	Teresa Furr
Tommy Houser	Natalie Woolard	Daniel McClellan
John Langdon	Dr. Richard Reich	Chris Childers
	Rob Baldwin	Cyd Overby
Commission Counsel	Kim Livingston	Mark Byrd
Phillip Reynolds	Chester Lowder	Dick Fowler
	Eric Pare	Kristina Fischer
	Anne Coan	Jonathon Wallin
	Mike Bowman	

Chairwoman Vicky Porter called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. She charged the commission members 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 John Langdon noted a conflict with agenda item 2B. No other conflicts were noted.

Chairwoman Porter welcomed everyone to the teleconference. She introduced Phillips Reynolds with the N.C. Attorney General's Office who was serving as counsel to the commission for this meeting.

### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chairwoman Porter reviewed the agenda. Commissioner Craig Frazier moved to amend the agenda by making the following changes:

- Item #2A - postpone until the next regularly scheduled meeting
- Item #2C - postpone until the next regularly scheduled meeting
- Item #2B - remove from consent agenda
- Item #2 - remove the consent agenda
- Item #4B - postpone until the next regularly scheduled meeting
- Item #5B - postpone until the next regularly scheduled meeting
- Item #6A - postpone until the next regularly scheduled meeting
- Item #6B – remove from agenda

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bill Yarborough. Motion carried.

## **2. SUPERVISOR CONTRACTS**

Agriculture Cost Share Program Manager Kelly Ibrahim presented for approval, contract #51-2014-001 for a grade stabilization structure at a cost of \$3,712 for Johnston district supervisor and commission member John Langdon. Commissioner Yarborough moved to approve the contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tommy Houser. Motion carried. Commissioner Langdon recused himself from voting. The contract will be forwarded to the Commissioner of Agriculture for final approval per General Statute 139.

## **3. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ALLOCATION**

NPS Section Chief Julie Henshaw presented the division's recommendation for technical assistance allocations.

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the technical assistance allocation recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Langdon. Motion carried. Attachment 3, *Technical Assistance Allocation*, is attached and made an official part of the minutes.

## **4. (A) ACSP DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (DIP)**

Ms. Ibrahim presented the draft ACSP Detailed Implementation Plan (DIP) for PY2014. The proposed PY2014 DIP contained no changes from the PY2013 DIP.

Commissioner Langdon moved to approve the PY2014 DIP. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Heath. Motion carried. Attachment 4A, *Agriculture Cost Share Program Detailed Implementation Plan (DIP), Program Year 2014*, is attached and made an official part of the minutes.

## **4. (C) ACSP FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ALLOCATION**

Ms. Ibrahim presented the ACSP Financial Assistance Allocation recommendations. She noted on page 2 the PY2014 management flexibility reduction of \$18,000, transfer of \$50,000 of regular cost share funds to CREP Earmark, and transfer of \$500,000 of regular cost share funds to Impaired/Impacted Streams Initiative Earmark which is a lower amount when compared to last year.

Commissioner Heath moved to approve the ACSP Financial Assistance Allocation recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Houser. Motion carried. Attachment 4C, *Allocation of 2014 ACSP Financial Assistance Funds*, is attached and made an official part of the minutes.

## **5. (A) CCAP DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (DIP)**

Community Conservation Assistance Program Coordinator Tom Hill presented the draft CCAP Detailed Implementation Plan (DIP) for PY2014. The proposed PY2014 DIP contained no changes from the PY2013 DIP.

Commissioner Heath moved to approve the PY2014 DIP. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Yarborough. Motion carried. Attachment 5A, *Community Conservation Assistance Program Detailed Implementation Plan, Program Year 2014*, is attached and made an official part of the minutes.

## **5. (C) CCAP FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ALLOCATION**

Mr. Hill presented the CCAP Financial Assistance Allocation recommendations. He noted that 74 conservation districts were requesting funds.

Commissioner Yarborough voiced concern about the small CCAP allocation amounts and asked staff if consideration was given to larger, higher quality projects even though funding of more expensive projects would result in a lower number of districts receiving an annual allocation. Mr. Hill explained that a rule change would be needed since the current program rules ensure each district requesting funds would receive a minimal allocation making it impossible to fund larger projects. Commissioner Yarborough suggested the commission should host a future work session to review the CCAP rules.

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the CCAP Financial Assistance Allocation recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Yarborough. Motion carried. Attachment 5C, *Draft PY2014 Community Conservation Assistance Program Allocation*, is attached and made an official part of the minutes.

Chairwoman Porter moved to request the CCAP Advisory Committee to review the existing rules and to put together a set of recommendations for commission consideration to strengthen the program's impact. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Yarborough. Discussion followed. It was noted that approximately 40% of the CCAP allocations roll over each year and the Clean Water Management Trust Fund would no longer fund stormwater projects due to recently passed legislation. Motion carried.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Frazier requested the commission schedule a work session to discuss financial assistance allocation guidance for the Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program (AgWRAP). He felt the present teleconference format did not allow for the in-depth discussion needed to fully address guidelines for AgWRAP's \$500,000 statewide recurring funding and the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) settlement funding of \$500,000 for the next two years. After discussion, Chairwoman Porter scheduled a special commission work session for Friday, August 30, 2013, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, at the Koury Center in Greensboro, N.C. Commissioner Frazier agreed to secure the meeting space and would confirm with Director Pat Harris who, in return, would distribute the information through the meeting notice process.

With no further business, Chairwoman Porter declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

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Patricia K. Harris, Director  
Recording Secretary  
Division of Soil & Water Conservation

***These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Soil & Water Conservation Commission on October 1, 2013.***

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Patricia K. Harris, Director