



# NORTH CAROLINA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MINUTES July 9, 2010

Archdale Building  
Fifth Floor Conference Room  
512 N. Salisbury Street  
Raleigh, N.C.

Commission Members	Others Present	
Manly West	David Williams	
Vicky Porter	Michelle Raquet	
Richard Smith	Nate Hartsell	
Craig Frazier	Don Cox	
William Pickett, Jr.	Dewitt Hardee	
<b>Commission Counsel</b>	Other District Guest	
Jennie Wilhelm Hauser		

Chairman Manly West called the teleconference to order at 8:37 a.m. Chairman West read the State Ethics Act, none of which was noted. Commission members present identified themselves.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The meeting agenda was approved with a minor change in the Preliminary Item, "Business Meeting, July 15, 2009" to read as "Business Meeting, July 9, 2010". Commissioner Craig Frazier made a motion to approve the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bill Pickett. Motion carried.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM:**

**2. Budget/ Legislative Update:** Mr. David Williams, Deputy Director of Soil and Water Conservation, shared the following information:

FY: 2010-2011 Budget

- Reduced funding for ACSP Financial Assistance by \$212,153 (5%) – recurring reduction
- Reduced acquisition funds for CREP by \$289,640 (50%) – recurring reduction
- Reduced funding for CCAP by \$6,093 (5%) – recurring reduction
- No change to ACSP Technical Assistance, Matching Funds, and Supervisor Travel
- Converted special fund accounts for CREP and EEP agreement to reverting general fund accounts
- Provided \$2 million for Agricultural Development Farmland Preservation (ADFP) Trust Fund - recurring
- Division funding for motor fleet vehicles and Information Technology accounts reduced due to cuts at the department level.

House Bill 1748 – Conserve and Protect Ag Water Resources

- HB 1748 Passed, pending Governor's signature
- Directs DSWC and NCDA & CS to:
  1. Work with Farm Bureau and others, to identify agriculture water infrastructure needs
  2. Work with farmers and agricultural landowners to encourage water conservation practices and increase water use efficiency and water storage
  3. Design a cost share program to support BMPs in protecting agriculture water resources. The report is due by November 1, 2010
- It was noted that the House Bill does not require water meters.

**ACTION ITEM**

**3. Proposed allocation for ACSP Technical Assistance for 2011**

**Discussions:**

Mr. David Williams presented the proposed allocation for ACSP Technical Assistance for 2011. A minor change in year was noted on the agenda. The highlighted information on the handout was discussed as follows:

- The overall allocations for salaries and benefits were the same as last year.
- The operating support was slightly higher this year than last year.
- Allocations for operating expenses will be \$1,375 per FTE for all positions.
- The positions for Dare and New Hanover Districts were split between CCAP & Ag. Cost Share.
- Five positions that were shifted to non-recurring funds last year with the expectation that they would not be funded this year. The proposed budget retains at least partial non-recurring funding for all five positions as half FTE positions for PY-2011 only.
- \$50,000 of Drought Appropriation funds have been re-budgeted for Technical Assistance for 2011. These funds will not be available for future years.
- The Division has an agreement with NRCS to provide funds for technical assistance for lagoon closures and lagoon conversion programs . These funds are budgeted to fund portions of several positions. It was noted that the NRCS funds enabled restoration of the Hyde District position.
- Three districts (Henderson, Yadkin, & Craven) requested funding for an additional position. It was noted that the budget did not include funding for these positions.
- Mr. Williams clarified that the position shared between Pasquotank and Camden last year was being reduced to a ½ FTE. Camden is not providing support for the position this year. The 20 hour position will only serve Pasquotank district this year.
- The following recap of the funds was discussed:
 

- Recurring ACSP Appropriations	\$2,448,778.00
- CCAP Appropriations	\$23,958.00
- Non-recurring appropriation carry forward from PY-2010	\$153,635.00
- Drought Appropriation TA (Non-recurring)	\$50,000
- EEP Funds	
- Federal 319 Funds	\$168,821.00
- NRCS Funds	\$16,200.00
- Mr. Williams informed the Commission members that out of the 121 positions, only 100 positions were allocated 50% of the amount the districts requested.

**Questions and Suggestions from Commission Members:**

- ❖ Clarification on Camden district was requested.
- ❖ Commission members requested identification of each column on the spreadsheet.
- ❖ Commission members requested clarification on Neuse/Tar position for Hyde district.
- ❖ A motion to approve the proposed allocation for ACSP Technical Assistance for 2011 was made by Commissioner Bill Pickett and seconded by Commissioner Vicky Porter. Motion carried.

**CLOSING ITEMS**

**4. Public Comments – None**

**5. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 09:05 a.m.



David B. Williams, Deputy Director  
Division of Soil & Water Conservation, Raleigh, N.C



Daphne Pinto, Recording Secretary  
(Sign & Date)

*These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Soil & Water Conservation Commission on August 4, 2010.*



Patricia K. Harris, Director