



2016 NCASWCD ANNUAL MEETING
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Resolution

Regarding the Outstanding Conservation Farm Family Program

WHEREAS the Outstanding Conservation Farm Family Program awards are prestigious awards presented by the Association, AND

WHEREAS the program should help increase the positive perspective of the public on production agriculture, natural resource stewardship, and the work of local soil and water conservation districts, AND

WHEREAS regional and state winners should serve as practical examples, inspiration, and demonstration to other working family farms in a way that conservation achievement can be replicated on any working family farm, AND

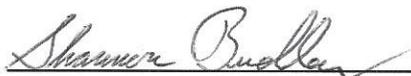
WHEREAS the types and diversity of land ownership and management have changed considerably over the years and current selection criteria may result in the recognition of entities that are not focused primarily on production agriculture or on farm families, AND

WHEREAS current eligibility does not clearly define "farm", "farming operation", "production agriculture", "farm family", or "working farms", NOW THEFEFORE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Association President appoint a committee to review the current program eligibility and selection criteria and recommend suggested changes that ensure the focus of the program is on family farming operations that are primarily engaged in production agriculture, AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee complete its work and bring a recommendation to the Association Executive Committee prior to their September, 2016 meeting.

Adopted at an official meeting of the Rutherford SWCD on September 5, 2015.

 _____, District Chair

Considered at the Area 1 Fall Meeting, October 13, 2015 and ___ Adopted ___ Rejected

 _____, Area Chair

RESOLUTION

Amendment of Association By-laws to Formally Recognize the Hall of Fame Selection Committee

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WHEREAS, the current Association by-laws recognize ad hoc and special committees which are important to the Association but whose purpose, by definition, is typically completed over a short period of time and the ad hoc or special committee is then abolished; AND

WHEREAS, the Association created the Hall of Fame Program and associated Hall of Fame Selection Committee to recognize District Supervisors and other conservation leaders for superior contributions and outstanding leadership in the areas of soil and water conservation; AND

WHEREAS, the Association began receiving nominations for induction into the Hall of Fame in 1991 and has operated the program every year since that time; AND

WHEREAS, the Hall of Fame Selection Committee is not recognized as a permanent standing committee as its purpose is significantly different from those recognized as standing committees and must fall under the category of “special committees”; THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts recognizes the Hall of Fame Selection Committee as a long term special committee whose function and purpose is intended to extend well into the future; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts recognizes the importance and significance of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee by specifically including it in the Association by-laws by name; AND

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Adopted by the Polk Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors at an official meeting on the 14th day of September, 2015

Chairperson: Richard Smith

Adopted or Rejected (circle the appropriate action) by Area _____ at an official meeting on the _____ day of _____, 2015.

Area Chair: Zy Ego

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Adopted by the Alexander Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors at an official meeting on the 20th day of August, 2015

Chairperson: Bill Chapman

Adopted or Rejected (circle the appropriate action) by Area 2 at an official meeting on the 8 day of October, 2015.

Area Chair: John Waters

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Adopted by the Duplin Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors at an official meeting on the 8th day of September, 2015

Chairperson: Franklin A. Williams

Adopted or Rejected (circle the appropriate action) by Area 6 at an official meeting on the 20 day of October, 2015.

Area Chair: Dietrich Kilsatrusch

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Resolution: Amendment of Association By-laws to Formally Recognize the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

Adopted by the Sampson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors at an official meeting on the 29th day of September, 2015.

Chairperson

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James Sauter, AREA VII CHAIR 11-17-15

RESOLUTION

Supervisor Training

WHEREAS: According to Commission policy, only appointed Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors are currently required to attend training offered through the UNC School of Government in Chapel Hill, AND

WHEREAS: Three of the five members of a Soil and Water Conservation District Board are elected and there is no requirement for those elected individuals to attend training at the School of Government, AND

WHEREAS: All supervisors, elected or appointed, have taken an oath of office that includes the following language -- " I , do swear (or affirm) that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office of Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor according to the best of my skill and ability, according to law; so help me, God", .AND

WHEREAS: The soil and water conservation program in North Carolina is dynamic with new programs made available from time to time and new laws are passed which impact the work of local soil and water conservation districts, AND

WHEREAS: It is difficult to "well and truly execute the duties of office" unless both elected and appointed supervisors have a good understanding of soil and water supervisor roles and responsibilities, conservation programs, the conservation partnership, and federal and state laws impacting soil and water conservation programs, SO

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT: The North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts work to get legislation passed by the NC General Assembly requiring that all Soil and Water District Supervisors, both elected and appointed, attend Supervisor Training at the UNC School of Government or equivalent training on a schedule that will insure they are current with their knowledge of information pertinent to their roles and responsibilities.

Adopted by the Haywood Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors on July 28, 2015



Carlyle Ferguson, Chairman

Haywood Soil and Water Conservation District

Considered by Area 1 at its Fall Area Meeting on October 3, 2015 and X Adopted or _____

Rejected by majority vote:



Area 1 Chair

Underlined text is amendment from Area 1 Meeting

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Districts are being asked to administer more programs than in the past. For example, CCAP, AgWRAP, and CREP; AND

WHEREAS: Technical Assistance funding provided to local Districts by the Division of Soil and Water Conservation has not increased in 10 years and in many cases does not cover 50% of the cost of the position as originally intended; AND

WHEREAS: Districts and Counties are struggling to maintain budgets; NOW

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT: The North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts requests from the NC General Assembly additional funding for all State supported cost share conservation programs such that the level of financial assistance can be maintained, making additional funding available to raise the Technical Assistance allocations to at least fund each District at the \$25,500 cap per Full Time Technical Employee.

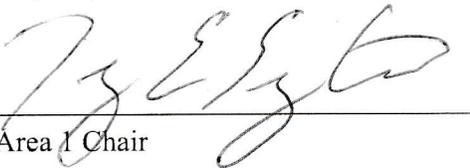
Adopted by the McDowell Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors on July 28, 2015.



Neil Brackett, Chairman

McDowell Soil and Water Conservation District

Considered by Area 1 at its Fall Area Meeting on October, 2015 and _____ Adopted or _____ Rejected by majority vote:



Area 1 Chair

RESOLUTION TO CLARIFY EDUCATION CONTEST RULES AND GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Education Contests are widely respected educational outreach programs of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Guilford Soil and Water Conservation District, meeting regular session on the 5th day of August 2015, that section of the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Education Contest Handbook 'Poster Contest Specifications' be revised to read "Posters must be the **original work** of the individual student. Original work includes illustrations, computer-generated drawings, photographs, or other artwork created solely by the individual submitting the work. **Any use of any photo, drawing, images or elements created by any other person (including but not limited to clip art, pictures from magazines or other books, digital images taken by someone else, and so forth) is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification.** Students should be made aware of **copyright protection**. (See Copyright section.) Hand drawn pictures are preferred over computer-generated drawings"; and that the Copyright section of that handbook also be revised to include "Copyright is a protection by U.S. laws for the authors and creators of original work. No copyrighted materials, clipart or other (protected or unprotected) ready-made images or illustrations can be used. If you didn't create it yourself, it is a likely copyright violation"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Area contest coordinators shall ensure that at a minimum of five (5) business days prior to the date of judging all judges have a copy of the contest handbook and scoring rubrics and urge them to study the rules, especially the sections on content, specifications,, copyright provisions, and judging criteria. This information shall be reemphasized shortly beforehand on the day judging occurs.

Approved:

Harold Alexander, Vice-Chair,
 Guilford Soil and Water Conservation District

Keith Stanley
 Area 3 Chair 10/21/15
 Passed

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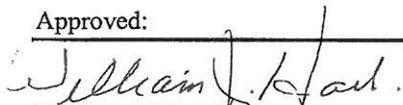
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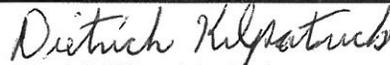
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the New Hanover Soil and Water Conservation District, meeting regular session on the 17th day of June 2015, that section of the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Education Contest Handbook 'Poster Contest Specifications' be revised to read “Posters must be the **original work** of the individual student. Original work includes illustrations, computer-generated drawings, photographs, or other artwork created solely by the individual submitting the work. **Any use of any photo, drawing, images or elements created by any other person (including but not limited to clip art, pictures from magazines or other books, digital images taken by someone else, and so forth) is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification.** Students should be made aware of **copyright protection**. (See Copyright section.) Hand drawn pictures are preferred over computer-generated drawings”; and that the Copyright section of that handbook also be revised to include “Copyright is a protection by U.S. laws for the authors and creators of original work. No copyrighted materials, clipart or other (protected or unprotected) ready-made images or illustrations can be used. If you didn't create it yourself, it is a likely copyright violation”; and

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Approved:



William J. Hart, Chair,
 New Hanover Soil and Water Conservation District



Dietrich Kilpatrick, Chair
 Area VI, NCASWCD

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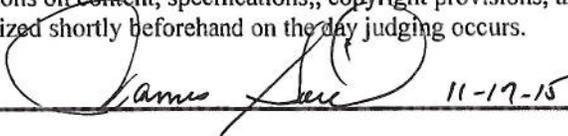
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Bladen Soil and Water Conservation District, meeting regular session on the 18th day of August, 2015, that section of the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Education Contest Handbook 'Poster Contest Specifications' be revised to read “Posters must be the **original work** of the individual student. Original work includes illustrations, computer-generated drawings, photographs, or other artwork created solely by the individual submitting the work. **Any use of any photo, drawing, images or elements created by any other person (including but not limited to clip art, pictures from magazines or other books, digital images taken by someone else, and so forth) is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification.** Students should be made aware of **copyright protection**. (See Copyright section.) Hand drawn pictures are preferred over computer-generated drawings”; and that the Copyright section of that handbook also be revised to include “Copyright is a protection by U.S. laws for the authors and creators of original work. No copyrighted materials, clipart or other (protected or unprotected) ready-made images or illustrations can be used. If you didn't create it yourself, it is a likely copyright violation”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Area contest coordinators shall ensure that at a minimum of five (5) business days prior to the date of judging all judges have a copy of the contest handbook and scoring rubrics and urge them to study the rules, especially the sections on content, specifications,, copyright provisions, and judging criteria. This information shall be reemphasized shortly beforehand on the day judging occurs.

Approved:

11-17-15

Earl Storms, Chair
 Bladen Soil and Water Conservation District

James Sarvis, Chair
 Area VII, NCASWCD

RESOLUTION TO CLARIFY EDUCATION CONTEST RULES AND GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Education Contests are widely respected educational outreach programs of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts; and

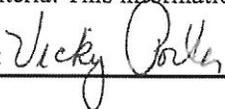
WHEREAS, the contest judging each spring at the district, area, and state levels is the annual culmination of the program; and

WHEREAS, many District educators have concerns that the language in the Contest Handbook rules and guidelines, particularly regarding the 3rd-6th grade poster contest is not sufficiently clear for poster construction or for judging and for avoided violations of copyright laws, for example, the current section of the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Contest Handbook titled 'Poster Specifications' states:

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Cabarrus Soil and Water Conservation District, meeting regular session on the 4th day of August 2015, that section of the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Education Contest Handbook 'Poster Contest Specifications' be revised to read “Posters must be the **original work** of the individual student. Original work includes illustrations, computer-generated drawings, photographs, or other artwork created solely by the individual submitting the work. **Any use of any photo, drawing, images or elements created by any other person (including but not limited to clip art, pictures from magazines or other books, digital images taken by someone else, and so forth) is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification.** Students should be made aware of **copyright protection**. (See Copyright section.) Hand drawn pictures are preferred over computer-generated drawings”; and that the Copyright section of that handbook also be revised to include “Copyright is a protection by U.S. laws for the authors and creators of original work. No copyrighted materials, clipart or other (protected or unprotected) ready-made images or illustrations can be used. If you didn't create it yourself, it is a likely copyright violation”; and

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Approved: 



Vicky Porter, Chair,
Cabarrus Soil and Water Conservation District

Kevin Marion, Chair
Area VIII, NCASWCD

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**RESOLUTION TO SET POLICY TO ACCEPT MAC AND WINDOWS
FOR COMPUTER GENERATED CONTEST ENTRIES**

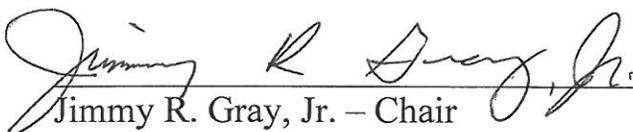
WHEREAS, the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts currently has a policy in place that states "Slides must be created using Microsoft PowerPoint software. Files shall be saved so that they are compatible with PowerPoint 2003" for 6th grade Computer Designed Slide Show entries.

WHEREAS, schools in Iredell County and many other school districts throughout the state of NC provide their students with MAC computers. Many times, these are the only computers that students have access to in order to enter the Education Contests.

WHEREAS, Iredell County 6th grade school teachers, and other 6th grade teachers across the state, use class time to teach students about the contest theme and work with students as they create a slide show - using MAC computers

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Education Committee work with MAC and Microsoft experts to determine how Districts can accept and judge entries made from either program.

This the 14 day of July, 2015



Jimmy R. Gray, Jr. – Chair
Iredell Soil and Water Conservation District



Kevin Marion – Area 8 Chair

RESOLUTION TO REQUEST FOR ENGINEERING ASSISTANCE WITH CONSERVATION OPPORTUNITIES

WHEREAS, the local, state, and federal conservation partners administer a successful program of financial and technical assistance to urban, suburban, and rural landowners; and

WHEREAS, the conservation partnership has a longstanding reputation for quality of technical assistance provided to landowners; and

WHEREAS, the conservation delivery system includes 96 local soil and water conservations districts, covering every county in the state of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, local conservation districts have enjoyed support from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and the Soil and Water Conservation Commission; and

WHEREAS, conservation opportunities identified by local Soil and Water Conservation Districts requiring engineering assistance and other technical services, cost share contracts, while wait times for engineering assistance with cost share contracts increasingly exceed one year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Commission review the engineering technical assistance capacity available through the Technical Services Section in the North Carolina Division of Soil and Water Conservation to respond to requests for technical assistance from local conservation districts.

Approved: 



Vicky Porter, Chair,
Cabarrus Soil and Water Conservation District

Kevin Marion, Chair
Area VIII, NCASWCD