



**NORTH CAROLINA  
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION TELECONFERENCE MINUTES  
March 24, 2014**

Fourth Floor Conference Room  
Archdale Building  
512 N. Salisbury St  
Raleigh, NC

Commission Members	Others Present	
Vicky Porter	Pat Harris	
Craig Frazier	David Williams	
Tommy Houser	Natalie Woolard	
John Langdon	Tom Hill	
Bill Yarborough	Rob Baldwin	
Charles Hughes	Dick Fowler	
	Mike Robinson	
	Jeff Harris	
	Davis Ferguson	
Commission Counsel		
Jennie Hauser		
Guest		

Chairwoman Vicky Porter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and 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 Langdon declared a conflict for item #3 and announced that he would recuse himself from the discussion and vote.

**1. Approval Of Agenda:**

Chairwoman Porter reviewed the agenda. Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Langdon. The motion carried.

**PURPOSE OF THE MEETING**

Chairwoman Porter called on Ms. Hauser to describe the purpose of the meeting. Ms. Hauser stated that the purpose of the meeting is to reconsider the actions from the March 19 meeting at which Mr. Manly West inadvertently participated as a Commission member before his appointment was official. Commissioner Frazier moved to rescind the votes taken at the March 19, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Yarborough seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

## ACTION ITEMS

### 2. Consent Agenda:

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

#### 2A. Appointment of Supervisors

- Julius “Wayne” Packard.; Burke SWCD; filling the unexpired term of Nancy Taylor
- Robin Smith; Rutherford SWCD, filling the unexpired term of James Hollifield
- Chad E. Decker; Cherokee SWCD; filling the unexpired term of J.B. Reeves

#### 2B. Approval of Cost Share Supervisor Contracts

Contract No.	District	Supervisor Name	Practice(s)	Contract Amount
03-2014-003	Alleghany	Bobby Evans	Stock Trail, Well, Tank, Heavy Use Area & Livestock Exclusion	\$25,014
53-2014-005	Lee	John H. Gross	Grassed Waterway (revision)	\$218
53-2014-008	Lee	John H. Gross	Terrace (revision)	\$356
61-2014-008	Mitchell	Ed Terrell	Stream Crossing	\$2,766
71-2014-004	Pender	W.W. Murrell, Jr.	Cropland Conversion – Grass	\$1,809
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75-2014-267	Polk	Frank Smith	Livestock Exclusion	\$24,999
78-2014-013	Robeson	Walter K. McGirt	3-Year Conservation Tillage	\$11,786
82-2014-008	Sampson	Dennis R. Waller (Wayne SWCD Supervisor)	Cropland Conversion	\$3,218
96-2014-008	Wayne	John Yelverton	Litter Spreader	\$7,500

#### 2C. Job Approval Authority

Pond Site Assessment

Kenny Ray – Orange SWCD

Todd Roberts – Orange SWCD

## **2D. Technical Specialist Designation Recommendation**

### **Waste Utilization/Nutrient Management**

#### **On recommendation of the Director of the NC Cooperative Extension Service:**

Deanna Wagner, CES, Davidson County  
Ethan Henderson, CES, Buncombe County  
Daniel Hedgecock, NCSU Soil Science Department

#### **On verification of training and experience:**

Amanda Harris, Hertford, NC

The handouts provided for items 2A-2D are attached and are an official part of the minutes.

### **3. Allocation of the Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program (AgWRAP)**

Chairwoman Porter announced that Commissioner Langdon has recused himself from the discussion and vote on this item.

Commissioner Frazier offered a motion to approve the committee's recommended allocation methodology with one minor change, removing the words "agricultural operation type in each" from the 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet in the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Houser, and it was approved. The recommendations from the AgWRAP Advisory Committee and approved AgWRAP allocation are attached as item 3 and are an official part of the minutes.

### **4. Supplemental Allocation of Cost Share Funds**

Commissioner Hughes offered a motion to approve the proposed supplemental allocation, and Commissioner Langdon seconded the motion. The motion carried. The approved Supplemental Allocation of Cost Share Funds is included as Attachment 4 and is an official part of the minutes.

### **5. Update on Lenoir SWCD Special Review**

Commissioner Frazier offered a motion with 4 parts:

- a. The commission send a letter to the Lenoir Soil and Water Conservation District (with a copy to the Lenoir County Commissioners and Lenoir County Manager) requiring the soil and water conservation district to file by May 1, 2014 a detailed written report responding to every inadequacy noted in the division's August 15, 2013 and December 10, 2013 special review letters and requiring the district's chairman and cost share technician to appear before the commission at its May 22, 2014 meeting to explain these inadequacies and the actions to correct these inadequacies.
- b. Beginning immediately, the commission must approve each Ag Cost Share Program, CCAP, and AgWRAP contract of the Lenoir Soil and Water Conservation District before that contract can be effective, and the commission must approve each Lenoir Soil and Water Conservation District request for reimbursement prior to the division issuing payment. A Lenoir District supervisor and district cost share technician must appear before the commission at a scheduled meeting to present these contracts and reimbursement requests to the commission.
- c. Beginning immediately, no Lenoir Soil and Water Conservation District supervisor will be eligible for cost share contracts.
- d. The division is directed to consult with the Attorney General's office to take appropriate legal action for Lenoir District contracts that appear to have been overpaid or were ineligible.

Commissioner Hauser seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The December 10, 2013 letter to the Lenoir SWCD is included as Attachment 5 and is an official part of the minutes.

**6. Explore Statutory Changes to Enhance the Commission's Authority to Control Funds**

Commissioner Langdon offered a motion that the Division work with counsel to explore the need for additional statutory authority to control funds. Commissioner Yarborough seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Commissioner Frazier moved to adjourn, and Commissioner Houser seconded the motion. The motion was approved, and Chairwoman Porter declared the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Patricia K. Harris, Director  
Division of Soil & Water Conservation, Raleigh, N.C.  
(Sign & Date)



\_\_\_\_\_  
David B. Williams, Recording Secretary  
(Sign & Date)

***These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Soil & Water Conservation Commission on May 22, 2014.***



\_\_\_\_\_  
Patricia K. Harris, Director  
(Sign & Date)

**NORTH CAROLINA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE; ACCESS NUMBER (919) 733-2511**

Archdale Building, 4<sup>TH</sup> Floor, Room #425G  
512 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27604

March 24, 2014; 7:00 p.m.

***Draft AGENDA***

**I. CALL TO ORDER** Chairwoman Vicky Porter

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. AGENDA**

1. Approval of agenda Chairwoman Vicky Porter

**III. PURPOSE OF MEETING** Ms. Jennie Hauser, Counsel

**IV. ACTION ITEMS** Chairwoman Vicky Porter

2. Consent Agenda (Item number V.8 on March 19, 2014 agenda)
3. AgWRAP Committee Recommendations and PY2014 application approvals (Item number V.9 on March 19, 2014 agenda)
4. Supplemental Allocations for Ag Cost Share and Impaired/Impacted Stream Initiative (Item numbers V.10.A and V.10.B. on March 19, 2014 agenda)
5. Lenoir SWCD Special Review Findings (Item number V.11 on March 19, 2014 agenda)
6. Changes to enhance Commission's authority to control funds (Item number V.11 on March 19, 2014 agenda)

**V. ADJOURNMENT**



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RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISOR

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

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 3-14 and ending 12-14 to fill the expired or un-expired term of Nancy W. Taylor.

Name of nominee: Julius "Wayne" Packard  
Address of nominee, City, State, Zip: 115 Parkland St. Margaret NC 28655  
Email address of nominee: wayne.packard51@gmail.com  
Home phone: 828-427-1993  
Mobile phone: 828-443-5951  
Business phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: Retired NCDPACS Plant Pest Specialist  
Age: 62  
Education: BA & MA Biology  
Positions of leadership NOW held by nominee: Water High County Christmas Trees / Church Leader  
Former occupations or positions of leadership contributing to nominee's qualifications: Sevral Board of Equidize & Review  
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 William F. Beavers III 5 Feb 14  
SWCD Chair (or Vice Chair if Chair is being nominated) Date  
Printed name: William F. Beavers 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 William F. Beavers III 5 Feb '14  
SWCD Chair (or Vice Chair if Chair is being nominated) Date  
Printed name: William F. Beavers III

X J. Wayne Packard 2-5-14  
Individual recommended for appointment Date  
Printed name: J. Wayne Packard

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NANCY WARD TAYLOR  
P.O. BOX 688  
MORGANTON, NC 28655

TO: WILLIAM BROWN  
FROM: NANCY TAYLOR  
DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2013  
RE: RESIGNATION

As you know, I have accepted a new job as the Executive Director for the Community Foundation of Burke County. With these new responsibilities, I find that I am unable to continue serving as a Supervisor for the Burke Soil & Water Conservation District. I will resign my position effective October 2013.

It has been an honor to work with you and the rest of my fellow supervisors. I have learned so much about conservation, but even more about the wonderful county we serve. I would be remiss if I didn't also acknowledge the extraordinary work of our staff. They are the reason we are able to move forward on so many fronts and achieve so many of the goals that were established for our district.

If you need any further documentation from me, please just let me know.

Again, my thanks to all.

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**RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISOR**

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

The supervisors of the Rutherford Soil and Water Conservation District of Rutherford 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 3/2014 and ending 12/2014 to fill the expired or un-expired term of James F. Hollifield.

Name of nominee: Robin Smith  
Address of nominee, City, State, Zip: 433 South Creek Rd. Bostic, NC 28018  
Email address of nominee: robinsmith@gmail.com  
Home phone: 828-245-1744  
Mobile phone: 828-429-7822  
Business phone: 828-245-0658  
Occupation: Media Coordinator  
Age: 51  
Education: Masters of Education, Masters of Library Science  
Positions of leadership NOW held by nominee: Leader of Media Coordinators PLC's, AP Academy Advisory Council,  
Former occupations or positions of leadership contributing to nominee's qualifications: BearFoot 5K co-director  
PTO President, Local School Advisory Board

Other pertinent information: I have always had an interest in environmental issues because I lived my entire life on a black angus cattle farm with a father whose career was Ruth. Co. Forest Ranger. My son is now majoring in Environmental Science so my interest is even more avid.

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 Shannon A. Buckley 2-27-14  
SWCD Chair (or Vice Chair) (Chair is being nominated) Date  
Printed name: Shannon A. Buckley

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 Shannon A. Buckley 2-27-14  
SWCD Chair (or Vice Chair) (Chair is being nominated) Date  
Printed name: Shannon A. Buckley

X Robin J. Smith 2/27/14  
Individual recommended for appointment Date  
Printed name: Robin J. Smith

Missy York

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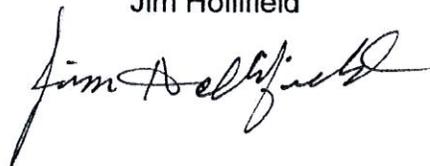
**From:** JIM HOLLIFIELD [jfholti@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 01, 2014 6:31 PM  
**To:** Missy York  
**Cc:** jfholti@bellsouth.net  
**Subject:** Resignation from Rutherford county board of supervisors

To the Rutherford county soil and water board of supervisors

This is a follow up letter of my verbal announcement in November of my resignation from the board of supervisors to be effective Dec 31 2013.

I am now severed from the board but I would like to thank each one on the board and staff for the friendships and the support especially the years I was chairman and served in various offices in the area and state. It has been a great privilege to work with such a committed group and I believe we accomplished many worthwhile projects for the people of Rutherford county and N.C.  
Keep up the good work and I will be available if I can be of any value.

Thanks very much  
Jim Hollifield





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**RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISOR**  
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The supervisors of the CHEROKEE COUNTY Soil and Water Conservation District of CHEROKEE 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 April 1, 2014 and ending November 30, 2014 to fill the expired or un-expired term of J. B. REEVES.

Name of nominee: Chad E. Decker  
 Address of nominee, City, State, Zip: POB 273, Murphy, North Carolina 28906  
 Email address of nominee: deckerstone@frontier.com  
 Home phone: (828) 835-8576  
 Mobile phone: (828) 361-2060  
 Business phone: (828) 837-8050 or 5753  
 Occupation: Owner - Decker Stone Company  
 Age: 42  
 Education: Bachelor of Science/Natural Resources Mgt. @ Western Carolina University  
 Positions of leadership NOW held by nominee: Business owner  
 Former occupations or positions of leadership contributing to nominee's qualifications: YCC Crew Leader/USFS

Other pertinent information: 1995-96 Ag Cost Share Technician/Cherokee County SWCD

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 Edgar A. Wood, III March 11, 2014  
 SWCD Chair (or Vice Chair if Chair is being nominated) Date  
 Printed name: Edgar A. Wood, 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 Edgar A. Wood, III March 11, 2014  
 SWCD Chair (or Vice Chair if Chair is being nominated) Date  
 Printed name: Edgar A. Wood, III

X Chad E. Decker 3/17/14  
 Individual recommended for appointment Date  
 Printed name: Chad E. Decker

December 17, 2013

Cherokee Co. Soil and Water Board Members:

Fellow board members, I would like to submit my letter of resignation as a board member of the Cherokee Co. Soil and Water Board. I have sincerely enjoyed my term of service on this board and have enjoyed and valued the association with members here and across the state.

Best regards,

J.B. Reeves

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J.B. Reeves". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J" and a distinct "B".

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

County	Contract Number	Supervisor Name	BMP	Contract Amount	Comments
Alleghany	03-2014-003	Bobby Evans	Stock Trail, Well, Tank, HUA & Livestock Exclusion	\$ 25,014	
Lee	53-2014-005	John Gross	Grassed waterway	\$ 218	Revision
Lee	53-2014-008	John Gross	Terrace	\$ 356	Revision
Mitchell	61-2014-008	Ed Terrell	Stream Crossing	\$ 2,766	
Pender	71-2014-004	WW. Murrell, Jr.	Cropland Conversion-Grass	\$ 1,809	
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Polk	75-2014-267	Frank Smith	Livestock Exclusion	\$ 24,999	
Robeson	78-2014-013	Walter K. McGirt	3 Year Conservation Tillage	\$ 11,786	
Sampson	82-2014-008	Dennis R. Waller	Cropland Conversion	\$ 3,218	Wayne SWCD Supervisor
Wayne	96-2014-008	John Yelverton	Litter Spreader	\$ 7,500	

Total Number of Supervisor Contracts: 10

Total                   \$           **80,447**

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(11/2012)

## ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION COST SHARE PROGRAMS

As a Soil and Water District Supervisor, for the Alleghany 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: NC ACSP

Best management practice: Stock Trail, Well, Tanks, HUA &amp; Livestock Exclusion

Contract number: 03-2014-003

Contract amount: ~~\$ 24,014~~

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25,014  
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Score on priority ranking sheet: 105

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

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

Bobby Evans  
(District Supervisor's signature)

2-11-14  
Date

Approved by:

W. Paul Wash  
(District Chairperson's signature)

2-11-14  
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 Lee 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: GWU

Contract number: 53-2014-005 Contract amount: \$ 218.00

Revision

Score on priority ranking sheet: 475

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 6

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: John Gross

[Signature]  
(District Supervisor's signature)

1/14/14  
Date

Approved by:

[Signature]  
(District Chairperson's signature)

1/14/14  
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 Lee 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: Terrace

Contract number: 53-2014-008 Contract amount: \$ 356.00

Score on priority ranking sheet: 400

*Revision*

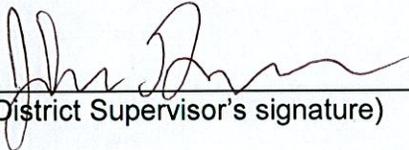
Cost Share Rate : 75% If different than 75%, please list % percent:  
Reason:

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): 4 of 6

Were any higher or equally ranked contracts denied? NO

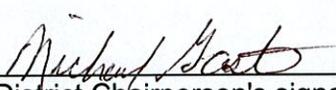
If yes, give an explanation as to why the supervisor's contract was approved over the other contracts:

Supervisor name: John Gross

  
(District Supervisor's signature)

1/14/14  
Date

Approved by:

  
(District Chairperson's signature)

1/14/14  
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     Mitchell     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: cs

Best management practice: stream crossing

Contract number: 61-2014-008

Contract amount: \$ 2766.00

Score on priority ranking sheet: 33

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

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): 1/10

Were any higher or equally ranked contracts denied? yes

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

Lack of funding (others more expensive) Also,( II) funds could be used in this contract not the others

Supervisor name: Ed Terrell

Ed Terrell  
(District Supervisor's signature)

1-30-14  
Date

Approved by:

[Signature]  
(District Chairperson's signature)

1-30-14  
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-ACSP-1B  
(07/2011)

### ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURE COST SHARE PROGRAM

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 grant under the Agriculture Cost Share Program for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control. 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 grant is for the installation of the following best management practices to improve water quality and/or reduce sedimentation.

Best Management Practices: CROPLAND CONVERSION-GRASS

Contract Number: 71-14-004-02 Contract Amount \$ 1809

Score on priority ranking sheet: 47

Cost Share Rate: 75% 90% other \_\_\_\_\_ (circle one)

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

Were any higher or equally ranked contracts were denied? No

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

Supervisor Name: W.W. Munnell Jr

[Signature]  
(District Supervisor's Signature)

3/3/14  
Date

Approved by:

[Signature]  
(District Chairperson's Signature)

3/3/14  
Date

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SWCC Chairperson's Signature)  
(Pursuant G.S. 139-8(b)(2))

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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NCDA&CS  
DSWC

NC-ACSP-1B  
(07/2011)

### ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURE COST SHARE PROGRAM

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 grant under the Agriculture Cost Share Program for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control. 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 grant is for the installation of the following best management practices to improve water quality and/or reduce sedimentation.

Best Management Practices: CROPLAND CONVERSION-GRASS

Contract Number: 71-14-005-02 Contract Amount \$ 2781

Score on priority ranking sheet: 46

Cost Share Rate: 75% 90% other \_\_\_\_\_ (circle one)

Relative Rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): 1st out of 2

Were any higher or equally ranked contracts were denied? No

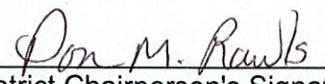
If yes, give an explanation as to why the supervisor's contract was approved over the other contracts.: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Name: WW MURRELL, JR

  
(District Supervisor's Signature)

3/3/14  
Date

Approved by:

  
(District Chairperson's Signature)

3/3/14  
Date

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SWCC Chairperson's Signature)  
(Pursuant G.S. 139-8(b)(2))

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## ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION COST SHARE PROGRAMS

As a Soil and Water District Supervisor, for the \_Polk 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: NCACSP

Best management practice: Livestock Exclusion

Contract number: 75-2014-267

Contract amount: \$ 24,999

Score on priority ranking sheet: 53 points

Cost Share Rate: 90 % If different than 75%, please list % percent:  
Reason: Farmland Preservation District Participate

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

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: Frank Smith

Frank Smith  
(District Supervisor's signature)

1-2-2014  
Date

Approved by:

X Richard Smith  
(District Chairperson's signature)

1-14-2014  
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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## ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION COST SHARE PROGRAMS

As a Soil and Water District Supervisor, for the **Robeson** 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: **NCACSP**

Best management practice: **3 Year Conservation Tillage – Grain, Nutrient Management**

Contract number: **78-2014-013-08**

Contract amount: **\$11,786.00**

Score on priority ranking sheet: **220**

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

Reason: **Both of these practices are incentives**

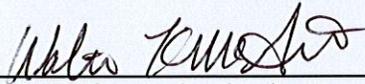
Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered):**1**

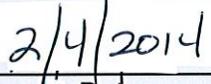
Were any higher or equally ranked contracts denied? **No**

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

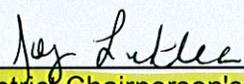
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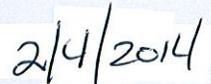
Supervisor name: **Walter K. McGirt**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(District Supervisor's signature)

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Approved by:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(District Chairperson's signature)

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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 Wayne 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: ACS

Best management practice: Cropland Conversion

Contract number: 82-2014-008

Contract amount: \$3218.00

Score on priority ranking sheet: 250 pts.

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

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 4 considered during that batching period.

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: Dennis R. Waller

X Dennis R. Waller  
(District Supervisor's signature)

2/27/14  
Date

Approved by:

L Craig Shute  
(District Chairperson's signature)

2-27-14  
Date

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

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

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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 Wayne 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: Cost Share

Best management practice: Litter Spreader

Contract number: 96-2014-008

Contract amount: \$ 7,500.00

Score on priority ranking sheet: 70

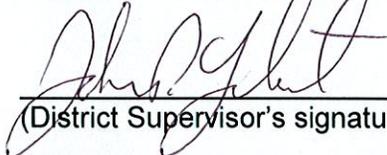
Cost Share Rate : 53.57% If different than 75%, please list % percent:  
Reason: **Board has a cap of \$7,500.00 for Litter Spreaders**

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): 5<sup>th</sup> out of 6

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: John Yelverton

  
(District Supervisor's signature)

2/26/14  
Date

Approved by:

  
(District Chairperson's signature)

2/26/14  
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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## SWCC Job Approval Authority Recommendations

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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

1. Pond Site Assessment

Kenny Ray – Orange Soil and Water Conservation District

Todd Roberts – Orange Soil and Water Conservation District

Mr. Ray and Mr. Roberts have successfully completed the requirements and have 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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## Technical Specialist Designation Recommendations

March 19, 2014

1. The Soil and Water Conservation Commission has authority to designate water quality technical specialists based upon specific criteria and procedures (15A NCAC 06H .0101). This authority extends to individuals who have been assigned approval authority by USDA NRCS, NC Cooperative Extension, Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services and the Division. District staff is assigned the approval authority by the USDA NRCS. This process allows for each agency personnel to ensure an employee not only has completed the training requirements, but has also demonstrated proficiency prior to obtaining a technical specialist designation.

As Associate Dean for Extension in NCSU College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Director of Cooperative Extension Service, Dr. Joe Zublena has requested that the following employees receive the Waste Utilization/Nutrient Management designation.

Deanna Wagner – Davidson CES

Ethan Henderson – Buncombe CES

Daniel Hedgecock – NCSU Department of Soil Science

All employees have successfully completed the required training; therefore I recommend that these designations are approved.

2. Individuals who are not employees of the above mentioned agencies or who are professional engineers must submit a completed application to seek designation. The Division has received an application from Ms. Amanda Harris requesting designation for Waste Utilization Planning/Nutrient Management.

Pursuant to the education and training requirements of this rule, I recommend the Commission approve this designation request.

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 NC Soil and Water Conservation Commission  
 Division of Soil and Water Conservation

**APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION AS A "TECHNICAL SPECIALIST"**  
 (Pursuant to 15A NCAC 2T .0100, 15A NCAC 6F & 15A NCAC 6H)

Applicant's Name Amanda Harris Home Phone # 252-338-6476

Business Name Parkway Ag Supply, LLC Work Phone # 252-264-3757

Mailing Address 647 Chapanoke Road

City Hertford State NC Zip 27944

Email mharris@parkwayag.com

I. Place a check (✓) mark by the category(s) for which you are seeking approval authority and indicate the years of experience in each category being sought. See Attachment 1 for a description of each category and the minimum requirements for designation.

✓	Designation Category	Category Code	Years of Experience
	Irrigation Equipment	(I)	
✓	Waste Utilization Planning/Nutrient Management	(WUP/NM)	3
	Inorganic Nutrient Management	(INM)	
	Wettable Acres	(WA)	
	Runoff Controls	(RC)	
	Water Management	(WM)	
	Structural Animal Waste	(SD – Design) (SI – Inspection)	

II. List applicable education, registrations, certifications, etc. currently held.

Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Science

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III. Provide information on required training courses attended (See Technical Specialist Criteria).

Name of Training Course	Primary Instructor	Date(s) attended
Nutrient management by CES	David Crouse & Deanna Osmond	Dec. 12-16, 2011
PLAT course	David Crouse & Deanna Osmond	Dec. 12-16, 2011
Conservation Planning with RUSLE	Jim Canterbury	Dec. 12-16, 2011
NC Nutrient Management Software	Joseph Hudyncia	Dec. 12-16, 2011

IV. Provide evidence of experience by each category sought. Types of documentation that are also accepted as evidence of experience can be Waste Utilization Plans, Nutrient Management Plans, and Irrigation Designs etc.

Category Code	Type of Facility/Operation	Relative Experience	County
WUP/NM	Poultry Litter Operations	Updating growers Nutrient management plans under James Parsons	Robeson/Cumberland
WUP/NM	Swine Operations	Teaching classes for swine growers for waste management	Cumberland/Bladen/Robeson/Swiftland/Duplin/Sampson
WUP/NM	Poultry & Swine Operations	calibration of litter & irrigation equipment	Bladen/Cumberland

V. List three references for each category of authority sought. These references should be able to attest to your technical proficiency. (Attach additional sheets as necessary)

Category Code	Name	Address	Phone
WUP /NM	James Parsons	165 Agriculture Dr. Kenansville, NC 28349	910-296-2143
WUP /NM	Lisa Childers	301 East Mountain Dr. Fayetteville, NC 28306	910-321-6880
WUP /NM	Raymond Meigs	647 Chapanoke Rd. Hertford, NC 27944	252-426-1161

VI. List your employment record for the past five years, starting with your current employer. (Attach additional sheets as necessary)

Employer	Address	Phone	Start/End Date
Parkway Ag Supply	647 Chapanoke Rd Hertford, NC 27944	252-264-3757	Oct. 1, 2013 - Present
NCCES-Cumberland Co.	301 East Mountain Dr. Fayetteville, NC 28306	910-321-6860	March 1, 2011 - Sept. 30, 2013
NC Division of Marine Fisheries	1367 US 17 South Elizabeth City, NC 27909	252-264-3911	May 2010 - July 2010
Murphy Family Ventures	5752 US Hwy 117 S. Wallace, NC 28466	866-568-7326	May 2009 - July 2009

VI. Provide a copy of related school transcripts, degrees, certifications, etc.

I certify that the information provided above is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. In the event confirmation is needed in connection with my qualifications, I authorize employers, clients, educational institutions, associations, registration and licensing boards to furnish whatever detail is available concerning my qualifications.

Amanda Lamb  
Applicant's Signature

2/4/14  
Date

**PY2014 AgWRAP Application Summary**

Over \$1.3 was requested during this application period for eligible AgWRAP best management practices (BMP). A brief summary of the applications is listed below by BMP, and all sectors of agriculture are represented. The ranking formula is being reviewed by the AgWRAP Review Committee, and draft ranking options will be emailed to commission members in advance of the March 19, 2014 meeting.

**New Ponds**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Applications received</b>	<b>BMP funds requested</b>	<b>Engineering funds requested</b>	<b>Total funds requested</b>
Eastern	8	\$150,000	\$22,500	\$172,500
Central	12	\$159,000	\$16,500	\$175,500
Western*	34	\$496,000	\$84,000	\$580,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>\$805,000</b>	<b>\$123,000</b>	<b>\$928,000</b>

\* Districts in the western region that are not TVA eligible districts requested \$60,000.

**Pond repair/retrofits**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Applications received</b>	<b>BMP funds requested</b>	<b>Engineering funds requested</b>	<b>Total funds requested</b>
Eastern	4	\$60,000	\$15,000	\$75,000
Central	4	\$60,000	\$22,500	\$82,500
Western*	12	\$180,000	\$45,000	\$225,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$82,500</b>	<b>\$382,500</b>

\* Districts in the western region that are not TVA eligible districts requested \$52,500.

**Pond sediment removal**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Applications received</b>	<b>BMP funds requested</b>	<b>Engineering funds requested</b>	<b>Total funds requested</b>
Eastern	3	\$16,000	0	\$16,000
Central	7	\$26,000	0	\$26,000
Western*	7	\$35,000	0	\$35,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$77,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$77,000</b>

\* TVA eligible districts submitted all requests.

**Streamside pickup/Baseflow interceptor**

TVA eligible districts submitted four applications for BMP construction requesting \$23,902.

**Micro-irrigation system**

TVA eligible districts submitted four applications for BMP construction requesting \$20,000.

**Conservation irrigation conversion**

No TVA eligible districts submitted applications for this BMP.

Draft Western Region PY2014 AgWRAP allocation								TVA Available funds	SWCC AgWRAP funds	Notes
Region	Type of Agriculture	BMP	Applicant	County	Acres irrigated or animals watered	Total Percent	Total AgWRAP Request			
Western	Field crops	repair/retrofit	Dale McCurdy	Alexander	25	59.19%	\$ 22,500	\$ 374,198	\$ 219,538	
Western	Fruit and vegetable	new pond	John W. Mitchell	Macon	10	50.00%	\$ 15,000	\$ 359,198	\$ 197,038	
Western	Fruit and vegetable	new pond	Stanley A. Beam	Gaston	15	46.73%	\$ 27,000		\$ 170,038	
Western	Fruit and vegetable	new pond	Samuel Boggess	Yancey	2	43.75%	\$ 15,000	\$ 344,198		
Western	Animals	repair/retrofit	Marvin Hutchison	Cleveland	75 cow/calf	35.65%	\$ 15,000		\$ 155,038	
Western	Fruit and vegetable	new pond	Nottely River Valley Farms, LLC	Cherokee	5.5	34.62%	\$ 15,000	\$ 329,198		
Western	Fruit and vegetable	repair/retrofit	Gary Davis	Lincoln	45	31.32%	\$ 15,000		\$ 140,038	
Western	Field crops	repair/retrofit	Jeffery J. Smith	Yadkin	20	30.83%	\$ 15,000		\$ 125,038	will use division engineering resources per Dennis 3/28/14; value decreased to \$15,000
Western	Fruit and vegetable	new pond	T & D Orchards	Henderson	25	29.85%	\$ 15,000	\$ 314,198		
Western	Animals	repair/retrofit	Jerry Plemmons	Buncombe	14 cow/calf	29.17%	\$ 22,500	\$ 291,698		
Western	Animals	new pond	Randy Smith	Polk	50 cow calf	29.01%	\$ 18,000		\$ 107,038	
Western	Fruit and vegetable	sediment removal	Kerri Parker	Madison	0	27.27%	\$ 5,000	\$ 286,698		
Western	Fruit and vegetable	repair/retrofit	Flying Cloud Farm	Buncombe	14	27.01%	\$ 22,500	\$ 264,198		
Western	Fruit and vegetable	sediment removal	McConnell Farms, Inc.	Henderson	64	26.62%	\$ 5,000	\$ 259,198		
Western	Fruit and vegetable	sediment removal	McConnell Farms, Inc.	Henderson	64	25.89%	\$ 5,000	\$ 254,198		
Western	Green industry	sediment removal	Doug Dellinger	Mitchell	9	25.29%	\$ 5,000	\$ 249,198		
Western	Animals	repair/retrofit	Doug Stanfield	Graham	20 goats	25.00%	\$ 15,000	\$ 234,198		
Western	Animals	new pond	Allen Dehart	Graham	6 horses	23.08%	\$ 15,000	\$ 219,198		
Western	Animals	new pond	John Lovin	Graham	12 horses	23.08%	\$ 15,000	\$ 204,198		
Western	Animals	repair/retrofit	Jeff Phillips	Graham	6 cattle, 10 goats, 2 horses	23.00%	\$ 15,000	\$ 189,198		
Western	Fruit and vegetable	new pond	David Hickson	Cherokee	0.04	22.15%	\$ 15,000	\$ 174,198		
Western	Animals	sediment removal	Larry Walls	Graham	12 cow calf	18.18%	\$ 5,000	\$ 169,198		
Western	Fruit and vegetable	repair/retrofit	Wanda Jean Hedden/Betty Wilson	Cherokee	1.2	17.86%	\$ 15,000	\$ 154,198		
Western	Fruit and vegetable	repair/retrofit	Henry and Barbara Raper	Cherokee	50	13.85%	\$ 15,000	\$ 139,198		
Western	Animals	sediment removal	Beverly Whitehead	Graham	20 cattle 4 horses	13.64%	\$ 5,000	\$ 134,198		
Western	Fruit and vegetable	new pond	Ronnie Wilson	Cherokee	3.5	13.46%	\$ 15,000	\$ 119,198		
Western	Fruit and vegetable	repair/retrofit	Stephen Berry Laughter	Henderson	70	12.65%	\$ 15,000	\$ 104,198		
Western	Field crops	new pond	John Taylor Kirkpatrick	Haywood	38	12.18%	\$ 22,500	\$ 81,698		
Western	Animals	sediment removal	Pat Hoxit	Transylvania	50 whitetail deer	11.85%	\$ 5,000	\$ 76,698		
Western	Fruit and vegetable	sediment removal	Bill Tipton	Cherokee	1	11.69%	\$ 5,000	\$ 71,698		
Western	Animals	new pond	Ben Ousley	Cleveland	200 lamb/ewe	11.54%	\$ 15,000		\$ 92,038	
Western	Green industry	new pond	Doug Dellinger	Mitchell	9	11.27%	\$ 15,000	\$ 56,698		

Western	Fruit and vegetable	new pond	Chris Tomczak	Cherokee	1.5	10.47%	\$ 15,000	\$ 41,698		
Western	Fruit and vegetable	new pond	Whisper Mountain	Graham	1	10.26%	\$ 15,000	\$ 26,698		
Western	Fruit and vegetable	new pond	Harold Whimire	Transylvania	8	9.58%	\$ 15,000	\$ 11,698		
Western	Animals	new pond	Charles Kissling	Clay	10	8.59%	\$ 15,000		\$ 77,038	District chose to use division engineering instead of private PE. Reduced allocation to \$7500
Western	Animals	new pond	Tommy Phillips	Mitchell	15 cow/calf	7.14%	\$ 15,000		\$ 62,038	
Western	Fruit and vegetable	repair/retrofit	Janet Peterson Cloud 9 Farm	Buncombe	4	6.67%	\$ 22,500		\$ 39,538	
Western	Fruit and vegetable	new pond	Kevin and Dana Murphy	Cherokee	1	5.17%	\$ 15,000		\$ 24,538	
Western	Fruit and vegetable	new pond	Gary Wilson	Cherokee	2	4.85%	\$ 15,000		\$ 9,538	
Western	Field crops	new pond	Audrey Ware	Cherokee	40	2.59%	\$ 15,000	0	\$ 6,236	
Western	Green industry	new pond	Mountain Meadow Nursery	Buncombe	2	1.85%	\$ 15,000			
Western	Field crops	repair/retrofit	James Alan Best - 1	Haywood	12	1.38%	\$ 22,500			
Western	Field crops	repair/retrofit	James Alan Best - 2	Haywood	12	1.07%	\$ 22,500			
Western	Field crops	new pond	Jon Grady	Haywood	40	0.10%	\$ 22,500			
Western	Fruit and vegetable	new pond	James Spurling	Cherokee	0.04	0.00%	\$ 15,000			

TVA	\$	425,000
streamside pickup	\$	33,902
micro-irrigation	\$	16,900
Available	\$	374,198

Draft Central Region PY2014 AgWRAP allocation

Draft Central Region PY2014 AgWRAP allocation								Available funds	
Region	Type of Agriculture	BMP	Applicant	County	Acres irrigated or animals watered	Total Percent	Total AgWRAP Request	\$ 219,538	Notes
Central	Fruit and vegetable	new pond	Robert Ruta	Durham	10	51.92%	\$ 27,000	\$ 192,538	
Central	Field crops	sediment removal	Billy Carter	Moore	20	40.91%	\$ 3,000	\$ 189,538	
Central	Fruit and vegetable	new pond	Root Down Farm	Orange	10	39.81%	\$ 18,000	\$ 171,538	
Central	Animals	repair/retrofit	Kevin Lineberry	Randolph	80,000 broilers	37.50%		\$ 171,538	*did not move to contract. District notified division June 9,2014
Central	Aquaculture	new pond	Spencer Dean	Franklin	Tilapia	34.62%	\$ 15,000		
Central	Field crops	new pond	Richard Seawell	Moore	15	33.69%	\$ 15,000	\$ 156,538	
Central	Animals	repair/retrofit	James Davis	Davidson	20 beef cows	33.33%	\$ 22,500	\$ 134,038	
Central	Field crops	sediment removal	Tony Ross #3	Moore	25	32.18%	\$ 4,000	\$ 130,038	
Central	Animals	sediment removal	Ethen Gilliland	Chatham	52 beef cattle	29.62%	\$ 5,000	\$ 125,038	
Central	Field crops	new pond	Billy Carter	Moore	16	28.72%	\$ 15,000	\$ 110,038	
Central	Fruit and vegetable	new pond	David K. Walker	Orange	3.5	27.91%	\$ 15,000	\$ 95,038	
Central	Animals	sediment removal	Ethen Gilliland	Chatham	52 beef cattle	27.32%	\$ 5,000	\$ 90,038	
Central	Field crops	sediment removal	Tony Ross #2	Moore	10	26.59%	\$ 3,000	\$ 87,038	
Central	Field Crops	repair/retrofit	John M. Langdon	Johnston	86	25.97%	\$ 22,500	\$ 64,538	
Central	Field crops	new pond	Melvin Huneycutt	Stanly	75	25.40%	\$ 15,000	\$ 49,538	
Central	Field crops	sediment removal	Tony Ross #1	Moore	16	25.03%	\$ 3,000	\$ 46,538	
Central	Fruit and vegetable	sediment removal	Ken Riggsbee	Moore	1.5	20.91%	\$ 3,000	\$ 43,538	
Central	Field crops	new pond	Brian Lewis	Guilford	50	17.73%	\$ 15,000	\$ 28,538	
Central	Fruit and vegetable	new pond	Marshall Sink	Davidson	12	13.63%	\$ 22,500		
Central	Fruit and vegetable	new pond	Shawn Dezern	Randolph	1.3	6.15%	\$ 18,000		

Draft Eastern Region PY2014 AgWRAP allocation

Draft Eastern Region PY2014 AgWRAP allocation								Available funds	
Region	Type of Agriculture	BMP	Applicant	County	Acres irrigated or animals watered	Total Percent	Total AgWRAP Request	\$ 219,538	Notes
Eastern	Field crops	new pond	Lucky 4 Farms	Greene	165	50.77%	\$ 22,500	\$ 197,038	
Eastern	Fruit and vegetable	new pond	Stephen Douglas	Duplin	8	50.00%	\$ 15,000	\$ 182,038	
Eastern	Fruit and vegetable	new pond	Timothy Killete	Duplin	20	39.01%	\$ 15,000	\$ 167,038	
Eastern	Field crops	sediment removal	Bradley Gillam	Hertford	140	38.88%	\$ 6,000	\$ 161,038	
Eastern	Fruit and vegetable	new pond	Randy Patterson	Duplin	25	33.85%	\$ 15,000	\$ 146,038	
Eastern	Field crops	new pond	Joyner Farms	Hertford	66	33.50%		\$ 146,038	*did not move to contract. District notified division June 6,2014
Eastern	Field crops	new pond	Warren Sloan	Duplin	50	25.47%	\$ 15,000	\$ 131,038	
Eastern	Field crops	repair/retrofit	Coleman Taylor	Hertford	50	21.48%	\$ 15,000	\$ 116,038	
Eastern	Field crops	repair/retrofit	Mack L. Grady	Wayne	80	15.96%	\$ 22,500	\$ 93,538	
Eastern	Field crops	repair/retrofit	William Richard Helms, Jr.	Wayne	79.7	12.83%	\$ 22,500	\$ 71,038	
Eastern	Field crops	new pond	Richard Sholar	Duplin	35	12.71%	\$ 15,000	\$ 56,038	
Eastern	Field crops	sediment removal	Newsome Farms	Hertford	85	11.92%	\$ 5,000	\$ 51,038	
Eastern	Field crops	new pond	Kevin Whaley	Onslow	42.5	8.94%	\$ 15,000	\$ 36,038	
Eastern	Field crops	new pond	J & J Lewis Farms	Pitt	150	7.67%	\$ 22,500	\$ 13,538	
Eastern	Field crops	sediment removal	S & S Farms	Hertford	75	7.27%	\$ 5,000	\$ 8,538	
Eastern	Green industry	new pond	Sandy Plain Sod	Duplin	50	2.75%	\$ 15,000		

pond repair/retrofit

Pitt

County	CS Request	CS Allocation	ISI Grant Request	ISI Grant Allocation
Alamance	\$25,000	\$6,403		
Alexander	\$42,000	\$7,980		
Alleghany	\$30,000	\$6,624		
Anson	\$30,000	\$7,652		
Ashe	\$150,000	\$6,855		
Avery	\$15,000	\$6,949		
Beaufort	\$30,446	\$6,836		
Buncombe	\$20,000	\$7,876		
Burke			\$ 15,000	\$ 9,860
Camden	\$20,000	\$4,408		
Catawba	\$5,000	\$5,000		
Cherokee			\$ 20,000	\$ 8,004
Cleveland	\$15,000	\$8,070		
Duplin	\$120,000	\$10,488		
Forsyth	\$30,000	\$4,736		
Franklin	\$15,000	\$7,138		
Gaston	\$60,324	\$6,522		
Gates	\$37,000	\$3,814		
Graham	\$7,500	\$4,346		
Guilford	\$100,000	\$5,901		
Halifax	\$31,275	\$6,211		
Haywood	\$34,000	\$5,846	\$ 73,500	\$ 9,450
Henderson	\$32,323	\$7,645	\$ 30,000	\$ 12,360
Hertford	\$5,000	\$4,852		
Hyde	\$12,407	\$5,082		
Iredell	\$12,000	\$6,848		
Johnston	\$25,000	\$8,047		
Jones	\$50,000	\$6,614		
Lee	\$7,686	\$6,105		
Madison			\$ 30,000	\$ 10,651
McDowell	\$10,000	\$5,383		
Mecklenburg			\$ 25,000	\$ 6,325
Mitchell	\$10,000	\$7,551		
Moore	\$20,400	\$6,124		
Northampton	\$10,648	\$5,329		
Pamlico	\$16,600	\$6,765		
Polk	\$10,000	\$6,682		
Randolph	\$87,500	\$7,759		
Robeson	\$11,000	\$8,433		
Rockingham			\$ 50,000	\$ 12,465
Rowan	\$14,115	\$8,933		
Rutherford	\$10,000	\$6,918		
Sampson	\$20,000	\$8,728		
Surry	\$75,000	\$8,945	\$ 22,000	\$ 14,462
Swain	\$20,497	\$4,261		
Union	\$20,000	\$7,493	\$ 15,000	\$ 12,115
Wake	\$61,293	\$7,000		
Warren	\$5,416	\$5,416		
Watauga	\$100,000	\$7,636		
Wayne	\$23,445	\$6,638		
Wilkes	\$173,548	\$8,185		
Wilson	\$15,000	\$4,885		
Yadkin	\$14,303	\$7,811	\$ 25,000	\$ 12,345
Yancey	\$28,610	\$6,598		
Total	\$1,719,336	\$328,321	\$ 305,500	\$ 108,037



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December 10, 2013

Mr. Mike Robinson, Chairman  
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Dear Chairman Robinson:

We appreciate you, supervisors Hughes and Putnam, and your staff meeting with us on September 4 to discuss the Division's review of the Lenoir district's implementation of the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and the Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP). We felt the meeting was helpful and productive.

Following is the division's reaction to the Action Plan we were presented during the meeting. The Action Plan includes several positive actions that will address many of the concerns noted in the review, but it does not fully address all of the concerns. Each of the concerns noted in the review will be repeated below, followed by a commentary on how the Action Plan addresses the concern and any further actions recommended to address the concern.

**Contracts Implemented Prior to Division Approval**

Fifteen contracts were found to have been implemented prior to division approval. For many of these contracts there was a long lapse between the date the district board approved the contract and the date it was submitted to the division for approval.

The district's proposed **action item #4** calls for any contract that has not been approved by the division to be spot checked by the staff or with the assistance of a supervisor to ensure that the practice has not been started prior to approval. To ensure the effectiveness of this action the spot check should be made at the time the cooperator is notified that the contract has been approved by the division and they are authorized to begin work.

**Other recommended actions** to address this concern include:

- 1) Submit each contract for division approval within 1-2 weeks following board approval, instead of holding the contract for several months. The longer time that elapses before the contract is submitted for approval, the more likely the cooperator will feel compelled to proceed with installation prior to approval.

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- 2) Board of supervisors review receipts showing the dates that the work was completed prior to approving request for payment for each contract.
- 3) Board of supervisors review documentation of field checks for cropland conversion, conservation tillage, long-term no-till, and nutrient management to ensure the contract is approved prior to the field check.

### **Ineligible Contracts**

Nine contracts were found to contain elements that were ineligible for cost share. Of these, six involved cropland conversion to grass where the FSA cropping history shows at least part of the fields to be in grass prior to the year the contract was approved. Another contract for 3-year conservation tillage included fields that were enrolled in CRP.

The district's proposed **action item #2** calls for any contract for cropland conversion to include in the file a copy of the crop history report showing the fields to be in cropland 3 out of the last 5 years. This action item is certainly a step in the right direction, but it does not go far enough. If a field was converted to grass in the previous year, it may meet the test of being in cropland for 3 out of the last 5 years, but that field is not eligible for cropland conversion since it was already converted and no water quality concern remains to be treated.

**Another recommendation** is for the Board of supervisors, prior to approving the contract, to review the cropping history and photos of the fields to be treated to verify the field has not already been established to grass and that a water quality concern still exists.

**Action items #4 and #7** should also be helpful to ensure that ineligible contracts are not approved and implemented.

### **Overpaid Contracts**

Ten contracts were found to be overpaid based on the documentation that was found in the file. The overpayments are associated with components for which the file lacks necessary supporting documentation, for contracts where actual acreage planted does not add up to the acres shown on the request for payment, and contracts where the receipts in the file do not add up to the amount shown on the request for payment. It is important to remember that contracts are seldom implemented exactly as planned.

The district's action plan does not include any action items that address this concern specifically. One **recommendation** is for the supervisors to review the file prior to approving requests for payment to ensure that there is documentation (e.g., receipts as-built, field notes) to support every item and component, that the quantities and acreages shown on the request for payment were actually completed, and that receipts for items paid at actual cost support the amount in the request for payment.

### **Inadequate Follow-Up on Out of Compliance Contract**

The division's review included a contract that was thought to be out of compliance due to waste application in excess of the waste plan. At the September 4 meeting it was discovered that division staff had misinterpreted the information in the file. The contract is actually in compliance according to the records in the file. **No further response is needed for this concern.**

### **Unauthorized Signature for Job Approval Authority**

Seven contracts were found to have been certified by David Anderson when he did not have the appropriate job approval authority per NRCS records. The district's **proposed action item #5** calls for the district conservationist or area engineer to sign for design and installation approval authority for practices for which the district staff does not have Job Approval Authority. This is exactly what should happen.

The board of supervisors needs to know which practices the district staff have Job Approval Authority and which ones require higher level approval. To facilitate this awareness, the division recommends job approval authority records for all district staff be readily available for review at every district board meeting. The supervisors should verify that each practice design and installation is approved by someone with appropriate authority.

The board of supervisors should also create the expectation that the district staff work with the district conservationist and area office staff to obtain job approval authority for as many practices that are typically implemented in the district as possible.

### **Spot Check Discrepancies & District Follow Up**

The division's review included two contracts with discrepancies related to spot checks and district follow up on non-compliance. The district's **proposed action item #3** calls for all contracts that are spot checked will have a photograph and notes to verify compliance. This action will be good to document compliance. However, the district's spot checks may not have been sufficiently thorough, since a 2010 spot check did not detect that 7.2 acres of trees were missing from one field. Supervisors should have access to the contracts prior to the spot check field visits. This will allow them to understand what they are to be looking for each file. Care needs to be taken to review all of the fields that are included in the contract not just the ones that are easily accessed.

The district also needs to implement greater follow-up procedures to document that contracts found to be out of compliance are either returned to compliance or paid back. All compliance issues need to be reported immediately to the division cost share staff.

### **Apparent Conflict of Interest**

The Division's review points out concern about David Anderson's secondary employment being contrary to paragraphs 1b,c,d,and f of the Soil and Water Conservation Commission's advisory related to secondary employment. The district's action plan does not propose any actions to address this concern.

The division recommends the board take action to eliminate the apparent conflict of interest. Each district employee who has a secondary employment association with any cooperator should at a minimum be required to declare the association. Any cost share assistance needed by that cooperator should be provided by someone other than the employee with the declared conflict. Further an employee should not sign as either a district representative or technical approval for any contract with a cooperator with whom he has associated secondary employment.

### **General Actions**

The district's proposed action items include two general actions that have the potential to be helpful. **Action item #1** proposes for supervisors to receive a copy of all contracts prior to being approved at board meetings. **Action item #6** proposes that the district conservationist review all contracts to ensure they meet NRCS standards and guidelines. This action is already necessary for the practices for which district staff do not have the necessary job approval authority. Requiring the district conservationist to look oversee the district staff for practices for which they have JAA may have the unintended consequence of diverting the district conservationist's time away from other cooperators needing assistance.

### **Summary**

The concerns noted in the review are serious and numerous. The district's proposed action plan and the division's recommended additional actions are aimed at preventing recurrences, but they may not thoroughly address the

root of the problems noted in the division's review. The district supervisors are encouraged to investigate further to determine what may have led to the noted concerns.

Supervisors need to be able to depend on their experienced staff to understand and carry out the requirements of the programs administered through the district. The actions proposed by the district and those recommended by the division may seem to be excessive, but it is clear from the breadth and depth of concerns found during the division's review that the supervisors of the Lenoir SWCD need to become more involved in oversight for the program to establish greater accountability for the district staff. Failure to do so threatens the district and the conservation programs it is charged to administer to the citizens of the Lenoir District.

Please let me know if you have questions about this response or if you need further assistance to implement the necessary corrective actions.

Sincerely,



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