



## Association Executive Director's

### Report to the Commission

July 2024

#### **2024 Legislative Items**

We continue to push the need for technical assistance funding. Our request is an additional \$600,000.

So far, the Governor's budget includes \$1 million for AgWRAP and \$20 million for StRAP. The Legislators opened session on April 24 and there are a lot of meetings starting.

The House's released budget does not have any of these items in it. The Senate is working on theirs at the time of this report.

#### **Basic Training for Soil and Water Conservation Supervisors**

We will start shortly on planning for the 2025 Basic Training. I plan to bring for your approval the planned training topics in September due to the size of the July agenda.

#### **Education Coordinator Position**

The Association is moving forward with an agreement for the deliverables needed for the position based on the funding we have had pledged from Districts. I have met with Randolph District and they have started working on the contest manual and curriculum focusing on agriculture and conservation.

#### **Contest**

I would like to encourage Districts to submit applications for the various recognitions we have. Technical, Admin, Education and other opportunities to recognize employees that go beyond within their Districts are part of the Association's program.