



Association Executive Director's

Report to the Commission

March 27, 2024

2024 Legislative Items

This year, we will be working on increased Technical Assistance. This is the short session, so legislators will likely not be in town for very long.

In addition, there was a resolution to address concerns of inconsistent field determinations of permitting needs for agricultural conservation projects. We, along with the Division, met with NC DEQ and DMLR to discuss the issue. That was a positive meeting, and we are currently working on a written document to give clarity in the future.

Basic Training for Soil and Water Conservation Supervisors

We completed the 2024 regional trainings. Attendance was lower this year, with 14 Supervisors attending, but that was anticipated with 2023 not being an election year.

2024 NC Cattlemen's Association Annual Meeting

The Association, along with Deputy Director Julie Henshaw, attended the conference and discussed with participants cost share opportunities for their operations. In addition, we met other potential vendors for our Annual Meeting to share opportunities with our participants.

Education Coordinator Position

The Association is moving closer to securing this position. President Kilpatrick did reconvene the Ad-hoc committee to discuss potential opportunities for the position. Our Executive Committee will discuss further at their Spring meeting.

Upcoming Education/Outreach

Poster judging will be held April 24, and the State Speech Contest will be held May 3. Essay and Slide Show will be judged during this period as well.

The Resource Conservation Workshop will be held June 16-21 at NC State University.

State Conservation Farm Family Celebration

The Kim Starnes family of Rowan County will be celebration event will be held on May 9.