

**NORTH CAROLINA
 SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION
 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
 March 16, 2011**

Archdale Building
 Ground Floor Hearing Room
 512 N. Salisbury Street
 Raleigh, N.C.

Commission Members	Others Present	
Manly West	Pat Harris	Jeff Harris
Richard Smith	David Williams	Dewitt Hardee
Craig Frazier	Shelly Baird	Donnarie Hales
Vicky Porter	Steve Bennett	Kelly Ibrahim
Bobby Stanley	Warren Daniel	Ralston James Jr.
James Ferguson	Bill Dunlap	Michelle Lovejoy
Donald Heath	Cindy Draughon	Ken Parks
	Danny Edwards	Chester Lowder
	Davis Ferguson	Sandra Weitzel
	Kristina Fischer	Natalie Woolard
Commission Counsel	Lisa Fine	
Jennie Hauser	Dick Fowler	

Chairman Manly West called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and charged the commission members to declare any conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest that may exist for agenda items to be considered by the commission, as mandated by the State Ethics Act. None were noted. Chairman West requested the Board of Commissioners introduce themselves to the attendees, followed by staff introduction.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The meeting agenda was approved with a minor change to remove “NRCS Report” in Item 6 and replace with “Appointment to Advisory Committee”. Commissioner Richard Smith made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bobby Stanley. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Commission Meeting held on January 9, 2011 were presented. Commissioner Craig Frazier suggested minor corrections. A motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by Commissioner James Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Craig Frazier. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. Division Report: Mr. David Williams, Deputy Director for Soil and Water Conservation, presented this report on behalf of Mrs. Pat Harris, Division Director for Soil and Water Conservation. Mr. Williams welcomed Mr. Donald Heath, new Commission member. Mrs. Harris was attending the joint House &

Senate Natural and Economic Resources appropriations subcommittee at the General Assembly as it reviewed consolidation options for DENR including the transfer of the division from DENR to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Mr. Williams presented a PowerPoint presentation of division updates. He first introduced two of the newest addition to the Soil and Water Conservation family “Helena Ann Henshaw”, 8lb. 12 oz, was born on February 18th, to Julie Henshaw, and “Maxwell Shepard Leaman”, 8lb. 1 oz, was born on February 14th, to Michelle Raquet.

Mr. Williams noted the following:

- **Flow chart:** A flow chart was presented to show the depiction of the overall North Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Partnership and its connections to the districts, governmental agencies and other organizations.
- Organizational structure and missions of the core partnership made up the Soil & Water Conservation Districts, Soil & Water Conservation Commission and the Division of Soil and Water Conservation. Mr. Williams noted the following: Commission is an independent entity that addresses a wide range of land use concerns, provides oversight for division programs, and determines cost share allocations to districts; the Division consists of 58 positions, is the lead state agency for Ag. Nonpoint source pollution; administers technical & financial assistance programs; addresses wide range of land use issues; and has established relationships with other DENR divisions, and the NCDA&CS.
- The Division is divided into the following four program areas: **(1) Technical & Financial Assistance** has an appropriated budget for FY2011 of \$9,000,606. Programs include Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP), Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP), Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), Watershed Programs, PL566 flood Prevention & Water Resource Development. The division’s mission statement is “To foster voluntary, incentive-driven management of soil, water & related natural resources for the benefit of the environment, economy & all citizens”.
- **(2) Operations Review program** has an appropriated budget for FY2011 of \$653,071. Services include technical assistance to livestock producers to better ensure compliance with permits; working closely with DWQ on various issues; and providing leadership to the Pilot Program for Inspections of Animal Waste Management Systems, including routine compliance inspections and routine operation reviews in Columbus, Jones, Brunswick, and Pender counties.
- **(3) District Operations** consists of 8 Area Coordinators, and provides support to local districts.
- **(4) Administration** consists of Director & Deputy Director, Budget/HR Officer, two Administrative Support positions and Public Information Officer. The District Operations and Administration has a combined appropriated budget for FY2011 of \$1,520,333. District Supervisors & Commission Travel, Subsistence, Registration & Per Diem FY2011 has an appropriated budget of \$290,090. District Operations “Matching Funds” for FY2011 at \$400,000.
- **Leveraging of Division Funds:** Mr. Williams presented a diagram showing the division’s FY10 appropriations of \$11,416,476 leveraged the following: USDA-CREP \$1.3M, Non-State Grants \$2.1M, Local Match \$13M, CWMTF \$1M, USDA Farm Bill \$36.5M, and EEP \$0.25M. For every \$1 of state appropriations leveraged \$4.75 in outside resources. \$24.3M or 37% of total leveraged funds and services are paid directly to landowners.

Mr. Williams concluded his presentation and welcomed comments and suggestions from Commission members.

Comments & Suggestions from Commission Members:

- ❖ Commissioner James Ferguson questioned why the partnership organization slide didn't contain the RC&D program. Mr. Dick Fowler, Executive Director for the NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (NCASWCD), explained that RC&D had been added to the larger PowerPoint presentation that was currently in use. He stated that this one slide had been extracted from the presentation and the partners listed in the upper left corner had been modified for use by Mrs. Harris in preparing for a presentation with a legislative committee.

5. Association Report: Commissioner Craig Frazier, President, NCASWCD presented the following:

- **Leadership Initiative** – Plans are underway to conduct a second Leadership Initiative in 2011. The first session is slated for May 2011. Funding for the training was secured by the Foundation for Soil & Water Conservation from Altria Corporation.
- **Conservation Awareness Day** – This was held at the legislative building on March 9th. A tri-fold brochure highlighting the work and funding priorities for the Association and local districts was available to pass out to legislators and staff. This year funding priorities focused on the Ag. Cost Share Program and supervisor travel. District supervisors made individual contacts with their senators and representatives regarding support for conservation programs.
- **Supervisor Training at UNC-School of Government** – Orientation training for supervisors was held February 15-16 at the School of Government for newly elected and appointed supervisors. Of the 60 in attendance, 47 were supervisors. Participant evaluations were very strong.
- **Theme for 2011** – President Frazier's theme for 2011 is "Conservation in Motion". In relation to the theme, there are two important points for the Association:
 - The Association must reduce its dependence on state appropriated funds. One way to do this is to acquire corporate memberships, which some might call "affiliate memberships or non-voting memberships". A brochure is currently being developed that can be used in soliciting such memberships.
 - One big challenge for the Association is in the area of internal and external communications. The Association's web page (www.ncaswcd.org) is currently being revamped with the goal of using the web page to greatly improve internal and external communications. Secondly, as part of the grant that was used to develop the Association's Strategic Plan, the Association has advertised for proposals to help in the development of a Marketing/Communication Plan. The Association is now in the process of reviewing responses to that solicitation and will be moving forward in the near future.
- **NACD National Meeting** – The NACD national meeting was held January 30 through February 2 in Nashville, Tennessee. North Carolina was well represented with 34 in attendance. Highlights of the meeting included John Finch, Nash Supervisor, taking the oath of office as Executive Board Member, and Bryan Evans, Pitt District, being recognized as the National District Employee of the Year. North Carolina was recognized as fourth nationally regarding financial contributions to NACD, and for the quality of its district supervisor training program.

Comments & Suggestions from Commission Members:

- ❖ Chairman West thanked Commissioner Frazier for his report.

6. NRCS Advisory Committee: *Item 6 "NRCS Report" was replaced by "NRCS Advisory Committee"*. Chairman West noted that one applicant came forward to volunteer and that was Commissioner Bobby Stanley. Chairman West appointed Commissioner Stanley to serve on the Advisory Committee as the Commission's representative, and he congratulated Commissioner Stanley.

7. Findings of Cost Share Effects Work Group: Mrs. Kelly Ibrahim, Neuse/Tar-Pamlico Basin Coordinator presented the following on consolidated tools for cost share purposes across the state:

- History & Purpose: Workgroup started at the February 2010 TRC meeting. The purpose was to consolidate which effects calculations are required for each practice, and to approve uniform tools to calculate effects. The group met from April until October 2010.
- Group Members: Mrs. Ibrahim identified the members during her presentation and they were listed in the handout provided.
- Discussion: Surveyed districts via email regarding tools used across the state; Reviewed BMPs in the NCACSP by section: Erosion/Nutrient Management, Sediment/Nutrient Management, stream Protection Management Measures, Agrichemical Pollution Prevention Measures, Waste Management Measures; Surveyed the DEW Ag-Tract.
- Findings: Tools available for District staff: NLEW (Nitrogen Loss Estimation Worksheet), PLAT (Phosphorous Loss Assessment Tool), RUSLE/ RUSLE-2 (Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation), Gully Worksheet, Sediment Removal Spreadsheet, and Guidance for Stream Restoration.
- NLEW is only applicable for specific practices in the program (Buffers, Nutrient Scavenger, and Water Control Structures); PLAT is only applicable if there is a soil loss in RUSLE; PLAT & Nutrient Management Software is being upgraded; NRCS is working to develop more scientific quantification of conservation effects (CEAP); NRCS currently uses Conservation System Guides (CSG).
- DEW survey and discussions: Out of the 43 surveyed 52% comfortable with RUSLE, 38% comfortable with NLEW, 49% comfortable with PLAT, and 38% comfortable with Gully Worksheet. It was noted that staff would like more training written in non-text book terms and understood the need for conservation effects calculations.
- Recommendations from CEEW: Create a matrix in each BMP section with the BMPs listed along with the tools required for the calculations. Explore the use of the NRCS conservation System Guides to document effects from BMPs not applicable within NLEW, PLAT, RUSLE/RUSLE-2 or worksheet guidance documents.
- Other items discussed: Training and Creating a Portal Site (for links to user guides and previous training recorded to use as refresher course).
- Suggested Timeline: Present to SWCC in March 2011 as an "Information Item" only; May TRC; January-May 2011 incorporate matrix sheets in with other manual updates; May 2011 submit proposed changes to SWCC for approval; Effective July 1, 2011 for program year 2012.
- Mrs. Ibrahim explained in depth what Conservation System Guide meant and its significance to the program. She noted that NRCS estimate some BMP effects (scientific and field base) using CSGs. This could be beneficial for BMPs that are not applicable for the current approved estimation tools.

Mrs. Ibrahim concluded her presentation and welcomed comments and suggestions from Commission members. She requested old conservation pictures to create a history of Soil & Water Conservation.

Comments & Suggestions from Commission Members:

- ❖ Commission members sought clarification on few acronyms.
- ❖ Clarification on Conservation System Guide and its significance was requested.
- ❖ Chairman West announced on behalf of Mrs. Ibrahim to bring in old conservation pictures by mid April. He noted that Mrs. Ibrahim is working on collecting a history of Soil and Water Conservation.

8. Pilot Program for Inspections of Animal Waste System: Mr. Danny Edwards, Environmental Supervisor for the Division of Soil & Water Conservation presented the Animal Waste Inspection Pilot Program. He discussed the following:

- Background Information: SB 1217 states that all permitted animal operations are subject to two annual inspection visits by DENR. Operations Review (DSWC, District or NRCS) Technical Assistance, Compliance Inspection (DWQ) Regulatory.
- In the Pilot: DSWC conducts both the operations review and the compliance inspection. DWQ still provides regulatory oversight.
- Purpose of Pilot: Increase the effectiveness of the annual inspections program; Increase compliance with environmental regulations; Pilot Program started in 1997 in Columbus and Jones Counties, Brunswick County was added in 1999, Pender County was added in 2005; Pilot Program was initially scheduled to end October 1998; it was extended seven times and is currently scheduled to end in September 2011.
- Mr. Williams indicated that the division had to eliminate a position (which was in operation) in order to pick up a position, so the general assembly could reimburse the money for the operation of the new pilot position.
- Mr. Edwards clarified the total number of positions for the statewide program as ten. Out of the ten, three positions were from the Wilmington Regional Office for the Pilot Program.
- Environmental Performance: Potential Impact Group and Noncompliance Points
- The table on Operational Indicators and Related Point Values was discussed.
- Environmental Performance: Low and medium impact farms are deemed to be responsive to technical assistance. High impact farms are subject to more oversight by DSWC and DWQ staff.
- Mr. Williams noted that by law the requirement also extends to the District employees and District supervisors.
- Pilot Programs targets DENR's resources to the appropriate category of farms; DWQ enforcement resources shifted to high potential impact farms; DSWC technical assistance resources supports medium and low impact farms.
- 2010 Site Visit Data: Statewide DENR staff conducted 4,881 site visits; Pilot area DENR staff conducted 384 site visits (350 by DSWC and 34 high impact farms by DWQ).
- Graph indicating Pilot Farms grouped into Impact Categories was reviewed.
- Percentages and Cost Comparisons were shared.
- Mr. Edwards clarified that the inspections were conducted by District employees and District Supervisors. After lengthy discussion, Mr. Edwards noted that he would get back to the Commission with their request on specific information.
- Future Pilot Program: Based on current legislation, the Pilot Program is scheduled to end September 2011. It was stated that the Governor's budget includes elimination of the Pilot Program.
- Mr. Edwards clarified that the operation reviewer uses the same form as the DWQ inspector. He pointed out that the compliance audit is only conducted in the pilot counties.

Mr. Edwards concluded his presentation by expressing that the Pilot Program is well received by producers and DSWC site visits are meeting the overall objective of providing technical assistance.

Comments & Suggestions from Commission Members:

- ❖ Commission members needed clarification on number of positions for the Pilot Programs.
- ❖ Commission members asked clarifying questions on cost comparisons regarding inspections, and operation review. As part of the cost saving measures, Commission members needed specific information.
- ❖ Commission members asked the following questions:

- When the operation reviewer goes to the farm, do they distribute the same form as DWQ inspectors?
- Where is the compliance audit conducted that is done by DWQ and the Division?

V. Action Items

9. Consent Agenda: After asking a question regarding the ranking information for a supervisor contract in Mitchell SWCD, Commissioner Craig Frazier made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Richard Smith and it passed unanimously.

A. Nomination of Supervisors

- Donna C. Mills, Wayne SWCD
- Barry A. Clark, Burke SWCD
- Tracy C. Taylor, Watauga SWCD
- Thad A. Taylor, Watauga SWCD
- Henry T. Fowler, Jackson SWCD

B. Approval of NCACSP Supervisor contracts

- Contract 39-11-19-13; Granville SWCD; Cropland Conversions; \$2,633
- Contract 43-11-971-02; Harnett SWCD; Diversion Grassed Waterway; \$1,165
- Contract 61-11-18-05; Mitchell SWCD; Fence, Tanks, Well Repair; \$40,220
- Contract 91-11-728-13; Vance SWCD; Diversion; \$555
- Contract 18-11-06-01; Catawba SWCD; Poultry Litter Spreader; \$10,500
- Contract 25-11-07-09; Craven SWCD; Precision Nutrient Management; \$6,223

C. CCAP Job Approval Authority

- Kevin Moore; Rockingham SWCD; successfully completed the CCAP Design Training.

10. CCAP Reallocation Request: Mrs. Shelly Baird, Community Conservation Assistance Program Coordinator for Division of Soil & Water Conservation presented the following:

CCAP Grant Funding:

- EEG Program: The DSWC recently received some new grant funding from the NC Attorney General's Environmental Enhancement Grant Program. A request was submitted in October for \$300,000 in 20 Districts. DSWC received \$125,000. Budgets and Memorandums are being finalized; and allocations will be made at the July meeting for the next fiscal year.
- 319 CCAP Grant: The 319 CCAP grant (received in July 2007) is nearing completion, with a current expiration date of July 31, 2011. The grant was restricted to four small priority watersheds. Due to projects being cancelled, funds are available. Efforts are being made to expend these funds by the deadline. DSWC has recently requested an expansion of this grant to increase the geographic scope. If approved, these funds will be prioritized within the Neuse River Estuary and made available in the entire Neuse River Basin, if necessary. In addition, a two month extension will be requested to extend the deadline to September 30, 2011. Ms. Baird requested the authority to allocate remaining CCAP grant funds when the expansion is finalized.

Comments & Suggestions from Commission Members:

- ❖ Commissioner Craig Frazier made a motion to approve to authorize the Division to allocate the CCAP 319 funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vicky Porter and it passed unanimously.

Continuation of CCAP Grant Funding:

- CWMTF Phase 1: The 1st CWMTF grant received for CCAP in July 2007 was recently successfully closed. \$535,000 was expended in the original 17 CCAP Districts. Ms. Baird thanked the Districts for their hard work.
- CWMTF Phase 2: The 2nd CWMTF CCAP grant was received in February 2008. DSWC has recently received an extension on these funds, with a new expiration date of December 31, 2011.
- Due to cancelled contracts and projects costing less than contracted, \$128,488 is available to re-allocate.
- 40 eligible Districts were notified of this extension and 13 Districts responded. A table was presented indicating District, funding request, and proposed allocation. Total requests equaled \$189,812. It was noted that due to the unique nature of these grants, the typical allocation formula is not used for CCAP grant funds. Maximum allocations were set at \$14,872. Any requests below this amount were fully funded, and any over this amount were funded at this cap.
- Mrs. Baird concluded by requesting authority to allocate any CCAP grant funds in “real time” or allow “just in time” allocations. She indicated that as projects are cancelled or funds are returned, the DSWC will need the flexibility to re-allocate funds to eligible Districts to ensure that all of these grant funds are spent by the deadline.

Comments & Suggestions from Commission Members:

- ❖ Commissioner Craig Frazier made a motion to approve the CWMTF Phase 2 re-allocation of the remaining CCAP grant funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bobby Stanley and it passed unanimously.
- ❖ Commissioner Richard Smith made a motion to approve the allocation of funds in real time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bobby Stanley and it passed unanimously.

11. TRC Recommendations: Mr. David Williams, Deputy Director presented this item. A handout was provided.

- Mr. Williams noted that the Technical Review Committee met on January 27, 2011 (TRC) and offers one recommendation for the Commission to modify the waste application systems related to manure spreaders to be consistent with existing requirements for poultry litter spreaders. TRC suggests the language to refer to both manure and poultry litter spreaders. The proposed changes were identified and highlighted in red on pages 3 & 4 (items 4a & 4c). They were added in the handout. Item 4c read as “The size of the manure spreader that is cost-shared on should be based on the nutrient management plan and the amount of manure generated from the operation.”

Comments & Suggestions from Commission Members:

- ❖ Chairman West noted that the language did not apply to both spreaders in the specific changes. He indicated that further review was needed.
- ❖ Commissioner Craig Frazier made a motion to send back the TRC Recommendation for further review. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vicky Porter and it passed unanimously.

- ❖ Mr. Williams responded that the TRC Committee will do their best to make the language more appropriate to both spreaders. He assured that a thorough amendment with regards to the language will be implemented in the policy upon further review.

12. Proposed Guidance for Supervisor Removal: Commissioner Craig Frazier noted that the Commission's Ad-Hoc Committee on Supervisor Removal met via teleconference on January 20, 2011. Participants included Craig Frazier, Vicky Porter, Richard Smith, Dick Fowler, Jennie Hauser (Commission Counsel), and David Williams. Commissioner Frazier presented the following:

- A. Recommendations regarding Guidance for Removal of a District Supervisor for Non-participation in Board Meetings and Functions. It was noted that guidance is intended to assist the District in:
 - Encouraging the non-participating supervisor to re-engage in supervisor responsibilities
 - Seeking explanation for non-participation
 - Compiling information to support a petition to remove a non-participating supervisor
 - Submitting to the Commission a formal petition for hearing removal of the non-participating supervisor.
 - A statement clarifying an interpretation of the Commission's rule on 15A NCAC 06A.0109 - Supervisor Vacancies was read as "Grounds for removal of District supervisors is set forth in G.S. 139-7. Evidence of 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 the sickness. District boards shall advise the commission in writing of the failure of any supervisor to so discharge his duties over the three-month period."
 - Clarification is needed to address situations where Boards do not meet every month. The guidance interprets the rule to apply to three consecutive regularly scheduled District meetings.
 - The Committee recommends that this guidance be approved and distributed to all Districts.
- B. Recommendations to develop further guidance for ethical and professional conduct.
 - The Committee concluded that it did not have enough information to develop guidance to districts for removal of a supervisor for incompetence nor for malfeasance. It recognizes the need to encourage and assist all supervisors to demonstrate professional and ethical conduct in conducting the duties of their office. The Committee is requesting to have its charge expanded and its term extended to allow it to develop this guidance for Districts.

Comments & Suggestions from Commission Members:

- ❖ Mr. Frazier moved to approve the committee's recommendations. Chairman West noted that since the motion was from a Committee, no second was needed. The motion was approved.
- ❖ Chairman West extended the term of the committee to allow time to address guidance on professional conduct as the committee had suggested.

Continuation of Item IV: "Information Item - Division Report"

Pat Harris, Director of Soil & Water Conservation presented the following:

General Statutes § 143-215.10E. Violations requiring immediate notification.

(a) Any employee of a State agency or unit of local government lawfully on the premises and engaged in activities relating to the animal operation who observes any of the following violations shall immediately notify the owner or operator of the animal operation and the Division of Water Quality:

- (1) Any direct discharge of animal waste into the waters of the State.
- (2) Any deterioration or leak in a lagoon system that poses an immediate threat to the environment.
- (3) Failure to maintain adequate storage capacity in a lagoon that poses an immediate threat to public health or the environment.
- (4) Over spraying animal waste either in excess of the limits set out in the animal waste management plan or where runoff enters waters of the State.
- (5) Any discharge that bypasses a lagoon system.

(b) Any employee of a federal agency lawfully on the premises and engaged in activities relating to the animal operation who observes any of the above violations is encouraged to immediately notify the Division.

(1995 (Reg. Sess., 1996), c. 626, s. 1.)

- ✚ Mrs. Harris informed the Commission that their question regarding “unit of local government” would have to be deferred to legal counsel.

Comments & Suggestions from Commission Members:

- ❖ Commission members asked clarifying questions.
- ❖ Commission members discussed “unit of local government”.

Continuation on Consolidation Options:

Mrs. Harris updated the Commission on the legislative discussion regarding “Consolidation Options”. She attended the House NER joint subcommittee meeting and was unable to give the division’s report to the commission. At the NER meeting, DENR Assistant Secretary David Knight made the opening comments regarding salary equity, IT, and HR support impacts due to consolidation options. He noted some of the fundamental reason as to why Soil & Water Conservation has some of the best programs in the nation. He stated that it was possibly because the Division of Soil & Water Conservation was based at DENR.

The Fiscal Research Staff presented a power point presentation giving detailed budgeted amounts with positions, and major programs operated by each division.

Mrs. Harris discussed Fiscal Research Division’s overview of the pros and cons of consolidating the division with the NC Department of Agriculture (DACs):

- ✚ No specific duplicative programs
- ✚ Division’s mission more closely aligned with DENR’s Environmental Quality Mission than DACs’ mission to promote and enhance agriculture.
- ✚ Division provides agriculture prospective in regulatory decisions internal to DENR.

- ✚ Division has better access to environmental funding mechanism (EPA 319 Program) as a DENR division
- ✚ Potential to disrupt current working relationship with soil and water partners if consolidated
- ✚ Currently serve as a buffer between the regulatory divisions and landowners
- ✚ Technical assistance programs add balance to DENR's approach
- ✚ Perception concerns (thought to be Ag. focus and may alienate non-traditional partners)

Other comments include:

- ✚ DENR is a large department with 3,918 positions
- ✚ Duplication of services between divisions and programs
- ✚ NER subcommittee is charged to reduce the size of government and reduce NER's budget (~\$70 million in cuts). Response from DENR representative:
- ✚ Mrs. Harris concluded that comments by the committee audience were made in support of DENR programs staying intact.

Comments & Suggestions from Commission Members:

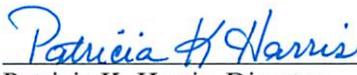
- ❖ Commission members suggested moving the July Commission meeting to August 2011.
- ❖ It was suggested that a **teleconference meeting needs to be scheduled** in July to discuss technical assistance allocations in the event the state's budget is on a continuing resolution (CR).
- ❖ Chairman West reminded Commission members that their Statements of Economic Interest are due to the State Ethics Commission by April 15, 2011.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

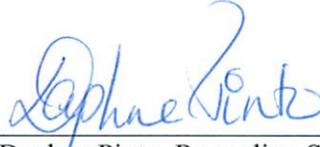
None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further items to discuss the meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for May 18, starting at 9:00 a.m. in the Archdale Building's Ground Floor Hearing room, 512 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, N.C.



Patricia K. Harris, Director



Daphne Pinto, Recording Secretary

These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Soil & Water Conservation Commission on May 18, 2011.



Patricia K. Harris, Director