DRAFT PROGRAM (2025 Meeting)

Guest Speakers

NC Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Troxler - Confirmed
Foundation President Jimmy Gentry - Confirmed
President Shawn Harding - Confirmed
Liz Driscoll (Milton Heath Lecture) - Confirmed
NACD Secretary/Treasurer Mark Masters (Supervisor Breakfast) - Confirmed
Jennifer Brooks (EE Dinner) - Confirmed

2024 NCASWCD Officers

President – Billy Kilpatrick (Duplin)

First Vice President – Barbara Bleiweis (Mecklenburg)

Second Vice President – Gail Hughes (Orange)

Past President – George Teague (Guilford)

Secretary – Lena Simmons (Cumberland)

Treasurer – Josh Myers (Guilford)

Assistant Treasurer – Bill Yarborough (Haywood)

NACD Brd Member – Myles Payne (Alexander)

Alt. NACD Brd Member – Craig Myers (Davie)

Chaplain – Marvin Cavanaugh (Stokes)

Asst. Chaplain – Tracy Warren (Beaufort)

81st ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NC ASSOCIATION OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

JANUARY 5-8, 2025 Sheraton Imperial Durham, NC

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2025 (Additional Registration Required)

12:00 PM to 6 PM BASIC TRAINING

Crown Room

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024

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

John Langdon, Chairperson, Presiding

1 Hour of Supervisor Training Credit for Work Session or Meeting

2:00-3:00 DEA EXECUTIVE BOARD

Crystal Coast Ballroom

Marybeth Watkins, DEA President, Presiding

2:00-6:00 PM REGISTRATION OPEN

Empire & Auditorium Foyer

12:30-2:30 PM NCASWCD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.MEETING Empire AB Billy Kilpatrick, NCASWCD President, Presiding 1 Hour of Supervisor Training Credit

1:00-3:00 PM FIRST TIMERS AND NEW SUPERVISOR ORIENTATION Crown
Franklin Williams, Past President, Facilitator
2 Hours of Supervisor Training Credit

2:00-3:00 PM AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Betty Mathews, President, Presiding

Park Boardroom

3:00-5:00 PM NC SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION Imperial 4,5,6,7 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 Empire Ballroom
A complimentary reception will be served; rotating event.

7:30 PM MEMORIAL SERVICE Imperial 4,5,6,7

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

9:00 PM NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING (*If Needed) Park George Teague, Immediate Past President, Presiding

9:00 PM INFORMAL MUSIC JAM Crown

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025

6:00 - 7:00 AM EXHIBITOR MOVE IN Imperial 1,2,3

6:30 AM – 2:00 PM REGISTRATION OPEN

6:45 AM SUPERVISORS' BREAKFAST Empire CDE

Doors Open 6:30 AM

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

Comments from Candidates for 2nd VP and Piedmont Commission Seat

NACD Report and Update Mark Masters-Secretary/Treasurer, NACD 1 Hour of Supervisor Training Credit

The initials SB are on your nametag if you purchased this meal in advance.

7:00 AM – 6:00 PM EXHIBIT AREA OPEN

Imperial 1,2,3

7:45 to 9:00 AM AUXILIARY HOSPITALITY Food and Coffee Provided

Piedmont

8:30 AM GENERAL SESSION

Imperial 4,5,6,7

Welcome: Billy Kilpatrick, President, Presiding

Invocation: Marvin Cavanaugh, Chaplain Presentation of Colors: Association Veterans

National Anthem:

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 Auditorium

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 -- 2025 Executive Committee Orientation Crown

Barbara Bleiweis, Association 1st Vice President, Facilitator

Are you an incoming 2025 Area Chair or a member of the 2024 Executive Committee who will continue serving in 2025? 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 2025. 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 – District Human Resource Topics

Royal

Please join us to hear from NCDA&CS staff regarding human resources topics of interest, including recognizing and preventing hostile work environments, developing leadership skills, and employee development and retention. As local soil and water conservation district supervisors work with staff to maintain a positive work environment in your district, these are topics you don't want to miss!

SESSION #3- Feral Swine and the District

Crystal Coast

Please join us to hear from staff from the NCDA&CS Veterinary Division as they discuss the Feral Swine Trapping Program. Also, districts already participating in the program will be here to share their experience and your opportunity as a District to assist with this program.

SESSION #4- Veterans in Agriculture

Empire AB

This session will identify opportunities for veterans in agriculture and programs to assist Districts in serving those who have served our country.

SESSION #5 - Flood Resiliency Blueprint

Bull Durham

The Blueprint is a first-of-its-kind program in North Carolina and represents the largest statewide flood mitigation investment in state history. An online decision support tool and associated planning will drive state, regional and community decision-making and guide the legislature in making funding decisions. When completed, the Blueprint will lead to an actionable set of projects and funding strategies that state and other government entities can implement to reduce flooding, mitigate the impacts of flooding, and increase a community's ability to maintain and quickly resume pre-storm activities following flooding. Districts desiring to attract funding for their flood resiliency priorities should attend to learn more about this landmark project for NC.

SESSION #6 - Community Conservation

Royal A

This session will discuss Community Conservation BMPS and projects. As the CCAP program continues to grow and project requests increase, information shared will provide tools that could increase the Community Conservation efforts of your District.

SESSION #7- Environmental Education Resources

Imperial IV

At this session, we will be discussing the potential for a new curriculum for District educators that have a District focus. There will also be information on the NEW Wilkes SWCD Mobile Soils Trailer.

Session #8 -StRAP and Contract Management

Imperial VI&VII

StRAP funding can support a wide variety of project types, from stream debris removal, stream restoration, and watershed structure repair. This talk will review some of the considerations that can help streamline the implementation of a StRAP funded project. Federal and State Procurement Guidelines can differ greatly with regard to the funding sources. What are the funding sources and what to consider when deciding what, if any choices I have to execute my project.

NOON CONSERVATION AWARENESS LUNCH

Empire CDE

Craig Frazier, Legislative Committee Chair, Presiding

1 Hour of Supervisor Training Credit

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1:30 PM

COMMITTEE CHAIRS' AND RECORDERS' MEETING Auditorium

Community Conservation Committee

District Operations Committee

Education Committee

Finance Committee

Legislative Committee

Natural Environment Committee

Imperial VI&VII

Imperial IV

Bull Durham

Crystal Coast

Royal

Crown

Research and Technology Committee

Water Resources Committee

Royal A

Empire AB

Supervisor Training Credits offered based on presentations

6:30 PM CONSERVATION EDUCATION DINNER Empire CDE

Gail Hughes, Education Committee Chair, Presiding

Education Awards: Envirothon Hall of Fame

EE Awards and Recognitions

Teachers of the Year

The initials ED are on your nametag if you purchased this meal in advance.

8:00 PM AUXILIARY AUCTION Empire CDE

9:00 PM INFORMAL MUSIC JAM Crown

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025

7:45 to 9:00 AM AUXILIARY HOSPITALITY Piedmont

7:30 to 5:00 PM REGISTRATION OPEN

7:00 to 2:00 PM E X P O OPEN Imperial 1,2,3

8:30 AM GENERAL SESSION Imperial 4,56,7

Billy Kilpatrick, President, Presiding Invocation: Marvin Cavanaugh, Chaplain

8:45 AM Ongoing Projects - Biochar, Swine Trapping

9:05 AM Will Harman – Improving Stream and Floodplain Resiliency

Post Disaster

ELECTION – Coastal 2nd VP, Piedmont Commission Seat

In Expo

10:30AM GENERAL SESSION Resumes

Billy Kilpatrick, President, Presiding

Milton Heath Lecture – RCW - Building Future Conservationist

Liz Driscoll, NC State University

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

Auditorium

and BUSINESS MEETING

NOON DEA LUNCHEON

Empire CDE

Marybeth Watkins, DEA President, Presiding

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1:30 PM NRCS STAFF MEETING

Auditorium

1:30 PM NCASWCD BUSINESS MEETING

Imperial 4,5,6,7

Barbara Bleiweis, 1st Vice President, Presiding

Parliamentarian, TBD

REPORTS

NRCS Comments Tim Beard, State

Conservationist

District Employee's Association Report Marybeth Watkins,

President

Auxiliary Report Betty Mathews, President

RC&D Report Matt Settlemyer,

Southwest Council ED

Division Comments David Williams, Director

Foundation Report Jimmy Gentry, President

ACTION ITEMS

Nominating Committee Report George Teague

Other Actions Items (TBD)

Committee Reports Committee Chairs

6:30 PM BANQUET

Imperial 4,5,6,7

Billy Kilpatrick, President, Presiding

Invocation: Marvin Cavanaugh, Chaplain

OUTSTANDING N.C. CONSERVATION FARM FAMILY AWARDS

PIEDMONT REGION – Advantage Outdoors, LLC

MOUNTAIN REGION - D&M Farms

Hall of Fame Induction Franklin Williams, HOF Chair

President's Award, Billy Kilpatrick

NC Foundation Presentation Jimmy Gentry, President

Outgoing President's Remarks

Billy Kilpatrick, President

Installation of 2025 NCASWCD President

Handing Over the Gavel Billy Kilpatrick, 2024 President

Incoming President's Remarks Barbara Bleiweis, 2025 President

9:00 – 11:00 PM INFORMAL MUSIC JAM Crown

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025

9:00 AM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BREAKFAST MEETING Crystal Coast

1 Hour of Supervisor Training Credit

Hotel Map

