

**NORTH CAROLINA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
 RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA
 BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA – Teleconference
 (919) 733-2511; https://ncag.adobeconnect.com/swcc_2016/**

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WORK SESSION

Public Access –
 Archdale Bldg. 4th Floor, Room 425G
 512 N. Salisbury Street
 Raleigh, NC 27604
 September 20, 2016
6:00 p.m.

BUSINESS SESSION

Public Access -
 Archdale Bldg. 4th Floor, Room 425G
 512 N. Salisbury Street
 Raleigh, NC 27604
 September 21, 2016
9:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PRELIMINARY – Business Meeting

Welcome Chairman John Langdon

III. BUSINESS

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| 1. Approval of agenda | Chairman John Langdon |
| 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes | Chairman John Langdon |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. July 20, 2016 Meeting Minutes B. July 19, 2016 Work Session Meeting Minutes C. September 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes | |
| 3. Clean Water Management Trust Fund Overview-
POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 16, 2016 | Mr. Bryan Gossage,
Executive Director
Clean Water Management
Trust Fund |
| 4. 319 Grant Program Overview- POSTPONED TO
NOVEMBER 16, 2016 | Ms. Heather Jennings,
Grant Administrator
NC Division of Water Resources |

ATTACHMENT 1

- 5. Division Report Ms. Pat Harris
 - 6. Association Report- **POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 16, 2016** Mr. Ben Knox
 - 7. NRCS Report- **POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 16, 2016** Mr. Tim Beard
 - 8. Consent Agenda
 - A. Nomination of Supervisors- **POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 16, 2016** Ms. Kristina Fischer
 - B. Supervisor Contracts Ms. Kelly Hedgepeth
 - 9. Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program Ms. Julie Henshaw
 - A. District Financial Assistance Allocation
 - 10. Community Conservation Assistance Program Ms. Julie Henshaw
 - A. Detailed Implementation Plan Feedback- **POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 16, 2016**
 - 11. District issues
 - A. PY2014 AgWRAP Extension Requests Chatham SWCD
 - B. Cost share contract for government entity- Wake SWCD
POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 16, 2016
 - 12. Supervisor Training Committee Report Vice Chairman Ben Knox
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- V. ADJOURNMENT**

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II. PRELIMINARY – Work Session

Welcome

Chairman John Langdon

III. BUSINESS

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| 1. Approval of agenda | Chairman John Langdon |
| 2. Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program
A. District Financial Assistance Allocation (item 9) | Ms. Julie Henshaw |
| 3. Community Conservation Assistance Program - POSTPONED TO
NOVEMBER 16, 2016
A. Detailed Implementation Plan Feedback (item 10) | Ms. Julie Henshaw |
| 4. District Issues (item 11)
A. PY2014 AgWRAP Extension Requests
B. Cost share contract for government entity -
POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 16, 2016 | Chatham SWCD
Wake SWCD |
| 5. Consent Agenda (item 8) | |

- A. Nomination of Supervisors - **POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 16, 2016** Ms. Kristina Fischer
- B. Supervisor Contracts Ms. Kelly Hedgepeth

- 6. Supervisor Training Committee Report (item 12) ~~Ms. Pat Harris~~
Commissioner Ben Knox

- 7. Division Report (item 5) Ms. Pat Harris

- 8. Approval of Meeting Minutes (item 2) Chairman John Langdon
 - A. July 20, 2016 Meeting Minutes
 - B. July 19, 2016 Work Session Meeting Minutes
 - C. September 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes

- 9. Clean Water Management Trust Fund Overview (item 3) - **POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 16, 2016** Mr. Bryan Gossage

- 10. 319 Grant Program Overview (item 4) - **POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 16, 2016** Ms. Heather Jennings

- 11. Association Report (item 6) - **POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 16, 2016** Mr. Ben Knox

- 12. NRCS Report (item 7) - **POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 16, 2016** Mr. Tim Beard

- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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**NORTH CAROLINA
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION
COMMISSION BUSINESS SESSION MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 2016**

TELECONFERENCE WITH ADOBE CONNECT

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512 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27604

Commission Members		
John Langdon	Kristina Fischer	Anne Coleman
Wayne Collier	Natalie Woolard	Tim Beard
Chris Hogan	Kelly Hedgepeth	Michelle Raquet
Charles Hughes	Ken Parks	David Harrison
Ben Knox	Tom Hill	Linda Hash
Manly West	Louise Hart	Janie Woodle
Bill Yarborough	Lisa Fine	Alexander SWCD
	Eric Pare	Avery SWCD
Commission Counsel	Davis Ferguson	New River SWCD
Phillip Reynolds	Julie Groce	Chatham SWCD
	Rob Baldwin	Caldwell SWCD
Guests	Johnny Glosston	Yadkin SWCD
Pat Harris	Susannah Goldston	Dewitt Hardee
David Williams	Pam Steuer	Martin SWCD
Julie Henshaw	Sandra Weitzel	
Helen Wiklund	Chester Lowder	
Richard Reich	Tom Ellis	

Chairman John Langdon called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Chairman Langdon stated that he appreciates Governor McCrory's sensitivity to the gas crisis in our state about suspending all non-essential travel, which requires us to meet via conference call.

He inquired whether any Commission members need to declare any conflict of interest, or appearance of conflict of interest, that may exist for agenda items under consideration, as mandated by the State Ethics Act. None were declared. Chairman Langdon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Approval of Agenda: Commissioner West moved to approve the amended agenda as discussed during the work session on September 20, 2016, and Commissioner Knox seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Minutes:

2A. July 20, 2016 Meeting: Chairman Langdon asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Commission Business Meeting held on July 20, 2016. Commissioner Collier moved to approve the minutes, and Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2B. July 19, 2016 Meeting: Chairman Langdon asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Commission Work Session held on July 19, 2016. Commissioner Collier moved to approve the minutes, and Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2C. September 12, 2016 Meeting: Chairman Langdon asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Teleconference held on September 12, 2016. Commissioner Collier moved to approve the minutes, and Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Clean Water Management Trust Fund Overview: Chairman Langdon stated item 3 is postponed to the November 16, 2016 meeting.

4. 319 Grant Program Overview: Chairman Langdon stated item 4 is postponed to the November 16, 2016 meeting.

5. Division Report: Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Pat Harris, Director of the Division of Soil and Water Conservation, and she briefly summarized the following items included in her abbreviated Director's report, which is included as agenda Attachment 5 as an official part of the minutes.

- DSWC employee, Shane Wyatt's, sudden passing and the Shane Wyatt Memorial Fund
- DSWC vacancies
- Engineering assistance strategy
- HPAI update

Chairman Langdon thanked Ms. Harris for her presentation.

6. Association Report: Chairman Langdon stated item 6 is postponed to the November 16, 2016 meeting.

7. NRCS Report: Chairman Langdon stated item 7 is postponed to the November 16, 2016 meeting.

8. Consent Agenda: Commissioner West moved to approve the amended consent agenda and Commissioner Hughes seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Langdon stated item 8A is postponed to the November 16, 2016 meeting.

8B. Supervisor Contracts:

- Eight contracts; totaling \$28,132

The handout for agenda Attachment 8B is included as an official part of the minutes.

9. Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program: Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Julie Henshaw to present item 9.

9A. District Financial Assistance Allocation: Ms. Henshaw called attention to item 9A and presented a request from Catawba SWCD for a district allocation of AgWRAP funds for FY2017. Catawba SWCD Board approved their 2017 Strategy Plan on May 6, 2016 and included a request of \$25,000 for their district AgWRAP application. This funding request was inadvertently omitted from the online version of the document submitted to the division and used to make district allocations. Using the same parameters for AgWRAP district allocations, the division is requesting funding of \$18,181 for Catawba's district AgWRAP allocation.

Commissioner Knox moved to approve the request for AgWRAP allocations, and Commissioner Yarborough seconded. Motion carried.

10. Community Conservation Assistance Program (Item #10): Chairman Langdon stated item 10A is postponed to the November 16, 2016 meeting.

10A. Detailed Implementation Plan Feedback: Ms. Henshaw will present at the November 16, 2016 meeting.

11. District Issues: Chairman Langdon recognized Chatham SWCD, and Ms. Kelly Hedgepeth introduced Susannah Goldston, staff, and Johnny Glosson, Supervisor.

11A. PY2014 AgWRAP Extension Requests: Chatham SWCD presented item 11A requesting extensions for two 2014 AgWRAP contracts (#19-2014-802 and #19-2014-803) for Mr. Russell Gilliland's projects. Ms. Goldston stated Contract #19-2014-802 is 90% complete with the sediment removed from the pond as of yesterday. The sediment that has been removed needs to be stabilized to seed, mulch, process the paperwork, and get the Job Approval Authority (JAA) done. Contract #19-2014-803 is for the same cooperater and the pond is being pumped down so we can move onto it when it is dry. Ms. Hedgepeth noted that the staff recommends granting the extension and that it will be completed before June 2017.

Commissioner Yarborough moved to approve the extension requests, and Commissioner West seconded. Motion carried.

11B. Cost Share Contract for Government Entity: Chairman Langdon stated item 11B is postponed to the November 16, 2016 meeting. Wake SWCD will present three separate ACSP contracts in November.

12. Supervisor Training Committee Report: Vice Chairman Ben Knox presented item 12

- Challenges and proposed solution to supervisor training
- Farm Act of 2016 modified district law to require training
- Supervisor Training Committee offers several locations to attend training
- Tracking continuing education credits or CEUs

- Potential training topics
- District concerns and Committee response

The handout for agenda Attachment 12 is included as an official part of the minutes.

Commissioner Yarborough offered a motion and Commissioner Knox seconded the motion that the Commission approve the following training credits for supervisor participation in various activities/events:

- Spring Area Meeting: 3 hours
- Fall Area Meeting: 3 hours
- Annual Meeting: 3 hours
- Attending 75% of district meetings: 3 hours
- Attending UNC School of Government Training: 24 hours per term

There was discussion suggesting the Commission needed to wait about making decisions until the Training Committee completes its work. Mr. Reynolds suggested the Commission may need to approve rules to implement the program. Commissioner Yarborough suggested the statute was silent on the giving the Commission a way to enforce the requirement, but Mr. Reynolds suggested that failure to complete the training as required by law could be considered neglect of duty. Mr. Reynolds pointed out that the statute does not include any particular time by which the Commission had to have the training program developed, so there is no need to act hastily. Chairman Langdon cautioned that the Commission does not need to make a knee-jerk decision. Chairman Langdon believes we can raise the bar on education and training, but equally as concerning is to not create hardship to the supervisors. Mr. Reynolds suggested that if the Commission chooses to not act on this offer today, the Training Committee may take into consideration these suggestions from Commissioner Yarborough in formulating their recommendations.

Chairman Langdon called for the question and the motion failed with 2 votes in support and 4 votes against.

Public Comments: Chairman Langdon called for any comments from the public.

Chairman Langdon thanked everyone for their time, participation and cooperation.

Adjournment: Chairman Langdon declared the meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

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


Helen Wiklund, Recording Secretary

These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Soil & Water Conservation Commission on November 16, 2016.

NC Soil & Water Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes, September 21, 2016



**NORTH CAROLINA
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION
COMMISSION WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2016**

TELECONFERENCE WITH ADOBE CONNECT

Archdale Building
4th Floor Conference Room – 425G
512 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27604

Commission Members		
John Langdon	Ralston James	
Wayne Collier	Natalie Woolard	
Chris Hogan	Rob Baldwin	
Charles Hughes	Ken Parks	
Ben Knox	Tom Hill	
Manly West	Kristina Fischer	
Bill Yarborough	Lisa Fine	
	Kelly Hedgepeth	
Commission Counsel		
	David Harrison	
Phillip Reynolds	Michelle Lovejoy	
	Davis Ferguson	
Guests		
	Julie Groce	
Pat Harris		
David Williams		
Julie Henshaw		
Helen Wiklund		

Chairman John Langdon called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Chairman Langdon inquired whether any Commission members need to declare any conflict of interest, or appearance of conflict of interest, that may exist for agenda items under consideration, as mandated by the State Ethics Act. None were declared. Chairman Langdon welcomed everyone to the meeting. Chairman Langdon appreciates Governor McCrory's sensitivity to the gas crisis and ask for non-essential travel to be reduced by participating in the conference call.

1. Approval of Agenda: Chairman Langdon discussed postponing agenda items 3, 4, 6, 7, 8A, 10A, and 11B to the November 16, 2016 meeting.

2. Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program (Item #9): Chairman Langdon recognized

Ms. Julie Henshaw to present item 9A.

2A. District Financial Assistance Allocation: Ms. Henshaw called attention to item 9A and presented a request from Catawba SWCD for a district allocation of AgWRAP funds for FY2017. Catawba SWCD Board approved their 2017 Strategy Plan on May 6, 2016 and included a request of \$25,000 for their district AgWRAP application. This funding request was inadvertently omitted from the online version of the document submitted to the division and used to make district allocations. Using the same parameters for AgWRAP district allocations, the division is requesting funding of \$18,181 for Catawba's district AgWRAP allocation.

3. Community Conservation Assistance Program (Item #10): *POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 16, 2016*

3A. Detailed Implementation Plan Feedback: Ms. Henshaw will discuss item 10A in November with regards to the allocation process, the different funding pools, and allocation strategy along with the FY2017 annual goals.

4. District Issues (Item #11): Ms. Hedgepeth called attention to item 11A regarding Chatham SWCD extension requests.

4A. PY2014 AgWRAP Extension Requests: Ms. Kelly Hedgepeth stated the Chatham SWCD requests were delayed since they did not appear in July and the Commission postponed the extension requests to September to update the Commission. The extension requests are provided for review. Chatham SWCD will present via conference call tomorrow.

4B. Cost Share Contract for Government Entity: *POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 16, 2016*

Wake SWCD will present item 11B in November asking for approval for three separate ACSP contracts (#92-2017-006-09, #92-2017-007-09, and #92-2017-014-09) on Wake County property. All three contracts are in the Little River Watershed which is a future water supply watershed and a priority watershed for the District.

5. Consent Agenda (Item #8): Ms. Kelly Hedgepeth discussed item 5B that will be included on the consent agenda.

5A. Nomination of Supervisors: *POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 16, 2016*

5B. Supervisor Contracts:

- Two contracts; totaling \$5,402
- Six additional contracts added for review—these were not included in the mailout packet. Ms. Hedgepeth will e-mail to all Commission members, and Director Harris will upload to the unlinked page for the Commissioners to review before tomorrow's meeting

The handout for agenda Attachments 8B is included as an official part of the minutes.

6. Supervisor Training Committee Report (Item #12): Vice Chairman Knox will present the report tomorrow. The following abbreviated report included:

- Challenges and proposed solutions for supervisor attendance and training locations
 - Tracking of education credits and carry forward credits to next calendar year
 - Develop the same type of tracking system for the technical specialists
 - Training topics, district concerns, and response by the Committee
7. **Division Report (Item #5):** Ms. Pat Harris, Director of the Division of Soil and Water Conservation, summarized the items she will include in her Director's report with a PowerPoint presentation.
8. **Approval of Meeting Minutes (Item #2):** Chairman Langdon asked if there were any comments. Chairman Langdon stated the minutes will be approved during the Business Session tomorrow.
- 8A. **July 20, 2016 Business Meeting**
- 8B. **July 18, 2016 Work Session Meeting**
- 8C. **September 12, 2016 Teleconference Meeting**
9. **Clean Water Management Trust Fund Overview (Item #3):** *POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 16, 2016*
10. **319 Grant Program Overview (Item #4):** *POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 16, 2016*
11. **Association Report (Item #6):** *POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 16, 2016*
12. **NRCS Report (Item #7):** *POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 16, 2016*

Public Comments: Chairman Langdon called for any comments from the public.

Director Harris will update the modified draft agenda, as well as e-mail the Commissioners the revised agenda, and upload the agenda to the Division's webpage.

Adjournment: Chairman Langdon declared the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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


Helen Wiklund, Recording Secretary

These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Soil & Water Conservation Commission on November 16, 2016.



**NORTH CAROLINA
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION
COMMISSION TELECONFERENCE MINUTES
September 12, 2016**

Archdale Building
4th Floor Conference Room
512 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC

Commission Members	Commission Counsel	Guests
John Langdon	Phillip Reynolds	Pat Harris
Wayne Collier		David Williams
Charles Hughes		Julie Henshaw
Ben Knox		Tom Hill
Manly West		Helen Wiklund
Bill Yarborough		

Chairman John Langdon called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. He inquired whether any Commission members need to declare any conflict of interest, or appearance of conflict of interest, that may exist for agenda items under consideration, as mandated by the State Ethics Act. None were declared. Chairman Langdon welcomed everyone.

1. Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Collier moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner West seconded. Motion carried.

2. CCAP Rule – Final Adoption of Proposed Revisions: Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Julie Henshaw to present. Ms. Henshaw stated it is necessary to take formal action to approve the revised CCAP Rules the Commission adopted at the May Meeting. The 60-day public comment period concluded on August 30 with one comment received that expressed concern about the ability of smaller or less expensive BMPs to compete in a regional application process. The Commission’s proposed rule revisions do not prohibit a district allocation nor does the new text specify which BMPs will be eligible during a regional application process. The Commission will have the ability to take action in the Detailed Implementation Plan each year for the program. Staff recommends to approve the draft rule revisions as adopted at the May Commission meeting.

Commissioner Knox moved to approve and Commissioner Hughes seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Langdon asked for any further comments. Chairman Langdon asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner West moved to adjourn and Commissioner Knox seconded. Chairman Langdon declared the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.



**NORTH CAROLINA
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION
COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2016**

NC State Fairgrounds
Gov. James G. Martin Building
1025 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC

Commission Members		
John Langdon	Kelly Hedgepeth	James Booth
Wayne Collier	Natalie Woolard	Tom Smith
Chris Hogan	Kristina Fischer	Michelle Raquet
Charles Hughes	Ken Parks	Charles Hill
Ben Knox	Tom Hill	James Massey
Manly West	Louise Hart	Jake Barbee
Bill Yarborough	Lisa Fine	Randy Willis
	Tom Ellis	Laura Parnell
Commission Counsel		
	Joe Hudyncia	David Harrison
Phillip Reynolds	Tim Beard	Edward Long
	Tina Hlabse	Greg Hughes
Guests		
	Dewitt Hardee	William F. Brown III
Pat Harris	Paula Day	Nichole Carpenter
David Williams	Rob Baldwin	Blake Henley
Julie Henshaw	Robert Hosford	James W. Mason
Helen Wiklund	Gail Hughes	Valerie C. Harris
Julie Groce	Eddie Humphrey	Linda Hash
Richard Reich	Parker Philips	Chris Huysman
Elizabeth Heath	John Finch	R. Travis Smith
		Lycurous Lowry

Chairman John Langdon called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. He inquired whether any Commission members need to declare any conflict of interest, or appearance of conflict of interest, that may exist for agenda items under consideration, as mandated by the State Ethics Act. None were declared. Chairman Langdon welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for introductions. Dr. Reich added we are glad to have Legislature in recess and appreciate all the good work and process we have made there. We have a lot of work to do.

- 1. Approval of Agenda:** Chairman Langdon asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner West moved to approve. Commissioner Knox seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Minutes:

2A. May 17, 2016 Meeting: Chairman Langdon asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Commission Business Meeting held on May 17, 2016. Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Collier seconded. Motion carried.

2B. May 16, 2016 Meeting: Chairman Langdon asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Commission Work Session held on May 16, 2016. Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Collier seconded. Motion carried.

- 3. What the Sentinel Landscape Designation Means to NC:** Chairman Langdon recognized Mr. Robert Hosford, Military Affairs Liaison with NCDA&CS. He presented a PowerPoint presentation describing the project. The presentation is attached as Attachment 3 and is included as an official part of the minutes.

Chairman Langdon thanked Mr. Hosford for his presentation.

- 4. Division Report:** Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Pat Harris, Director of the Division of Soil and Water Conservation. Her presentation is attached as Attachment 4 and is included as an official part of the minutes. She also reported that NACD reps Frank Williams and Jeff Harris are in Minnesota at the NACD Summer Board of Directors Meeting. At the meeting it was announced that NACD and NRCS will provide \$2M in grants for Urban and Community Conservation work. Forty-two districts in 25 states competed for these funds. The Durham SWCD and Wake SWCD were both awarded grants.

Chairman Langdon and the Commissioners encouraged the importance of education and training for district supervisors. Director Harris recommended a few training venues through the Spring, Fall, and Annual Meetings, the UNC-SOG class, on-line workshops, and regional coordinators who would bring training to district board meetings.

Chairman Langdon pointed out the Division should have discussions with the local engineering colleges to help fill our engineering need, i.e., A&T State University and NC State University. Natalie Woolard plans to put the vacancy on the college sites.

Chairman Langdon thanked Ms. Harris for her presentation.

- 5. Association Report:** Chairman Langdon recognized Commissioner Ben Knox

Commissioner Knox, President of the NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts, reviewed Attachment 5, which is attached as an official part of the minutes.

Commissioner West served as Legislative Committee Chair and recognized Charles Davenport for all his efforts that he has contributed to the Legislative Committee. Commissioner West stated there were less than 20 supervisors out of 490 in attendance. The Legislative Breakfast is an excellent time to reach out and talk to your Legislator.

Chairman Langdon thanked Commissioner Knox.

- 6. NRCS Report:** Chairman Langdon recognized Mr. Tim Beard

NRCS State Conservationist, Tim Beard, discussed the information included in the handout that is attached as Attachment 6, which is included as an official part of the minutes.

Chairman Langdon thanked Mr. Beard for his presentation and called a recess at 10:26 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:34 a.m.

7. Consent Agenda: Commissioner West moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Yarborough seconded. Motion carried.

7A. Nomination of Supervisors:

- Doug Temple, Pasquotank County, filling the unexpired term of Brian Stallings

7B. Supervisor Contracts:

- Fourteen contracts; totaling \$133,550

7C. Technical Specialist Designation:

- Six applicants approved to receive the Waste Utilization/Nutrient Management designation

7D. Job Approval Authority:

- Duane Vanhook, Haywood SWCD, requested to obtain Commission JAA for the Riparian Buffer category

The handouts for agenda Attachments 7A – 7D are included as an official part of the minutes.

8. Animal Waste & Technical Specialist Rule Revisions: Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Natalie Woolard

Ms. Woolard referred to Attachment 8, which is included as an official part of the minutes and explained the changes to subchapters 59E and 59G. The item is part of the required rules review process. At the May meeting, some changes to rule 59E, Procedures and Guidelines to Implement the Nondischarge Rule for Animal Waste Management Systems as well as subchapter 59G, the Approval of the Technical Specialist and BMPs for Water Quality Protection, see the suggested highlighted language changes on page 7.

The first change is the addition of the training requirements item (2) (A) "For all categories, NC Rules and Regulations Governing Animal Waste Management Systems taught by the Division or Department of Environmental Quality," this will be a new training requirement prior to becoming designated.

The blue sheet for rule 59G item (i), which is page 8, we have included suggested language, "In addition, technical specialist may be rescinded by the Commission for good cause, including but not limited to

failure to complete the approved additional training by the end of each three-year period or failure to maintain current contact information with the Division.”

Ms. Woolard mentioned there are other grammatical changes throughout the rule that was suggested at the May meeting. She asked the Commission to adopt these changes and move the process along.

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner Knox motioned to approve the changes and Commissioner Yarborough seconded. Motion approved.

Chairman Langdon thanked Ms. Woolard.

9. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Rule Revisions: Chairman Langdon recognized Deputy Director Williams

Mr. Williams referred to Attachment 9, which is included as an official part of the minutes. He explained that Rule 02 NCAC 59F.0106 is necessary to specify expectations and procedures, which the Division will follow to address non-compliance with CREP agreements or easements. Other than rule .0106, no other rules in Subchapter 59F need to be re-adopted. The changes are consistent with the Commission’s Easements Policies. The approved text will be published for 60 days and brought back to the Commission in November.

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion to approve. Commissioner West motioned to approve the changes and Commissioner Collier seconded. Motion approved.

Chairman Langdon thanked Mr. Williams.

10. Cost Share Committee Recommendations: Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Julie Henshaw

10A. Rule Classification Determination for 02 NCAC 59D: Ms. Henshaw called attention to Attachment 10A and presented the recommendations to classify the rules in subchapter 59D as necessary with substantive public interest. The classification determination will require a public comment period from September 1 – October 31, 2016.

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion. Commissioner West motioned to accept the recommendation and post as necessary with public interest, and Commissioner Hughes seconded. Motion approved.

10B. Rule Classification Determination for 02 NCAC 59H: Ms. Henshaw called attention to Attachment 10B and presented the recommendations to classify the rules in subchapter 59H as necessary with substantive public interest. The classification determination will require a public comment period from September 1 – October 31, 2016.

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion. Commissioner Yarborough motioned to approve and Commissioner Hogan seconded. Motion carried.

10C. Policy for Reviewing Irrigation Designs by Private Entities: Ms. Henshaw called attention to Attachment 10C with minor revisions to the policy to clarify that adding wells and pumps will follow the same review process as irrigation designs if they are designed by private entities.

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion. Commissioner Collier motioned to adopt and Commissioner Knox seconded. Motion carried.

10D. Delegation of Reference Update Authority Revisions: Ms. Henshaw called attention to Attachment 10D and stated this policy gives the Division the ability to update and revise standard references for the Commission's conservation practices as referenced with the following, "as well as any statutory or rule reference as they are revised."

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion. Commissioner West moved to approve the recommendations with the stipulation the Commission is advised of any changes made at the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Hogan seconded. Motion approved.

The handouts for agenda Attachments 10A – 10D are included as an official part of the minutes.

11. Agricultural Cost Share Program: Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Kelly Hedgepeth to present the revisions.

11A. Detailed Implementation Plan: Ms. Hedgepeth called attention to Attachment 11A and presented the ACSP changes to the Detailed Implementation Plan for FY 2017. The only change is to rename the "well" practice "stream protection well" on pages 6 and 11.

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion. Commissioner Knox motioned to approve and Commissioner Hughes seconded. Motion approved.

11B. Average Cost List: Ms. Hedgepeth called attention to Attachment 11B and presented the proposed cost changes for this program year. Three new pipe components have been added.

The second item is a cost increase for gravel and riprap. Currently the cost for riprap is in cubic yards, which requires a conversion to tons. RipRap is sold in tons, so this change will eliminate conversion errors. The current cost is \$55.69/ton and the proposed increased cost is \$62.65/ton statewide although Area 3 requested this change.

The third change is the proposed Earth Fill and Faceplate cost changes, which came out of Area 3.

The TRC proposed a committee look at better ways of determining the costs for the program this year. Commissioner Yarborough made a motion to accept the recommended changes for Area 3. Commissioner Hughes asked whether the motion included changing the costs for stone components from cubic yards to tons statewide, and Commission Yarborough agreed. Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion. Motion approved.

11C. District Financial Assistance Allocation: Ms. Hedgepeth called attention to Attachment 11C and discussed the allocations on page 2 with a total allocated for PY 2017 of \$5.6M.

Commissioner Collier moved to approve the recommendations, and Commissioner Hogan seconded. Motion approved.

The handouts for agenda Attachments 11A – 11C are included as an official part of the minutes.

12. Technical Assistance Allocation: Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Julie Henshaw

Ms. Henshaw called attention to Attachment 12 and confirmed the districts did not request cost share assistance for any new employees. She pointed out that the allocations for salaries and benefits would essentially be the same as last fiscal year up to a cap of \$25,500, since the funding remained the same. For the positions in Dare and New Hanover Districts the funding is split between funding from ACSP and from CCAP.

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion. Commissioner Yarborough moved to approve the allocations and Commissioner Knox seconded. Motion approved.

Commissioner Yarborough added conversations are necessary across the state about the need for additional technical assistance, and he encouraged the Commission to have a discussion with the Association and Legislators to come up with a policy to overcome this discrepancy.

The handout for Attachment 12 is attached and included as an official part of the minutes.

13. Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program: Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Julie Henshaw

13A. Detailed Implementation Plan: Ms. Henshaw called attention to Attachment 13A and presented the recommendation for the FY2017 Detailed Implementation Plan. The Commission will allocate a portion of the available funding through allocations to districts and the remainder through a competitive regional application process.

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion. Commissioner Hughes motioned to approve and Commissioner Hogan seconded. Motion approved.

Commissioner Yarborough asked to amend the initial request to add baseflow interceptor to the regional allocation. Commissioner Knox seconded. Motion approved.

Ms. Henshaw added one more decision must be voted on for Item 13A, the percent of funding in the regional application process and the district allocation.

Chairman Langdon deferred voting to review Item 13C and return to approve the percentage for Item 13A.

Following the vote on item 13C Chairman Langdon re-opened the discussion to motion to approve item 13A. With no further discussion, the motion was approved.

13B. Average Cost List: Ms. Henshaw called attention to Attachment 13B and presented the recommendation for the Average Cost List for FY2017.

- No new BMP's

- An increase in the cap for ponds/pond retrofits, micro-irrigation, and conservation irrigation conversion up to \$25,000

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion. Commissioner Collier motioned to approve and Commissioner Yarborough seconded.

Commissioner Yarborough asked why is the State funding water meters? Commissioner West agrees with Commissioner Yarborough but not ready to make a motion to take it out.

Commissioner Yarborough recommends to amend the motion and remove the water meter component and Commissioner West seconded. Motion approved. No further discussion on the motion. Motion carried.

13C. District Financial Assistance Allocation: Ms. Henshaw called attention to Attachment 13C and discussed the recommendations for the FY2017 AgWRAP BMP allocations. Total funds available to be allocated is \$1.6M. Districts are encouraged to encumber these funds and before February 1.

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion. Commissioner West moved to adopt Option D with 60% district allocation with a minimum allocation of \$7,500 and Commissioner Collier seconded. Motion approved.

The handouts for agenda Attachments 13A – 13C are included as an official part of the minutes.

14. Cost Share Programs Spot Check Report: Chairman Langdon recognized Mr. Ken Parks

Mr. Parks referred to Attachment 14, which is included as part of the official minutes. He discussed the following:

- 2016 ACSP Spotcheck Highlights
- 2016 CCAP Spotcheck Highlights
- 2016 AgWRAP Spotcheck Highlights

15. District Issues: Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Julie Henshaw

15A. PY2014 Regional AgWRAP Pond and Pond Repair Retrofit Contract Extension Requests: Ms. Henshaw referred to Attachment 15A. Extension letters are attached, indicating three districts are requesting extensions for six pond contracts. All projects met the Commission's requirements. Ms. Henshaw reminded the Commission that no supervisors are expected to present these requests, per the Commission's direction from the May meeting.

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion. Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the requests to extend the six contracts and Commissioner Hogan seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Knox added the Commission needs to be kept informed on these projects.

15B. Contract Extension Requests: Ms. Kelly Hedgepeth recognized the Districts (see attached blue sheet and letters from the Districts)

- Alleghany SWCD, Linda Hash and Chris Huysman, presented a request for Contract #03-2014-004 for a waste storage treatment pond, heavy use area. The existing system is failing since 2014 and current system at 100% confinement. The farmer has reduced the number of animals. The estimated cost of the contract is \$21,041.

Commissioner Yarborough motioned to approve the extension, and Commissioner Knox seconded. Motion approved.

- Anson SWCD, Jake Barbee and Nichole Carpenter, presented a request for Contract #04-2014-007 for a livestock exclusion for the producer who came under financial hardship. The estimated completion date is September 30, 2016.

Commissioner Yarborough motioned to accept the extension, and Commissioner West seconded. Motion carried.

- Catawba SWCD, Blake Henley, Laura Parnell, and Randy Willis, presented a request for Contract #19-2014-004 for a pond restoration repair and fencing. The dam was damaged and needed to be replaced. This contract falls under the Ag Cost Share Program not under the AgWRAP. The Commission's blanket extension is for regional applications that are under AgWRAP. The amount of this contract is \$24,051.

Commissioner Knox motions to recommend the extension, and Commissioner Hughes seconded. Motion carried.

- Chatham SWCD are not present today. Chatham SWCD misunderstood the procedures. The Division explained it fell under the regular extension policy. These are pond sediment removals. Chatham SWCD is asking to defer action to the September meeting.

Chairman Langdon asked for a consensus to table the extension to the September meeting. Approved.

- Hertford SWCD, Greg Hughes and James W. Mason, presented a request for Contract #46-2013-800 for an AgWRAP pond. It is a 2013 extension and does not fall under Commission's blanket extension. The pond is under construction, but due to wet weather, the completion of the pond has been delayed. The pond is used for crop irrigation. It is a \$15,000 contract and requesting a second extension with completion by September 2016.

Commissioner West motioned to approve, and Commissioner Hogan seconded. Motion carried.

- Johnston SWCD, Charles Hill, Eddie Humphrey, and James Massey, presented a request for extension for Contract #51-2014-007 for diversions, field borders, and grassed waterways system. Two waterways have been completed but the diversions and field borders need repair after heavy rain. Approximately a \$9,000 contract with proposed completion in the Fall of 2016. The construction of the waterways was approved in November 2013 and the work began in the Fall of 2014. Johnston Board of Supervisors discussed and agreed he met the 1/3 of the requirements.

Commissioner Hogan motioned to approve, and Commissioner Hughes seconded. Motion carried.

- Johnston SWCD, Charles Hill, Eddie Humphrey, and James Massey, presented a request for Contract #51-2014-011 for an extension on grassed waterways with four of the five waterways installed. It rained and washed everything away; it was seeded and mulched. The amount of this contract is \$9,831.

Commissioner Hughes motioned to approve, and Commissioner Collier seconded. Motion approved.

- Nash SWCD, John Finch, Valerie C. Harris, Edward Long, and Parker Philips, presented an extension request for Contract #64-2014-005 for the closure of a waste impoundment structure due to wet weather. Forty percent of the work was completed but stopped due to crops being planted on fields where waste was to be applied. Chairman Langdon recognized Mr. Finch, a supervisor, for coming to present. Nash SWCD is properly functioning district.

Commissioner Yarborough motioned to approve, and Commissioner Hogan seconded. Motion approved.

- Orange SWCD, Gail Hughes and Clay Parker, presented a request for Contract #68-2014-502 for a CCAP extension with the Orange County Schools for critical area seeding on a high school campus for a rain garden. Personnel changes of cooperator and wet weather caused delays. Contract is partially completed and proposed completion is Fall 2016.

Commissioner Yarborough motioned to approve, and Commissioner West seconded. Motion approved.

- Robeson SWCD was late to the meeting. Mr. Lycurous Lowry presented a request for Contract #78-2013-007 for a one-year extension regarding prescribed grazing with two years out of three years completed. The cooperator is doing the practice.

Commissioner Knox motioned to approve, and Commissioner Collier seconded. Motion approved.

- Stokes SWCD, James Booth and Tom Smith, presented a request for Contract #85-2014-006 for an extension on a well, stream crossing, and livestock fencing. A stream channel needs to be moved, as well. The project is jointly funded from DSWC, USDA EQIP, and Dan River 319 grant. The district is partnering with NC Wildlife Resource Commission and a Duke Energy grant. Anticipated time for completion is one year.

Commissioner Yarborough motioned to approve, and Commissioner Hughes seconded. Motion approved.

15C. Burke County Post Approval: Ms. Hedgepeth recognized William Brown and Travis Smith from Burke SWCD

- Asking for post approval of CCAP Contract #12-2016-004
- Burke SWCD entered into a contract with the landowner and Burke SWCD received the signed designs from the state engineer and thought it was the go ahead to do the approval and start the project. This was a district error.
- All work completed and meets and exceeds all design specifications

Commissioner West motioned to approve and Commissioner Hogan seconded. Motion approved. Commissioner West recognized Mr. Brown, a district supervisor, as presenting the request.

Public Comments: Chairman Langdon called for any comments from the public.

Commissioner Knox appreciates the supervisors and district staff attending the Commission meeting and thanked them and asked that they come to Cherokee.

Chairman Langdon recognized John Finch, from Nash SWCD, William Brown, from Burke SWCD, and Clay Parker, from Orange SWCD for attending the meeting.

Chairman Langdon announced a recess at 12:28 p.m., and then reconvened the session at 12:37 p.m. to discuss Item 15B for Robeson SWCD.

Adjournment: Chairman Langdon declared the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

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



Helen Wiklund, Recording Secretary

These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Soil & Water Conservation Commission on .



NORTH CAROLINA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES July 19, 2016

NC State Fairgrounds
Gov. James G. Martin Building
1025 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC

Commission Members		
John Langdon	Kelly Hedgepeth	
Wayne Collier	Natalie Woolard	
Chris Hogan	Kristina Fischer	
Charles Hughes	Ken Parks	
Ben Knox	Tom Hill	
Manly West	Lisa Fine	
Bill Yarborough	Elizabeth Heath	
	Joe Hudyncia	
Commission Counsel		
	Rob Baldwin	
Phillip Reynolds	Michelle Lovejoy	
	David Harrison	
Guests		
	Tom Ellis	
Pat Harris		
David Williams		
Julie Henshaw		
Helen Wiklund		

Chairman John Langdon called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. He inquired whether any Commission members need to declare any conflict of interest, or appearance of conflict of interest, that may exist for agenda items under consideration, as mandated by the State Ethics Act. None were declared. Chairman Langdon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Chairman Langdon reviewed the agenda. Director Harris informed the Commission of the renumbering of the agenda for the Work Session only.
2. **Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program (Item #13):** Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Julie Henshaw to present the items related to AgWRAP.

2A. Detailed Implementation Plan: Ms. Henshaw called attention to item 13A and presented the recommendation for the FY2017 Detailed Implementation Plan. The Commission will award two allocations for AgWRAP, i.e., allocate funding through a competitive regional application process for selected AgWRAP conservation practices and district allocations by percentage for available BMP funding. Ms. Henshaw informed the Commission regarding the district allocations formula, no recommended changes to the parameters, but the percentages have been revised. Ms. Henshaw discussed the scenarios with regards to item 13C so the Commission can make an informed decision about item 13A. The Commission discussed supporting Option D on item 13C.

2B. Average Cost List: Ms. Henshaw called attention to item 13B and presented the recommendation for the Average Cost List for FY2017.

- No new BMPs
- An increase in the cap for ponds/pond retrofits, micro-irrigation, and conservation irrigation conversion up to \$25,000

2C. District Financial Assistance Allocation: Ms. Henshaw called attention to item 13C and discussed the recommendations for the FY2017 AgWRAP BMP appropriation and rollover funds for a total of \$1.6M for allocation. The districts will also be asked to encumber these funds before February 1, 2017 so that any voluntarily returned funds can be allocated in March. The Commission discussed supporting Option D (60% district allocation with \$7,500 minimum) with the objective to get more BMPs on the ground, and while still providing an opportunity for districts to receive additional funds.

3. Animal Waste & Technical Specialist Rule Revisions (Item #8): Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Natalie Woolard to present item 8, which is included as an official part of the minutes. She explained the subchapters 59E and 59G. She explained that the latter pages of Attachment 8 are for reference purposes only to help the Commission understand the context for the rules relative to the Continuing Education Policies for Designated Technical Specialists. Ms. Woolard reminded the Commission that they reviewed the draft revisions to the Rules at the May Commission meeting.

The major recommended changes Ms. Woolard discussed with Counsel Mary Lucasse, and Director Harris after the May Commission meeting. One other concern is how the Division is going to administer the required continuing education component. The Division has worked to draft some potential policies for informational purposes, and Ms. Woolard is not asking for any action on those policies tomorrow. Since developing these draft policies, the Division has met with the Structural Pest Control and Pesticides Division and the Information Services Technology Division, to review the database they use to track continuing education training. The division is looking to use this type of database system for our designated technical specialists, as well.

Commissioner Yarborough suggested to accept the changes and include an appeals process if it could be added.

Counsel Phillip Reynolds mentioned that it could be included in the rule as a response to comments.

Director Harris added that this might be introduced during the Public Comment period or schedule a special meeting to discuss additional rule changes in order to meet the approved rule making timeline.

Chairman Langdon called a recess at 7:16 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

4. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Rule Revisions (Item #9): Chairman Langdon recognized Mr. David Williams to present revised item 9, which is included as an official part of the minutes. He explained that Rule 02 NCAC 59F.0106 is necessary with substantive interest and the rule is to specify expectations and procedures, which the Division will follow to address non-compliance with CREP agreements or easements. Other than rule .0106, no other rules in Subchapter 59F need to be re-adopted. The changes are consistent with the Commission's Easements Policies. The Division recommends to re-adopt the rule with the changes indicated in Attachment #9. This would go to Public Comment along with the other rules.

5. Cost Share Committee Recommendations (Item #10): Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Julie Henshaw

5A. Rule Classification Determination for 02 NCAC 59D: Ms. Henshaw called attention to item 10A and presented the recommendations. The Cost Share Committee is asking for the Commission's classification determination for the Agriculture Cost Share Program Rules. The Committee recommends the rules be classified as necessary with substantive public interest. The 60-day comment period would start on September 1, 2016.

5B. Rule Classification Determination for 02 NCAC 59H: Ms. Henshaw called attention to item 10B and presented the recommendations. The Cost Share Committee is asking for the Commission's classification determination for the Community Conservation Assistance Program Rules. The Committee recommends the rules be classified as necessary with substantive public interest. The 60-day comment period would start on September 1, 2016.

5C. Policy for Reviewing Irrigation Designs by Private Entities Revisions: Ms. Henshaw called attention to item 10C and discussed the proposed changes to the policy. The text changes are for clarification of the existing policy to include well, pump and irrigation designs.

5D. Delegation of Reference Update Authority Revisions: Ms. Henshaw called attention to item 10D and read the additional recommended text, "as well as any statutory or rule reference as they are revised."

The handouts for agenda Attachments 10A – 10D are included as an official part of the minutes.

Commissioner West recommends the staff notify the Commission of any revisions made through item 5D. An update will be provided through the Director's Report and via the web site, according to Mrs. Henshaw.

6. Agriculture Cost Share Program (Item #11): Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Kelly Hedgepeth

6A. Detailed Implementation Plan: Ms. Hedgepeth called attention to item 11A and presented the changes to the ACSP Detailed Implementation Plan.

6B. Average Cost List: Ms. Hedgepeth called attention to item 11B and presented the proposed cost changes and additions requested by Area 3 for the following components: Pipe – Surface Inlet Tee (All Areas), Stone-Gravel, Stone-RipRap, Earth Fill and Faceplate.

6C. District Financial Assistance Allocation: Ms. Hedgepeth called attention to item 11C and discussed the recommended allocations for the ACSP. This allocation includes an allocation of \$200,000 of regular ACSP funds (CS) to the CREP Earmark and \$500,000 of regular ACSP (CS) funds to Impaired/Impacted Streams Initiative Earmark. CREP Earmark funds will be allocated to districts as CREP contracts are received.

The handouts for agenda Attachments 11A – 11C are included as an official part of the minutes.

7. Technical Assistance Allocation (Item #12): Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Julie Henshaw

Ms. Henshaw called attention to item 12 and confirmed the recurring ACSP appropriations is \$2.4M with \$25,320 in CCAP appropriations, \$83,208 is carried forward from FY2016 and \$20,520 in AgWRAP TA contribution. The districts did not request cost share assistance for any new employees. She pointed out that the allocations for salaries and benefits would remain the same as last fiscal year, since the funding remained the same.

The handout for agenda Attachment 12 is included as an official part of the minutes.

8. District Issues (Item #15): Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Julie Henshaw and Ms. Kelly Hedgepeth

8A. PY2014 Regional AgWRAP Pond and Pond Repair Retrofit Contract Extension Requests: Ms. Henshaw referred to item 15A indicating three districts are requesting extensions for six pond contracts and meeting all requirements with letters attached. Ms. Henshaw reminded the Commission that no supervisors are expected to present these requests, per the Commission's direction from the May meeting.

8B. Contract Extension Requests: Ms. Hedgepeth referred to item 15B (see revised blue sheet) and provided an update on the districts who would be coming before the Commission seeking an extension on cost share agreements with twelve contracts and each contract has a letter attached.

8C. Burke County Post Approval: Ms. Hedgepeth referred to item 15C stating a supervisor will be at the meeting tomorrow from Burke SWCD. She explained the request for post approval regarding negligence to submit their contract into CS2 for approval.

9. Consent Agenda (Item #7): Ms. Kristina Fischer, Ms. Kelly Hedgepeth, and Ms. Natalie Woolard discussed the items that will be included on the consent agenda.

9A. Nomination of Supervisors:

- Doug Temple, Pasquotank County, filling the unexpired term of Brian Stallings

9B. Supervisor Contracts:

- Fourteen contracts; totaling \$133,550

9C. Technical Specialist Designation:

- Six applicants approved to receive the Waste Utilization/Nutrient Management designation

9D. Job Approval Authority:

- Duane Vanhook, Haywood SWCD, requested to obtain Commission JAA for the Riparian Buffer category
- Commissioner requested to have a congratulatory letter sent to the employee receiving JAA

The handouts for agenda Attachments 7A – 7D are included as an official part of the minutes.

10. Cost Share Programs Spot Check Report (Item #14): Chairman Langdon recognized Mr. Ken Parks

Mr. Parks referred to item 14 and stated he would present a PowerPoint and summarize the report at tomorrow's meeting with regards to all the districts for North Carolina and the breakdown and results for spot checks for each cost share program.

11. Division Report (Item #4): Ms. Pat Harris, Director of the Division of Soil and Water Conservation, discussed several topics she will include in her Director's report with a PowerPoint presentation tomorrow.

Chairman Langdon challenged the Commission and staff to brainstorm different avenues to receive the expected credit hours for supervisor training so there is not a mass exiting of our supervisors.

Commissioner Hogan suggests training locations in eastern, central, and western North Carolina not only in Chapel Hill.

Chairman Langdon wants to know what the options are when a supervisor does not attend the Annual Meeting or Area Meetings for opportunities to attend training.

Counsel Phillip Reynolds added that Bill 770 states to establish a training program that all district supervisors attend annual training with 6 clock hours and the training may be provided at UNC-SOG at Chapel Hill or other designated locations.

Commissioner West suggests the Area Coordinators provide 30 minutes of training at District Meetings.

12. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Item #2): Chairman Langdon asked if there were any comments on the minutes. No comments.

12A. May 17, 2016 Business Meeting

12B. May 16, 2016 Work Session

The Commission and staff discussed the upcoming CET Meeting in Asheville in August. Director Harris discussed the format for the meeting, since several Commission members will be in attendance. The agenda states on Monday, August 22, a General Session - Soil & Water Conservation Commission Listening Session. Commissioners Hogan, Collier, Yarborough, Langdon, Knox, and West plan to attend and participate on a panel. Counsel Phillip Reynolds mentioned the majority that are present at a meeting within the jurisdiction of the that meeting, the Secretary of State's Office must be notified so that it can be properly noticed. Director Harris mentioned the Commission's Recording Secretary will submit a notice the Secretary of State's Office.

13. Association Report (Item #5): Commissioner Knox, President of the NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, will present the report tomorrow.

14. NRCS Report (Item #6): NRCS State Conservationist, Tim Beard, will be in attendance tomorrow to present the report.

15. What the Sentinel Landscape Designation Means to NC (Item #3): Director Harris stated that Mr. Robert Hosford, Military Affairs Liaison with the Department will provide a brief overview of the Sentinel Landscapes Designation for North Carolina.

Public Comments: Chairman Langdon called for any comments from the public.

Adjournment: Chairman Langdon declared the meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

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

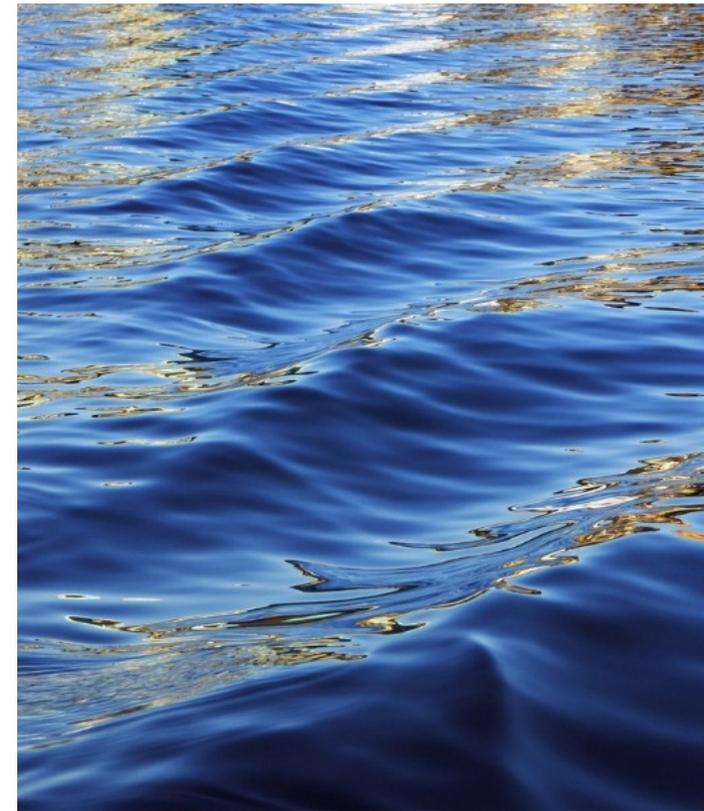

Helen Wiklund, Recording Secretary

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North Carolina Soil & Water Conservation Commission

Division Report
September 21, 2016



Brandon Shane Wyatt

- December 24, 1974 – August 3, 2016
- Survived by wife Terra and sons Zane and William
- Shane Wyatt Memorial Fund established
- Laurie Brokaw, Henderson SWCD



Shane Wyatt

DSWC Vacancies

- Administrative Officer II....recommendation made to department
- CREP Environmental Specialist....preparing hiring package
- Eastern engineer position vacant effective June 24...3rd posting
- Western survey position....preparing hiring package



Engineering Assistance Strategy

- 262 active projects (as of August)
- 11 division engineering staff (state appropriated/2 vacancies)
- 3 temporary staff
- Delays continue, especially with designs, that may be up to 12-18 months (construction takes precedence – everything else stops)
- Considerations for working with division engineering staff
 -  Engineers will not perform permitting work including FEMA no rise studies (all permitting costs fall to landowner)
 -  Engineers will not perform work on medium/high hazard structures
 -  Engineers will not make hazard classification determinations if a breach analysis is required by DEMLR
 -  Engineers will not design shoreline protection practices
 -  Districts with the demonstrated ability & willingness to lead design process will be fully supported by a division engineer

North Carolina is currently free from HPAI



Keep up the biosecurity - HPAI confirmed in wild duck in Alaska

Last month, USDA-APHIS announced that highly pathogenic avian influenza was found in a wild mallard in Alaska. While we don't have a large migrating mallard population in North Carolina, the bird was found at a state wildlife refuge, where many species from many of the migration flyways cross paths. It is important to maintain high biosecurity throughout the fall and winter.

NC Cost Share Programs Supervisor Contracts
Soil and Water Conservation Commission

County	Contract Number	Supervisor Name	BMP	Contract Amount	Comments
Alamance	01-2017-007	Roger Tate	grassed waterway, field border	\$3,853	
Cabarrus	13-2017-001	Vicky Porter	livestock exclusion, well, tanks	\$4,722	supplement
Davidson	29-2017-007	Ben Hege	cover crop	\$3,304	
Hoke	47-2016-006	Tommy Lindsey	cover crop	\$680	
Warren	93-2017-009	Herman L. Collier	heavy use area	\$2,590	
Warren	93-2017-010	Herman L. Collier	heavy use area, trough	\$6,163	
Warren	93-2017-013	David M. Hight	cover crop	\$3,964	
Warren	93-2017-014	David M. Hight	cover crop	\$2,856	

Total Number of Supervisor Contracts: 8

Total \$ **28,132**

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

As a Soil and Water District Supervisor, for the Alamance 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: Grassed Waterway. Field Border

Contract number:01-2017-007-02 Contract amount: \$3853.00

Score on priority ranking sheet: 35

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

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered):2 out 3

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: Roger Tate



(District Supervisor's signature)

9-9-16

Date

Approved by:



(District Chairperson's signature)

9-12-16

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.

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

As a Soil and Water District Supervisor, for the Cabarrus 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, well, watering tanks

Contract number: 13-2014-001 Contract amount: \$4,722.00
Supplement for 13-2016-003

Score on priority ranking sheet: 15

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

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): 3 out of 5

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: Vicky Porter

Vicky Porter

(District Supervisor's signature)

8/10/16

Date

Approved by:

Jep N. Goprows

(District Chairperson's signature)

8/10/2016

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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(11/2012)

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

As a Soil and Water District Supervisor, for the _Davidson_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: Cover Crops

Contract number:29-2017-007

Contract amount: \$3,304

Score on priority ranking sheet: 200

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

Reason:Incentive payment practice

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

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:Ben Hege

Ben Hege
(District Supervisor's signature)

9-12-16
Date

Approved by:

Adrian A. Smith
(District Chairperson's signature)

9/14/16
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 Hoke County 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 Ag Cost Share**

Best management practice: **Cover Crop**

Contract number: **47-2016-006**

Contract amount: **\$ 680.00**

Score on priority ranking sheet: **80**

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

Reason: **Practice is paid at a flat rate**

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): **All other applications for the year were already funded.**

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:

David T. Lindsay

Supervisor name: Tommy Lindsey

Paul T. Hendrix
(District Supervisor's signature)

6-27-2016
Date

Approved by: Leany Hendrix

[Signature]
(District Chairperson's signature)

8-17-16
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 Warren Soil and Water Conservation District, I have applied for, or stand to benefit* from, a contract under a commission cost share program. I did not vote on the approval or denial of the application or attempt to influence the outcome of any action on the application. The proposed contract is for the installation of the following best management practices.

Program: ACSP

Best management practice: Heavy Use Area Protection

Contract number: 93-2017-009

Contract amount: \$ 2,590

Score on priority ranking sheet: 165

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

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

Were any higher or equally ranked contracts denied? No

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

Supervisor name: Herman L. Collier

Herman L. Collier
(District Supervisor's signature)

9-13-16
Date

Approved by:

Leonard J. Kilian
(District Chairperson's signature)

9-13-16
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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NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION COST SHARE PROGRAMS**

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Program: ACSP

Best management practice: Heavy Use Area Protection & Trough

Contract number: 93-2017-010

Contract amount: \$ 6,163

Score on priority ranking sheet: 165

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

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): 5 of 8

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Program: ACSP

Best management practice: Cover Crop

Contract number: 93-2017-013

Contract amount: \$ 3,964

Score on priority ranking sheet: 165

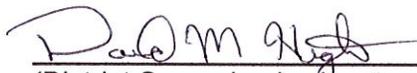
Cost Share Rate : 100 % If different than 75%, please list % percent:
Reason:

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

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: David M. Hight

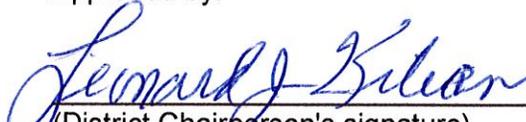


(District Supervisor's signature)

9-13-2016

Date

Approved by:



(District Chairperson's signature)

9-13-16

Date

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Program: ACSP

Best management practice: Cover Crop

Contract number: 93-2017-⁰¹⁴~~013~~

Contract amount: \$ 2,856

Score on priority ranking sheet: 140

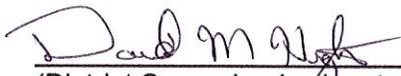
Cost Share Rate : 100 % If different than 75%, please list % percent:
Reason:

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): 7 of 8

Were any higher or equally ranked contracts denied? No

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Supervisor name: David M. Hight

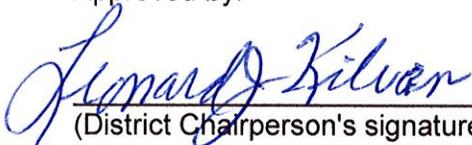


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ATTACHMENT 9

AgWRAP FY2017 financial assistance allocation to districts: Catawba SWCD

County	FY2017 BMP funds requested for all AgWRAP BMPs	AG allocation: 60% district allocation (\$7,500 min)
CATAWBA	\$ 25,000	\$ 18,181

Please encumber AG funds before February 1, 2017. If your district has remaining unallocated funds after that date, division staff will contact you to request a voluntary recall. Funds may be available for a reallocation at the March 2017 Commission meeting.

Henshaw, Julie

From: Randy Willis <RWillis@CatawbaCountyNC.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2016 9:08 AM
To: Henshaw, Julie
Subject: AgWRAP
Attachments: PY2017StrategyPlantemplate.docx

Julie,

Through an oversight on my part, I failed to enter a value for our AgWRAP request in our 2017 Strategy Plan. The request should have been for \$25,000.00 for water supply wells. I did have this amount in the printed Strategy Plan the Catawba SWCD Board approved at the May 6, 2016 meeting. I would like this to serve as a request to amend our 2017 Strategy Plan and submit a request for AgWRAP funds in the amount of \$25,000.00. I have attached the 2017 Strategy Plan document which the Board approved on May 6, 2016.

Sincerely,

Randy Willis
District Administrator
Catawba County Soil & Water Conservation District
PO Box 389
Newton, NC 28658
(828) 465-8950



Chatham Soil and Water Conservation District

PO Box 309 – 65 East Chatham Street - Pittsboro, NC 27312-0309

Phone: (919) 542-8240 - Fax: (919) 542-8267

May 12, 2016

Soil and Water Conservation Commission
1614 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699

Re: AgWRAP Extension Request

Dear Commissioners:

The Chatham Soil and Water District would like to request an extension for the following 2014 AgWRAP contracts:

- 19-2014-802
- 19-2014-803

Mr. Gilliland holds both of these contracts for pond sediment removal. He has provided a letter requesting an extension due to excessive rainfall during the contracted time period. He has completed one third of the work towards the projects by obtaining the pond sediment removal plan, engaging a contractor to remove sediment and has the pumping equipment working onsite to drain the ponds dry. He had also drained one of the ponds, to have it fill back up after storm events, before the contractor could mobilize to the site. The following timeline shows the progress of the contracts:

- November 2013 – Applications approved by Chatham SWCD
- March 2014 – Applications approved by Soil & Water Conservation Commission
- April 2014 – Contracts approved by Chatham SWCD, Contracts Pended by Division until JAA received, Technical Assistance Requested for JAA
- September 2014 – Sediment Removal Plans approved, JAA received, Contracts un-pended in CS2 and work may begin
- Fall 2014 to Fall 2015 -- Engaged Contractor Tommy Hussey & Sons to remove sediment, purchased pumps, parts and equipment to drain ponds, began draining southern pond when weather allowed



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- Fall 2015 – Pumped southern pond completely but filled up before contractor could mobilize
- Spring 2016 – Currently draining ponds by pump and syphon system. Attempting to complete one pond sediment removal before June 30th.
- Summer & Fall 2016 – Projected completion date of pond sediment removals.

If you have any questions about this request for extension, do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Lynn Mann".

J. Lynn Mann – Chairperson
Chatham Soil & Water Conservation District

Attached: Mr. Gilliland's letter

4-25-2014

From: RUSSELL E. GILLIAND JR.

To: SUSANNAH GOLDSTON

2676 BERNARD POWIS RD

SOIL CONSERVATION SPECIALIST

BENNETT NC 27208

PITTSBURD, NC

1-336-581-3441

SUSANNAH,

THIS LETTER IS TO ASK YOU (CHATHAM SOIL & WATER DISTRICT)
FOR AN EXTENSION FOR THE POND'S RENOVATION.

REASON FOR ASKING IS DUE TO THE EXCESSIVE RAIN WE HAD
DURING THE TIME FRAME FOR COMPLETION. ALSO NOT BEING ABLE
TO SCHEDULE THE NEEDED PEOPLE AND EQUIPMENT TO DO THE WORK
AGAIN DUE TO THE RAIN AND WET WEATHER.

I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOU AND HENRY WORKING WITH ME
AND DO HOPE I CAN GET AN EXTENSION TO COMPLETE.

THANKS, LET ME KNOW IF THIS WILL BE POSSIBLE SO I CAN
CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE EQUIPMENT PEOPLE FOR DOING THE WORK.

Thanks Again,
Ethan Gilliland



Training Committee Report

BEN KNOX, PRESIDENT

NC ASSOCIATION OF SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION

Challenges & Proposed Solution

- ▶ Supervisor attendance at Area Meetings generally ranged from 20-40%
- ▶ Few elected supervisors chose to attend Basic Training
- ▶ Association District Operations and Legislative Action Item:

The Association President will work with the Commission Chair and Division Director to obtain legislation requiring all district supervisors, both elected and appointed, to participate in Commission-approved supervisor training at the UNC School of Government or equivalent training. Training will be on an approved schedule and will ensure supervisors are current with their knowledge of information pertinent to their roles and responsibilities. In addition, the Commission Chair will appoint a work group to define supervisor roles and responsibilities, and develop a structure for supervisor professional development to include continuing education credits and a training approval process.

Farm Act of 2016 modified District Law to require training

SECTION 5.(a) G.S. 139-4(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) In addition to the duties and powers hereinafter conferred upon the Soil and Water Conservation Commission, it shall have the following duties and powers:

(13) To establish a training program required for all district supervisors."

SECTION 5.(b) Article 1 of Chapter 139 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 139-7.2. Training of elective and appointive district supervisors.

All district supervisors, whether elected or appointed, shall complete a minimum of six clock hours of training annually.

The training shall include soil, water, and natural resources conservation and the duties and responsibilities of district supervisors.

The training may be provided by the School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, or other qualified sources as approved by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission."

Supervisor Training Committee

Discussed offering training as follows

- ▶ Classroom Training (e.g., UNC School of Government)
- ▶ Association Area and State meetings
- ▶ Association and District sponsored field days
- ▶ Online Training (e.g., AgLEARN)
- ▶ Presentations at District Meetings
- ▶ Commission Meetings
- ▶ Conservation Employee Training
- ▶ NRCS Training
- ▶ NACD National and Regional Meetings
- ▶ Cooperative Extension Service
- ▶ Other Sources

Tracking Continuing Ed Credits

- ▶ Division is looking to adapt existing tracking system now used for tracking CEUs for pesticide applicators
- ▶ Proposing to allow carry forward of up to 3 excess credits to next calendar year
- ▶ Simultaneous need to develop a tracking system for CEUs for Animal Waste Technical Specialists.

Potential Training Topics

- ▶ Supervisor Roles & Responsibilities
- ▶ Ethics
- ▶ Leading Effective Meetings
- ▶ Managing Personnel
- ▶ Budget/Fiscal Control Requirements
- ▶ Developing Staff Capabilities
- ▶ Federal/State Conservation Programs
- ▶ Conservation Planning
- ▶ Environmental Laws/Rules
- ▶ Job Approval Authority
- ▶ Effective Local Work Groups
- ▶ Conservation Easements
- ▶ Securing grant funding
- ▶ The Value of Diversity
- ▶ Public Meetings/Open Records
- ▶ Promoting your District's Activities
- ▶ Conservation Practices

Concerns from Districts & Committee Response

C1: Many believe School of Government (SOG) has to provide all the training.

R1: Training will be offered at many locations/avenues, ranging from SOG to Association Meetings to Local District Meetings

C2: Training requirement will deplete supervisor travel funds more quickly and they lack local funds to pay the training costs

R2: Much of the training will be offered through events that we already reimburse (see R1). Division has requested additional funding for travel & matching funds as part of its expansion budget request.

C3: Support training requirement, but feel 6 credit hours per year is too much

R3: Supervisors can achieve the requirement by attending State Meeting, NACD Meeting, or by having training included at local board meetings. Many will likely far exceed the 6 hr. requirement. Carry forward allowance will help, also.