



Southern Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 20, 2024 4:00 PM
University of Guam, College of Natural and Applied Sciences Building, Rm 202

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- The meeting was called to order at 4:14 PM.
- Roll call was conducted, confirming a quorum.

Board of Directors:

- Chairman Michael Aguon - Present
- Vice Chairperson Glenn Takai - Present
- District Director Glenn Dulla - Present
- District Director Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza - Present (online)
- District Director Martha Tenorio - Present

Staff:

- District Administrator Erica Pangelinan - Present
- Program Support Specialist Jon Tanuvasa - Present
- Conservation Technician Madeline Flores - Present

Also Present:

- Dr. Mark Acosta, UOG Technical Advisor
- Christian Benitez, Bureau of Statistics and Plans
- Phoebe Wall, UOG
- Fred Gofigan, New Hire
- Geraldine Datuin, New Hire

II. Acceptance of Agenda

- Director Glenn Dulla motioned to accept the agenda with an amendment to move **Public Comment** after the approval of minutes.
- Director Martha Tenorio seconded the motion.
- Motion carried without objection.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes (10/16/2024)

- Director Martha Tenorio motioned to approve the minutes of **October 16, 2024**, with corrections noting the cancellation of the **November 13, 2024** meeting.
- Director Glenn Takai seconded the motion. Motion carried without objection.

IV. Public Comment/Announcements

- **UOG Advisor Report** — Mark Acosta reported on the success of the EQIP/CSP signup event in collaboration with the Southern District.
- **Bureau of Statistics and Plans Update** — Christian Benitez provided updates:
 - Guam Forest System Plan: Draft submitted to the AG's office and approved. A public hearing has been held, and the next steps include promulgating rules and regulations within 180 days.
 - Habitat Conservation Plan: Draft reviewed; public draft expected later this year.
 - Watershed Planning Committee: Last meeting held in August; next meeting planned this month, with stakeholders to be invited.
- **Introduction of New Staff** — Dr. Dulla introduce the new staff who will be working under the Southern Feral Swine Perimeter Fencing Grant: Geraldine Datuin & Fred Gofigan.

V. Treasurer's Report

- **Director Martha Tenorio presented account balances:**
 - General Checking Account: \$120,585.04
 - Stress Grant Account: \$1,969.25 (to be transferred and closed)
 - TA 2023 Account: \$11,104.89
 - Feral Swine Account: \$14,444.46 (\$10,000 pending payment for APHIS)
 - GACD Account: \$23,843.88
 - Additional Notes: FY2024 closeout report was submitted to UOG on time.

VI. Old Business

A. Next Generation Leadership Institute Cohort

- Led by Director Glenn Takai. A comprehensive needs assessment plan was discussed, focusing on identifying and addressing leadership gaps within the Farmers Cooperative Association of Guam.

B. NACD Pacific Region Meeting

- Awaiting NACD's reimbursement for Chairman Aguon's attendance.

C. NACD Program Updates

- Several grants (2022, 2023, and 2024 cycles) were reviewed, noting progress, closures, and pending reimbursements.
- A proposed **video project** for wildfire and conservation awareness was discussed, with a budget of **\$1,500**.

D. Local Working Group

- Summary report submitted to NRCS.
- Pending reimbursement from the Northern SWCD. Discussion on revising "honorarium" terminology; procurement rules capped at \$2,500 were highlighted. Use of terminology remain unchanged.

E. Southern District Registry

- **21 site visits** completed; **13 EQIP/CSP applications** received during workshop.
- Approval of **4 new members** was motioned by Director Glenn Takai and seconded by Director Martha Tenorio, carried without objection.

F. Southern Guam Feral Swine Program

- Feral Swine Perimeter Fencing Grant MOA signed with NACD.
- Discussions on fencing specifications and **CPA 52 process** training were noted.
- Pig Brig Feasibility Study: Challenges with pig trapping include baiting and manpower; over **30 pigs** caught in Talofof traps.

VII. New Business

A. FY2025 Action Plan Development

- Further review required; tabled for next meeting.

B. FY2025 Budget

- Approved as a living document, subject to updates.

C. FY2025 Annual Joint Board Meeting

- Scheduled for **November 21, 2024, at 4:00 PM.**

D. 2025 NACD Annual Meeting

- Early bird registration deadline: **December 20, 2024.**

VIII. Board Correspondence

- Ethics training completed by staff.
- Pursuit of **Wildland Urban Interface Grant** continues with Guam Fire Department.

IX. Next Meeting

- Next Meeting scheduled for **January 15, 2024, at 4:00 PM.**

X. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at **6:19 PM.**

Minutes Prepared By:

Madeline Flores, Conservation Technician

Approved By:

Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza
Secretary

Date

Michael E.D. Aguon
Chairperson

Date