

## **DRAFT PROGRAM (2025 Meeting)**

### **Guest Speakers**

NC Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Troxler - Invited  
 Foundation President Jimmy Gentry – Invited  
 President Shawn Harding – Invited  
 Liz Driscoll (Milton Heath Lecture) – Confirmed  
 Jennifer Brooks (EE Dinner) - Invited

### **2024 NCASWCD Officers**

President – Billy Kilpatrick (Duplin)  
 First Vice President – Barbara Bleiweis (Mecklenburg)  
 Second Vice President – Gail Hughes (Guilford)  
 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)

## **81<sup>st</sup> 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

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 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 **Empire & Auditorium Foyer**

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

- 12:30-2:30 PM NCASWCD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
 Billy Kilpatrick, 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)  
 George Teague, Immediate Past President, Presiding
- 9:00 PM INFORMAL MUSIC JAM

**MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025**

- 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*
- Barbara Bleiweis, Vice-President, Presiding  
 Invocation: Marvin Cavanaugh, Chaplain  
 Oaths of Office -- New Area Chairs
- NACD Report and Update  
 Franklin Williams, NACD Executive Board  
 Member  
*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
- 7:45 to 9:00 AM AUXILIARY HOSPITALITY  
*Food and Coffee Provided*

8:30 AM GENERAL SESSION  
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  
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**

Barbara Bleiweis, Association 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

**ADDITIONAL SESSIONS**

NOON CONSERVATION AWARENESS LUNCH  
Craig Frazier, Legislative Committee Chair, Presiding

*1 Hour of Supervisor Training Credit*

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1:30 PM COMMITTEE CHAIRS' AND RECORDERS' MEETING

2:00-5:00 PM RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Community Conservation Committee  
District Operations Committee  
Education Committee  
Finance Committee  
Legislative Committee  
Natural Environment Committee  
Research and Technology Committee  
Water Resources Committee

*Supervisor Training Credits offered based on presentations*

6:30 PM CONSERVATION EDUCATION DINNER  
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

9:00 PM INFORMAL MUSIC JAM

## **TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025**

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

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

**Milton Heath Lecture – RCW - Building Future Conservationist**

Liz Driscoll, NC State University  
*1 Hour of Supervisor Training Credit*

9:30 AM Comments from candidates for all positions

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

10:00 – 10:30 AM BREAK

**In Expo**

10:30AM GENERAL SESSION Resumes  
 Billy Kilpatrick, President, Presiding

Presentations

*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

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1:30 PM NRCS STAFF MEETING

1:30 PM NCASWCD BUSINESS MEETING  
 Barbara Bleiweis, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Presiding

Parliamentarian, TBD

**REPORTS**

NRCS Comments

Tim Beard, State  
 Conservationist

District Employee's Association Report

Marybeth Watkins,  
 President

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| Auxiliary Report                            | Betty Mathews, President                           |
| RC&D Report                                 | Matt Settlemyer,<br>Southwest Council ED           |
| Division Comments                           | David Williams, Director                           |
| Foundation Report                           | Jimmy Gentry, President<br>Amanda Sand, Exec. Dir. |
| <i>1 Hour of Supervisor Training Credit</i> |  |

### **ACTION ITEMS**

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Nominating Committee Report | George Teague    |
| Other Actions Items (TBD)   |                  |
| Committee Reports           | Committee Chairs |

### 6:30 PM BANQUET

Billy Kilpatrick, President, Presiding

Invocation: Marvin Cavanaugh, Chaplain

### OUTSTANDING N.C. CONSERVATION FARM FAMILY AWARDS

PIEDMONT REGION

MOUNTAIN REGION

President's Award, Billy Kilpatrick

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| 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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025**

9:00 AM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BREAKFAST MEETING

*1 Hour of Supervisor Training Credit*