

## **DRAFT PROGRAM (2024 Meeting)**

### **Guest Speakers**

NC Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Troxler - Invited

Foundation President Jimmy Gentry – Confirmed

President Shawn Harding - Confirmed

### **2023 NCASWCD Officers**

President – George Teague (Guilford)

First Vice President – Billy Kilpatrick (Duplin)

Second Vice President – Barbara Bleiweis (Mecklenburg)

Past President – Chris Hughes (Watauga)

Secretary – Lena Simmons (Cumberland)

Treasurer – Josh Myers (Guilford)

Assistant Treasurer – Bill Yarborough (Haywood)

NACD Board Member – Myles Payne

(Alexander)

Alt. NACD Board Member – Nancy Carter (Mecklenburg)

Chaplain – Marvin Cavanaugh (Stokes)

Asst. Chaplain – Tracy Warren (Beaufort)

## **80<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NC ASSOCIATION OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

**JANUARY 7-9, 2024**

**Sheraton Imperial**

**Durham, NC**

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024**

9:30 AM NC SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION WORK  
SESSION –

John Langdon, Chairperson, Presiding

*1 Hour of Supervisor Training Credit for Work Session or Meeting*

2:00-3:00 DEA EXECUTIVE BOARD

Marybeth Watkins, DEA President, Presiding

2:00-6:00 PM REGISTRATION OPEN

2:00-6:00 PM EXHIBIT HALL REGISTRATION & MOVE IN

12:30-2:30 PM NCASWCD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

George Teague, NCASWCD President, Presiding

*1 Hour of Supervisor Training Credit*

1:00-3:00 PM FIRST TIMERS AND NEW SUPERVISOR ORIENTATION

Franklin Williams, Past President, Facilitator  
*2 Hours of Supervisor Training Credit*

2:00-3:00 PM AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Betty Mathews, President, Presiding

3:00-5:00 PM NC SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION  
 COMMISSION MEETING

John Langdon, Chairperson, Presiding  
*1 Hour of Supervisor Training Credit for Meeting or Work Session*

5:00-6:00 PM PRESIDENT'S WELCOME RECEPTION

*A complimentary reception will be served; rotating event.*

7:30 PM MEMORIAL SERVICE

Marvin Cavanaugh, Chaplain Presiding  
 Inspirational Message: Marvin Cavanaugh  
 Special Music: Conservation Pickers

9:00 PM NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING (\*If Needed)

Chris Hughes, Immediate Past President, Presiding

9:00 PM INFORMAL MUSIC JAM

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024**

6:00 – 7:00 AM EXHIBITOR MOVE IN

6:30 AM – 2:00 PM REGISTRATION OPEN

6:45 AM SUPERVISORS' BREAKFAST

*Doors Open 6:30 AM*

Billy Kilpatrick, Vice-President, Presiding  
 Invocation: Marvin Cavanaugh, Chaplain  
 Oaths of Office -- New Area Chairs

NACD Report and Update

Franklin Williams, NC NACD Board Member

Speaker: TBD

*1 Hour of Supervisor Training Credit*

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7:00 AM – 6:00 PM EXHIBIT AREA OPEN

7:45 to 9:00 AM AUXILIARY HOSPITALITY

*Food and Coffee Provided*

8:30 AM GENERAL SESSION  
Welcome: George Teague, President, Presiding

Invocation: Marvin Cavanaugh, Chaplain  
Presentation of Colors: Association Veterans  
National Anthem: David Williams, Division Director  
Pledge of Allegiance: Led by President

Durham County Welcome–

Executive Director Annual Report – Bryan Evans

Foundation/Grange – President Jimmy Gentry

North Carolina Farm Bureau – President Shawn Harding

COMMENTS FROM THE TOP – Commissioner Steve Troxler  
*1 Hour of Supervisor Training Credit*

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM BANQUET SEATING RESERVATIONS  
*(Bring name tag to make seating selection.)*

9:30 AM – NOON AUXILIARY INFORMATIONAL  
SESSION & BUSINESS MEETING  
*See Separate Agenda for Auxiliary Activities*

10:00AM BREAK

10:30 AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS (KEEP IN MIND CERTIFICATION CREDITS  
OPPORTUNITIES)  
*1.5 Hours of Supervisor Training Credit per Session*

**SESSION #1 -- 2024 Executive Committee Orientation**

George Teague, Association 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Facilitator

*Are you an incoming 2024 Area Chair or a member of the 2023 Executive Committee who will continue serving in 2024? If so, this session is specifically designed with you in mind. You will leave the session better informed about specific duties and responsibilities for the upcoming year. There will be plenty of time for dialogue with the incoming president, regarding goals and expectations for 2024. Whether you're a first-time member of the Executive Committee or a veteran, this session is a must for getting you prepared for your role.*

**SESSION # 2 – Swine and Dairy Assistance and Waste to Fertilizer**



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8:00 PM AUXILIARY AUCTION

9:00 PM INFORMAL MUSIC JAM

## **TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024**

7:45 to 9:00 AM AUXILIARY HOSPITALITY

7:30 to 5:00 PM REGISTRATION OPEN

7:00 to 2:00 PM EXPO OPEN

8:30 AM GENERAL SESSION

George Teague, President, Presiding  
Invocation: Marvin Cavanaugh, Chaplain

### **Milton Heath Lecture – Growing Your Outreach**

Jennifer Berkowitz, National Wildlife Federation  
*1 Hour of Supervisor Training Credit*

9:30 AM Comments from candidates for all positions

ELECTION – Piedmont 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Coastal Commission Seat

10:00 – 10:30 AM BREAK

10:30AM GENERAL SESSION Resumes

George Teague, President, Presiding

American Watershed Coalition (*Tentative*)

StRAP Panel Discussion

*1 Hour of Supervisor Training Credit*

### **AWARD PRESENTATIONS**

Length of Service

NCASWCD Outstanding Employees of the Year and District Awards

9:30 – Noon AUXILIARY INFORMATION SESSION

## and BUSINESS MEETING

NOON        DEA LUNCHEON

Marybeth Watkins, DEA President, Presiding

Keynote Address: (TBD)

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1:30 PM     NRCS STAFF MEETING

1:30 PM     NCASWCD BUSINESS MEETING  
Billy Kilpatrick, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Presiding;

TBD, Parliamentarian

**REPORTS**

NRCS Comments

Tim Beard, State  
Conservationist

District Employee's Association Report

Marybeth Watkins,  
President

Auxiliary Report

Betty Mathews, President

Division Comments

David Williams, Director

Foundation Report

Jimmy Gentry, President  
Amanda Sand, Exec. Dir.*1 Hour of Supervisor Training Credit***ACTION ITEMS**

Nominating Committee Report

Chirs Hughes, Committee  
Chair

Other Actions Items (TBD)

Committee Reports

Committee Chairs

6:30 PM    BANQUET

George Teague, President, Presiding

Invocation: Marvin Cavanaugh, Chaplain

OUTSTANDING N.C. CONSERVATION FARM FAMILY AWARDS

PIEDMONT REGION

MOUNTAIN REGION

President's Award, George Teague

NC Foundation Presentation

Jimmy Gentry

Outgoing President's Remarks

George Teague, 2023

President Installation of 2024 NCASWCD President TBD

Handing Over the Gavel

George Teague 2023 President

Incoming President's Remarks

Billy Kilpatrick, 2024 President

9:00 – 11:00 PM INFORMAL MUSIC JAM

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024**

9:00 AM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BREAKFAST MEETIN

*1 Hour of Supervisor Training Credit*