

**NORTH CAROLINA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

June 27, 2024

Teams Meeting

| Commission Members | Guests Online | |
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| John Langdon, Chair | Jessica Davis | Brandy Myers |
| Billy Kilpatrick | Paula Day | Nancy McCormick |
| James Lamb | Lorien Deaton | Eric Pare |
| Brian Parker | Anthony Dowdle | Ken Parks |
| George Teague | Christopher Dreps | Heather Reichert |
| Barbara Bleiweis | Lindsay Edwards | Jennifer Roach |
| Patrick Baker | Lisa Fine | Matt Safford |
| Commission Counsel | Kristina Fischer | Michael Shepherd |
| Phillip Reynolds | Melanie Harris | Hannah Smith |
| Guests Online | Julie Henshaw | Rachel Smith |
| Annette Adams | Brandon Higgins | Josh Vetter |
| Cayle Aldridge | Kori Higgs | Marybeth Watkins |
| Amanda Sand | Tom Hill | David Williams |
| Angie Quinn | JD Jorgensen | Randy Willis |
| John Beck | Jennifer Harrison | Vivien Zhong |
| Brandon Higgins | Jessica Perrin | Julia Hardy |
| Stuart Brown | Jessica Trotman | Bryan Evans |
| Anganette Byrd | Shelby Kaplan | Rob Baldwin |
| Sabra Cahoon | Chris Love | Ann Coan |
| Brad Connell | Elise McLaughlin | Tyler Hodge |
| Eddie Culberson | Rick McSwain | |
| Kristy Dail | Millie Langley | |

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Langdon called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.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. None were declared

III. BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Agenda: Chairman Langdon asked for approval on the agenda. Commissioner Teague moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner Bleiweis seconded. Motion carried.

2. Consideration of Streamflow Rehabilitation Assistance Program (StRAP) Application Approvals:

Chairman Langdon called upon Mr. Matt Safford to present the proposed StRAP allocation. Mr. Safford shared the prepared presentation that is attached as Attachment 2. Chairman

Langdon asked for clarification on the applicant types. He encouraged districts to be part of future applications. He would like to see more districts apply in future rounds. Chairman Langdon also asked that future applications include a description of the level of involvement of districts so that Commission has good understanding of who is receiving funding.

Commissioner Teague asked whether funds must go through a district, and Mr. Safford responded that the authorizing legislation has no such expectation.

Mr. Safford described the projects that the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has offered to provide funding out of the funds available for the Flood Resiliency Blueprint. He introduced Stuart Brown with DEQ.

Mr. Brown stated that DEQ is excited for the opportunity to cooperate with the Division to fund additional stream projects. The authorizing legislation for the DEQ funding requires DEQ to hire a contractor directly for stream debris removal. The Farm Act (Senate Bill 355) passed the General Assembly and includes language that would authorize DEQ to contract with a state agency for debris removal. The Farm Act still requires the Governor's signature.

Commissioner Teague moved to approve the proposed allocation and Commissioner Bleiweis seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Langdon asked Mr. Safford to calculate the total length of stream and area of each river basin to help the Commission better understand the scope of each project relative to the basin size.

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

V. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

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

Allie Dinwiddie, Recording Secretary

These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Soil & Water Conservation Commission on ...