

## CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CREDITS FOR EXTERNAL TRAINING EVENTS

NC General Statute 139-7.2 requires six clock hours of training per term of service; topics shall include “soil, water, and natural resources conservation” and “the duties and responsibilities of district supervisors”.

02 NCAC 59A .0204(c) outlines the activities where Supervisor Training Credits (STCs) may be obtained:

- Local board meetings when a presentation is provided by a resource professional,
- Local board meetings where appropriate resource materials are reviewed, and
- Through classroom training, field days, or events sponsored by the District, the Association, the Commission, the Division, NRCS, or the UNC School of Government.

02 NCAC 59A .0204(d) allows that “Other events or activities may be individually approved by the Commission when they meet the requirements of this Rule.”

A request has been received from Chad Spencer in Hyde SWCD; Supervisor Spencer is in a 2020-2024 term with 0.75 STCs thus far. Supervisor Spencer has requested 5.0 STCs for his participation in activities and events in early 2024. Attached are materials provided by Supervisor Spencer.

The Division recommendation is to award **3.0 STCs** for these activities:

Event	Request	Recommendation	Explanation
Soybean School	1.0 STCs	1.0 STCs	Technical presentations related to natural resources conservation.
Saltwater Intrusion Meeting	2.5 STCs	2.0 STCs	Technical presentations related to natural resources conservation. “Welcome & Intro” time should not be awarded STCs.
Swan Quarter Watershed Steering Committee	1.5 STCs	0.0 STCs	Based on the agenda provided, this appears to be a business meeting and not a training opportunity. STCs should not be awarded for routine business activities.

## HYDE SOIL &amp; WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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February 13, 2024

Mr. John Langdon, Chairman  
C/o NC Division of Soil & Water Conservation  
1614 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1614

Re: Request for Supervisor Training Credits

Dear Mr. Langdon and Commission Members:

I respectfully request that you consider the following obtained trainings attached and highlighted in yellow to be considered as a supervisor training credit:

Attended the NC Soybean Producers Association School and listened to the program entitled, "Environmental Impacts on Nutrient Uptake," given by Dr. Luke Gatiboni, NC State Soil Fertility Extension Specialist and the program entitled, "Evaluating Microbial Products for Soybean Production," given by Dr. Mallory Choudoir, NC State Soil Microbiomes Extension Specialist.

The Soybean School in Ponzer was offered on January 24, 2024 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. I request **1 hour training credit** for the items highlighted as I feel they meet the requirements as set forth in the rules set forth by the commission. This training was in a classroom setting and meets the natural resources conservation requirement.

On February 12, 2024 attended the Saltwater Intrusion Meeting at Pamlico Shores Outpost in Hyde County, North Carolina. See attached topics highlighted in yellow that I received training on. I am requesting **2 ½ hours of training credit** for this meeting

On February 13, 2024 I attended and participated as a Committee Member at the Swan Quarter Watershed Steering Committee Meeting at the Hyde Government Center, Multi-Purpose Room from 8:00 am to 9:30 am. Requesting an **1 ½ training credit for this meeting**. See agenda and sign in sheet attached.

Respectfully,



Chad Spencer  
Hyde SWCD Supervisor

Enclosures



# PONZER SOYBEAN SCHOOL AGENDA

**January 24, 2024 - 9:00am-2:00pm**

**Ponzer Community Building**

**39111 US Hwy 264, Belhaven, NC 27810**

Contact: Andrea Gibbs, 252-926-4486

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**9:00-9:15AM**

**Welcome**

**9:00-9:15AM**

**Rod Gurganus, Beaufort Co. CED & Ag  
Agent**

Research-Based Data - Why it is Important to You

**9:45-10:15AM**

**Dr. Luke Gatiboni, NC State Soil Fertility  
Extension Specialist**

Environmental Impacts on Nutrient Uptake

**10:15-10:30AM**

**Andrea Gibbs, Hyde County Ag Agent**

Nematodes in the Blacklands + Importance of  
Scouting

**10:30-10:40AM - BREAK**

✓ 2.0 hours X, N, D, O Pesticide Credits Available  
CCA Credits Applied For



**10:40-10:45AM**

**Memphis Slade-Credle, Tyrrell Co. Ag Agent**

Local Soybean Variety Trials

**10:45-11:00AM**

**Jalynne Ward, Washington Co. Ag Agent**

Soybean OFT Program + NC PSI Extension Agent  
Network

**11:00-11:30AM**

**Dr. Rachel Vann, NC State Soybean  
Extension Specialist**

Optimizing Core Soybean Agronomics

**11:30-12:00PM - Q & A SESSION**

**SPONSORED LUNCH**

**12:30-12:50PM**

**Dr. Mallory Choudoir, NC State Soil  
Microbiomes Extension Specialist**

Evaluating Microbial Products for Soybean Production

**12:50-1:50PM**

**Dr. Trent Irby, Mississippi State University**

The Art of Soybean Desiccation



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## 2024 Blacklands Area Winter Production Meeting Schedule

Date	Meeting	Location	Time	Speakers/Topics	Notes
1/9	Washington Co. V Training	Vernon James Center (207 Research Station Rd, Plymouth)	8:00-10:00am	NCDA&CS Required V Training Material	2 hours V (If you need pesticide credits in 2024 you will receive a letter in the mail!)
1/9	Dig Into Soils Meeting	Vernon James Center (207 Research Station Rd, Plymouth)	10:00am-12:00pm	Drs. Luke Gatiboni (Corn & Soybean Fertility), Mallory Choudoir (Biologicals), Adrienne Gorny (Nematodes), Steph Kulesza (Animal Waste Products & Nutrient Management)	1 hour X, N, D, O pest creds. CCA credits available. Lunch provided.
1/19	Virtual V Training	Zoom	8:00-10:00am	NCDA&CS Required V Training Material	2 hours V
1/24	Blacklands Soybean School	Ponzer Community Building (39111 US 264, Belhaven)	9:00am-2:00pm	See attached flyer.	2 hours X, N, D, O pest creds. CCA credits available. Lunch provided.
2/5	Hyde Co. V Training	Ponzer Community Building (39111 US 264, Belhaven)	8:00-10:00am	NCDA&CS Required V Training Material	2 hours V
2/5	Corn Production Meeting	Ponzer Community Building (39111 US 264, Belhaven)	10:00am-12:00pm	Drs. Ron Heiniger (Corn Production), Dominic Reisig (Insects Management), Daisy Ahumada (Tar spot & ear rots), Charlie Cahoon (Weed Management)	2 hours X, N, D, O pesticide credits. CCA credits available. Lunch provided.
2/6	Ponzer Paraquat Training	Ponzer Community Building (39111 US 264, Belhaven)	9:00-10:00am	This training is required every three years.	1 hour X, N, D, O
2/6	Ponzer Auxin Training	Ponzer Community Building (39111 US 264, Belhaven)	10:00-11:00am	This training is required annually. Applicators using Enlist products are not required to receive training.	1 hour X, N, D, O
2/6	Blackland Cotton Meeting	Ponzer Community Building (39111 US 264, Belhaven)	11:00am-2:00pm	Drs. Keith Edmisten, Guy Collins, Charlie Cahoon, Dominic Reisig	2 hours X, N, D, O pesticide credits. CCA credits available. Lunch provided.
2/12	Saltwater Intrusion (SWI) Meeting	Pamlico Shores Outpost (23145 US Hwy 264, Swan Quarter)	9:00am-12:00pm	Drs. Matt Ricker (NCSU CASM Project), Luke Gatiboni (Salt Excluder Soybeans & Uzbekistan), Alex Manda (ECU Research Update), Ekrem Ozlu (NCSU SWI Program Update). SWI & Cost Share Programs (Kyle Gentry (NRCS) & Daniel Brinn (Hyde S&W))	No credits available. Lunch provided.



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**Fwd: SWI Meeting Details**

1 message

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**Subject:** SWI Meeting Details

Good Afternoon!

I am looking forward to the saltwater intrusion meeting on Monday, February 12th! The meeting will be held at the [Pamlico Shores Outpost](#) (formerly Dare to Hyde Adventures) and will start at 9:30 am and end with lunch. The draft agenda is listed below. We will have a projector. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

**Saltwater Intrusion Meeting  
February 12, 2024  
9:30 am - 12:00 pm**

**Agenda**

- 9:30-9:50 am - Welcome & Intro - Andrea Gibbs
- 9:50-10:20 am - NCSU CASM Project - Dr. Matt Ricker
- 10:20-10:50 am - Salt Excluder Soybeans & Uzbekistan - Dr. Luke Gaiboni
- 10:50-11:05 am - ECU Research - Dr. Alex Manda
- 11:05-11:25 am - NCSU SWI Program Update & Potential Options for SWI - Dr. Ekrem Ozlu
- 11:25-11:40 am - NRCS Cost Share Programs - Kyle Gentry, NRCS
- 11:40-11:55 am - S&W Cost Share Programs - Daniel Brinn, Hyde Co. S&W

Thank you,  
Andrea

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**AGENDA  
SQ WATERSHED STEERING COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL DIKE INSPECTION  
Tuesday, February 13, 2024  
@ 8:00 AM  
Hyde Government Center  
Multi-Purpose Room**

CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRMAN

TONY CARAWAN

MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 13, 2024 ( TO BE SIGNED BY JOSH GIBBS, SECRETARY)

BUDGET REPORT

- SWAN QUARTER ASSESSMENT
- WEST QUARTER ASSESSMENT

UPDATE ON STRAP - NEW GATES DELIVERED ON 1-4-24 & CK REQUEST FOR PAYMENT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED

QUOTE FROM POMONA PIPE PRODUCTS - REPLACEMENT OF GATE IN SWAN QUARTER- NEED COMMITTEE CONSENSUS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH REPLACEMENT

UPDATE ON MILL DITCH 42 INCH GATE - TO BE PICKED UP FROM POMONA PIPE

HIATT CAHOON - LITTLE LARRY LOT WORK PROPOSAL

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST FOR SWAN QUARTER WATERSHED FOR INSPECTION (FOR SITE INSPECTION)

ANNUAL MOWING - NEED TO OBTAIN ANOTHER VENDOR

DEPART FOR INSPECTION OF DIKE