



Southern Soil and Water Conservation District  
Regular Board Meeting  
Wednesday, January 15, 2025 4:00 PM  
University of Guam, College of Natural and Applied Sciences Building, Room 202

### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### **I. Call to Order & Roll Call**

- Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM, Secretary Yvonne Manglona-Jauneza conducted roll call, confirming a quorum.
- Roll Call
  - Chairperson: Michael Aguon
  - District Director: Yvonne Manglona-Jauneza
  - District Director: Martha Tenorio Board Members Not Present:
  - Vice Chairperson: Glenn Takai (excused)
  - District Director: Dr. Glenn Dula (excused)
- Quorum: Yes
- Staff and Attendees Present:
  - District Administrator: Erica Pangelinan
  - Conservation Technician: Madeline Flores
  - Program Support Specialist: Jon Tanuvasa
  - Project Director: Geraldine Datuin
  - USDA Wildlife Services: Chad RichardsonJenelyn Abinales, Northern District

#### **II. Acceptance of Meeting Agenda**

- Motion to accept the agenda was made and carried without objection.

#### **III. Approval of Minutes – December 18, 2024**

- Motion to approve the minutes of December 18, 2024, was made and carried without objection.

#### **IV. Treasurer's Report**

- The Treasurer presented the financial report, detailing the balances in various accounts:
  - General Fund: \$117,114.77
  - Stress Grant: \$1,970.49 (officially closed; pending transfer to General Fund) • TA 2023: \$11,111.89
  - GACD TA 2021: \$23,858.90
  - Feral Swine: \$4,453.56
  - Savings: \$1.20

- A motion to approve professional services to complete 2024 taxes and review 2023 files for employees, passed without objection.

#### V. USDA NRCS District Conservationist Report

- Jon provides an update on the first round of applications, noting that 63 total applications, with 57 advancing and 6 not making it through the first round.
- Training sessions planned for Maddy, Savannah, and Jon on the NRCS system
- Discussion on the reasons behind applicants not making it through the first round, emphasizing the importance of understanding and addressing issues and offering explanations to applicants who did not advance.

#### VI. Southern District Membership Update

- Conservation Technician Madeline Flores provided an update on membership recruitment efforts.
- Twelve new members were presented for approval and accepted without objection.
- Dr. Golabi retired and causing backlog on soil health initiative.
- Membership increases to 22, with ongoing verification in progress.

#### VII. Old Business

- A. Next Generation Leadership Institute Cohort
  - Vice Chairperson Glenn Takai not present to provide update
- B. 2025 NACD Annual Meeting - Travel arrangements and participation in the NACD Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, were confirmed. Budget for auction donations set at \$200, with contributions from board members
- C. NACD Executive Board Member Training - Report A motion was made to approve the trip report as submitted, passed without objection.

#### VIII. New Business

- A. 2025 Annual CIS Conference & Educators Symposium
  - Erica introduces the idea of collaborating with UOG Center for Island Sustainability (CIS) for an educators symposium, proposal involves having two instructional days prior to the event, establishing a cohort with no more than 25 teachers or educators to attend, leveraging existing grants to reduce costs and provide continuing education credits for teachers.
  - Director Martha Tenorio volunteers to take the lead on organizing the event, alongside Erica, Eloise and Dr. Shelton from UOG.
  - A motion was made to approve the collaboration, passed without objection. Conference to be held April 7-11
- B. GACD TA 2020 Grant
  - Best course of action is to return funding that was reimbursed for grant activities from the Northern District and Southern District .
  - A motion was made that the Southern Guam District will return the amount of \$27,227 and \$3,139 to GACD, passed without objection.
- C. NACD TA Grant 2024

- Award Fully awarded \$160,000, after MOA (which includes the University), the District needs to submit a plan of action CNAS to take on the management of the grant.
- A motion was made to approve grant management by CNAS, as Mark Acosta as PI and Erica Pangelinan as Co-PI, passed without objection.

#### D. GEDA QCCC Grant Program Series Application

- Opportunity to apply for grant with max award of \$25,000, a proposal was drafted to develop how to videos focused on conservation practices highlighting the Chamorro culture and language. Possibly partnering with Chief Hurao Charter school to develop a school garden and possibly use for Educators Symposium.
- A motion was made to approve to move forward with GEDA QCCC Grant, passed without objection.

#### E. Conservation Associate Position

- Held interviews for positions and the committee is recommending on hiring two individuals which can be adjusted to two part time employees.
- A motion was made to approve two part time staffers for the Conservation Associate Position, passed without objection. More to be discussed at the Executive Session

### IX. Collateral Boards and Committees Served

- Long Range Plan (LRP) — Led by Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza, reports on a recent meeting, emphasizing the need for updated templates for the working group. Next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2025.
- SWCD District Office — No updates
- SWCD Poster Contest — Led by Martha Tenorio, shares success of the poster contest with 34 entries and a winner was selected, plans to expand participation in future contests and explore essay competitions
- GACD Account — No updates
- SWCD Mandates — No updates
- SWCD Election — Led by Glenn Takai and Mark Acosta, not present
- Guam Invasive Species Council — Video to be released during national invasive species awareness week
- Guam Watershed Planning Committee — Director Yvonne Maglona-Juaneza reports, noting low attendance and ongoing projections
- USDA NRCS STAC — Erica Pangelinan discusses upcoming meeting with representation of Director Yvonne sitting in for Director Glenn, with emphasis on importance of the STAC meeting for setting priorities and ensuring alignment with local working group goals.

### X. Board Correspondence

- Distribution of meeting invitation for Action Planning Session

### XI. Public Comment / Announcements

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XII. Executive Session — The board entered an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

XIII. Next Meeting — The next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2025

XIV. Adjournment — The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 PM

Minutes Prepared By: Madeline Flores

Minutes Approved:



Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza

02/26/2025

Date



Michael E.D. Aguon

02/26/2025

Date