

**NORTH CAROLINA  
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION  
BUSINESS SESSION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
November 20, 2024**

Guilford County Agricultural Center  
3309 Burlington Road  
Greensboro, NC 27405

<b>Commission Members</b>	<b>Guests</b>	<b>Guests Online</b>
John Langdon, Chair	Shelby Kaplan	Anne Coan
Billy Kilpatrick	Jennifer Roach	Charlie
James Lamb	Lisa Fine	Delmon Hardee
Brian Parker	Michael Shepherd	Jane Humphrey
George Teague	Elise McLaughlin	Nicole Warren
Barbara Bleiweis	Chris Love	Sam Edwards
Patrick Baker	Ken Parks	Kathryn Reis
<b>Commission Counsel</b>	Tinesha McNeil	Brandi Taton
Victor Unnone III	Allie Dinwiddie	Michael Bowman
<b>Guests</b>	Brandy Myers	Cayle Aldridge
David Williams	Lorien Deaton	Daphne Cartner
Julie Henshaw	Keith Larick	Darren Layton
Matt Safford	<b>Guest Online</b>	Charles Bass III
Kristina Fischer	Frankie	Lisa Fine
Rick McSwain	Wilkes SWCD	Martin Mclawhorn
Josh Vetter	Angie Quinn	Lindsey Edwards
Bryan Evans	Davie SWCD	Kayla McCoy- Wilkes
Tom Hill	Justin Nobles	Columbus SWCD

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Langdon called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**II. PRELIMINARY:** Chairman Langdon charged the Commission members to declare any conflict of interest, or appearance of conflict of interest, that may exist for agenda items under consideration, as mandated by the State Ethics Act. Commissioner Patrick Baker announced a conflict for agenda item 8A, parts 2 & 3 and declared that he would be recusing himself on that item.

Chairman Langdon asked all of the Commission members and attendees to introduce themselves and reminded everyone to sign the registration sheet and silence their cell phones.

**III. BUSINESS:**

- 1. Approval of Agenda:** Chairman Langdon asked for approval of the agenda. Commissioner George Teague moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner Brian Parker seconded. Motion carried.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Langdon asked for approval of the minutes. Commissioner James Lamb moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Patrick Baker seconded. Motion carried.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

3. **Division Report:** Chairman Langdon recognized Director David Williams to present. Director Williams' presentation (Attachment 3) is included as an official part of the minutes.
4. **Association Report:**
  - A. Chairman Langdon recognized President Teague to present. A copy of the report (Attachment 4A) is included as an official part of the minutes.
  - B. Chairman Langdon recognized Executive Director Bryan Evans to present. A copy of the report (Attachment 4B) is included as an official part of the minutes.
5. **NRCS Report:** Chairman Langdon recognized Mr. Tim Beard. A copy of the report (Attachment 5) is an official part of the minutes.

### ACTION ITEMS

6. **Consent Agenda:** Chairman Langdon asked for a motion concerning the consent agenda. Commissioner George Teague moved to approve the consent agenda, and Commissioner Barbara Bleiweis seconded. Motion carried.
  - A. **Supervisor Appointments (Attachment 6A)**
  - B. **Supervisor Contracts (Attachment 6B)**
  - C. **StRAP Supervisor Contract (Attachment 6C)**
  - D. **Job Approval Authority Applicants for Consideration (Attachment 6D)**
7. **Designation of Commission Rules for Readoption:** Chairman Langdon recognized Director David Williams to present. Director Williams explained the purpose for readopting the Commission's rules. A copy of the report (Attachment 7) is included as an official part of the minutes. Director Williams stated there are several items for approval.
  - A. **02 NCAC 59A**

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion concerning Rule 02 NCAC 59A. Commissioner Billy Kilpatrick moved to approve the Division's recommendation to designate rule 59A as necessary, and Commissioner James Lamb seconded. Motion carried.
  - B. **02 NCAC 59B**

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion concerning Rule 02 NCAC 59B. Commissioner Brian Parker moved to approve the Division's recommendation to designate rule 59B as necessary, and Commissioner Patrick Baker seconded. Motion carried

**C. 02 NCAC 59C**

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion concerning Rule 02 NCAC 59C. Commissioner Barbara Bleiweis moved to approve the Division's recommendation to designate rule 59C as necessary, and Commissioner Billy Kilpatrick seconded. Motion carried

**D. 02 NCAC 59E**

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion concerning Rule 02 NCAC 59E. Commissioner Brian Parker moved to approve the Division's recommendation to designate rule 59E as necessary, and Commissioner George Teague seconded. Motion carried

**E. 02 NCAC 59F**

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion concerning Rule 02 NCAC 59F. Commissioner George Teague moved to approve the Division's recommendation to designate rule 59F as necessary, and Commissioner James Lamb seconded. Motion carried

**F. 02 NCAC 59G**

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion concerning Rule 02 NCAC 59G. Commissioner Barbara Bleiweis moved to approve the Division's recommendation to designate rule 59G as necessary, and Commissioner Patrick Baker seconded. Motion carried

**8. 2024 -2028 Supervisor Terms:** Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Kristina Fischer to present. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes (Attachment 8A).

**A. Recommendations for Supervisor Appointment and Reappointment**

Ms. Fischer explained that the nominations for appointment/reappointment will be broken into several groups.

- i. Nominated For Reappointment And Have Attended Basic Training, At Least 2/3 Of Regularly Scheduled District Meetings, And Achieved At Least 6 STCs.

Ms. Fischer stated that this group has met all of the Commission's requirements for reappointment and the Division recommends approval. Commissioner Brian Parker moved to approve the nominations, and Commissioner George Teague seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- ii. Nominated For Reappointment And Serves On The Commission; Meets Attendance And Training Requirements.

Commissioner Patrick Baker recused himself from consideration of this item, since he is the nominee. Ms. Fischer stated that Commissioner Baker has met all of the Commission's requirements for reappointment and the Division recommends approval. Commissioner James Lamb moved to approve the nomination, and Commissioner Barbara Bleiweis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- iii. Nominated For Reappointment and Have Not Attended 2/3 Of Regularly Scheduled District Meetings; Meets Training Requirements

Commissioner Patrick Baker declared a conflict of interest and recused himself from consideration of this item. Ms. Fischer stated that the Division recommends

approval of this group conditioned upon the supervisor improving attendance over the next 12 months. Commissioner Barbara Bleiweis moved to approve the nominations, and Commissioner Billy Kilpatrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

iv. Nominated For Reappointment and Have Not Achieved 6 STCs

Ms. Fischer stated that the Division recommends approval of this group conditioned upon the supervisor achieving 6 STCs by Monday, December 2, 2024. Commissioner James Lamb moved to approve the nominations, and Commissioner Barbara Bleiweis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

v. Nominated for Appointment

Ms. Fischer stated that the 5 districts are nominating new individuals to fill the expiring terms. Division recommends approval of this group conditioned upon the supervisor attending Basic Training in January or February 2025. Commissioner Brian Parker moved to approve the nominations, and Commissioner Billy Kilpatrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

vi. No Nomination Submitted, Seats Will Go Vacant

Ms. Fischer declared that four districts did not submit nominations and that those positions would go vacant after December 2, 2024. No further action is recommended at this time.

Ms. Fischer confirmed that, as discussed at the Work Session, the reappointed supervisors who did not attend any area or state meetings of the Association will be sent correspondence from the Commission encouraging their participation in these meetings during their new terms.

**B. Election Report**

Ms. Fischer presented the results of the 2024 General Election for each district's supervisor position (attachment 8B). She noted that 70 supervisors were re-elected, having completed the required 6 STCs. She further noted that 6 supervisors have not yet achieved 6 STCs were re-elected. There are 22 supervisors who are newly elected to fill seats on the board, and there are two districts for which the election is awaiting confirmation of the write-in candidates with the most votes. She noted that she would present a report on supervisor training credits at the January meeting, at which time the Commission can consider how to handle the re-elected supervisors who did not attain the required 6 STCs by December 2, 2024.

**9. Guidance on Supervisor Participation:** Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Kristina Ficher to present. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes (Attachment 9).

Ms. Fischer shared the Division's recommendation to revise the Commission's Guidance on Supervisor Participation. This guidance has been in place since March 2011, but it needs to be

updated to acknowledge the relevant procedures in rule 59A. Commissioner Barbara Bleiweis moved to approve the revisions, and Commissioner George Teague seconded. Motion carried.

**10. Vance SWCD Supervisor Failure to Attend:** Chairman Langdon recognized Ms Kristina Fischer to present. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes (Attachment 10). Ms. Fischer shared notification submitted by Vance SWCD that supervisor Rodney Dickerson has failed to attend 3 consecutive regularly scheduled meetings. The district has considered changing its meeting time to accommodate Mr. Dickerson's availability, but Mr. Dickerson has indicated an intention to resign.

**11. Agriculture Cost Share Program Policy Revisions:** Chairman Langdon recognized Mr. John Beck to present recommended policy revisions from the Technical Review Committee (Attachment 11). A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes.

**A. Waste Application Systems**

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion concerning the TRC's recommended revisions for Waste Application Systems.

Commissioner Patrick Baker moved to approve, and Commissioner Barbara Bleiweis seconded. Motion carried

**B. Constructed Wetlands**

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion concerning the TRC's recommended revisions for Constructed Wetlands

Commissioner James Lamb moved to approve, and Commissioner Brian Parker seconded. Motion carried

Commissioner Brian Parker expressed appreciation for the progress on flash grazing allowance for livestock exclusion practices.

**12. Community Conservation Assistance Program Regional Application Recommendations:**

Chairman Langdon recognized Mr. Tom Hill to present. A copy of the power point is included as an official part of the minutes (Attachment 12). Mr. Hill shared the recommendations from the Division regarding approval of CCAP applications. Chairman Langdon asked for a motion concerning the Division's Recommendations. Commissioner George Teague moved to approve the recommended applications, and Commissioner Barbara Bleiweis seconded. Motion carried.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Chairman Langdon asked for any public comments.

Chairman Langdon acknowledged the partners participating in the Commission meeting. He also thanked the Division for the September meeting in conjunction with the CET.

Director Williams said that it might be good for the Commission to get to see marsh sills at the March meeting. He shared that the following Hurricane Matthew or Florence the Director of the Division of Coastal Management highlighted the benefits of marsh sills in a presentation to the General Assembly. Charlie Sanders offered to host the March meeting in Dare County and to arrange a tour to see some of the marsh sills there.

Chairman Langdon inquired whether the Association plans to have a booth at the state Cattlemen's conference in February in Hickory.

Commissioner George Teague thanked everyone to coming to Guilford County. Chairman Langdon thanked Commissioner Teague and the Guilford staff for hosting the meeting and the tour.

**V. ADJURNMENT:** With no further business, Chairman Langdon called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Brian Parker moved to adjourn, and Commissioner George Teague seconded. With no opposition, Chairman Langdon declared the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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David B. Williams, Director  
Division of Soil & Water Conservation, Raleigh, N.C.

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Tinesha McNeil, Recording Secretary

***These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Soil & Water Conservation Commission on January 5, 2025.***

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