Southern Guam Soil and Water Conservation District





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Southern Soil and Water Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 19, 2025 4:09 PM
University of Guam, College of Natural and Applied Sciences Building, Rm 202

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

• Vice Chairman Glenn Takai facilitated meeting. The meeting was called to order at 4:09 PM. District Director Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza conducted a roll call, confirming a quorum.

Board of Directors:

• Chairperson: Michael Aguon - Excused

• Vice Chairperson: Glenn Takai - Present

• District Director: Glenn Dulla - Present

• District Director: Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza - Present

• District Director: Martha Tenorio - Present

Staff Present:

• District Administrator: Erica Pangelinan - Present

• Program Support Specialist: Jon Tanuvasa - Present

• Conservation Technician: Madeline Flores - Present

• Project Director: Geraldine Datuin - Present

• Conservation Associate: Daeline Pangelinan - Present

• Conservation Associate: Jonathan Borja - Present

Also Present:

• UOG Technical Advisor: Mark Acosta

• USDA APHIS Wildlife Services: Chad Richardson

• USDA NRCS: Jay Doronila

II. Acceptance of Meeting Agenda — District Director Dr. Glenn Dulla motioned to accept the agenda as presented and published in the Guam Daily Post as required, which carried without objection.

III. Approval of Minutes -(2/26/25)

- Director Dr. Glenn Dulla motioned to approve the meeting minutes of February 26, 2025.
- Director Martha Tenorio seconded the motion. Motion carried without objection.
- **IV. Treasurer's Report** District Director Martha Tenorio presented the Southern District Treasurer's report. As follows

- Account Balances as of 03/19/2025
 - Savings: \$1.20
 - General Fund: \$95,142.16
 - Stress Grant Account: \$1,970.49
 - NACD TA2020: \$11, 111.89
 - Feral Swine Account: \$4,453.56
 - GACD TA2020: \$23,858.90
- Director Dr. Glenn Dulla made a comment inquiring about the RCUOG Treasurer's Report regarding its contents. Following the discussion, the Board agreed to announce the Treasurer's Report quarterly moving forward.
- Director Dr. Glenn Dulla motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. District Director Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza seconded the motion. Carried without objection.

V. USDA NRCS District Conservation Report, Jay Doronila — presented updates on USDA and NRCS programs and activities.

- CPA-52 Training & Conservation Plans The SGSWCD Board acknowledged the upcoming CPA-52 Training scheduled for the week of March 24, 2025. Discussion included the status of pending conservation plan approvals. Jay Doronila confirmed CPA-52 is required and must go through SHPO. NRCS is working to arrange travel for Cultural Resource Specialists, but a federal travel freeze may cause delays. Training will be coordinated through AGLER.
- EQIP 2nd Round Ranking & Joint Chiefs Applications The internal deadline for the second round of EQIP ranking has been extended from March 14 to April 11, 2025. No new applications are expected at this time.
- Jay Doronila communicated with Michael Jordan, to clarify roles in the cultural review process. NRCS Cultural Resource Specialist will be responsible for reviewing submittals. The SGSWCD will not conduct these reviews but will provide technical notes.

VI. Southern District Membership Update

- Conservation Technician Madeline Flores confirmed an updated total of 38 Southern District members.
- Director Dr. Glenn Dulla motioned to approve the acceptance of eight (8) new Southern District members from the previous board meeting held on February 26, 2025, and to approve the current membership list as of March 19, 2025. Director Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza seconded the motion. Carried without objection.

VII. Old Business

A. Technical Assistance 2020 Grant

• District Administrator Erica Pangelinan reported she is in contact with Chairman Joesph C. Santos of the Northern District regarding the Technical Assistance 2020 Grant payment. The check has been prepared and is awaiting his response.

B. Technical Assistance Grant 2024 Plan of Action

 District Administrator Erica Pangelinan reported she has been in communication with UOG Technical Advisor Mark Acosta regarding the TA Grant 2024 Plan of Action. Further details will be discussed at the next board meeting.

C. NACD Spring Fly-In March 26, 2025

- Vice-Chairperson Glenn Takai and District Administrator Erica Pangelinan are scheduled to attend the NACD Spring Fly-In located in Washington D.C.
- Vice-Chairperson Glenn Takai motioned to approve the travel authorization. Director Martha Tenorio seconded the motion, which carried without objection.

D. NACD Executive Board Leadership Visit

• The SGSWCD Board of Directors agreed to table the Executive Board Leadership Visit to American Samoa until the next meeting due to Chairman Michael Aguon's absence.

VIII. New Business

A. USDA APHIS FY2025 Agreement

- District Administrator Erica Pangelinan coordinated with USDA APHIS Chad Richardson and Jonathan Bullwinkle. Regarding FY 2023 and FY 2024 payments.
- Director Martha Tenorio motioned to approve the pending payments for FY 2023 (\$1,977.44) and FY2024 (\$3,071.88), with FY 2025 payments to be made accordingly. District Director Dr. Glenn Dulla seconded the motion. The motion carried without objection.

B. GDOE Partnership

• Vice-Chairperson Glenn Takai and District Administrator Erica Pangelinan, with guidance from UOG Technical advisor Mark Acosta, will present a proposal to launch the intergenerational Knowledge of Conservation Pilot Program at Inalåhan Middle School. The proposal will be tabled for discussion until next meeting.

C. 2025 Pacific Region Meeting Guam Planning Committee

• The SGSWCD Board agreed to table the 2026 Pacific Region Meeting Guam Planning Committee proposal until the next meeting when Chairman Michael Aguon is in attendance.

IX. Collateral Board and Committees Served

- Feral Swine Perimeter Fence Committee Update Saturday's Coffee & Conservation Workshop had 20 people registered, and 16 attended, with 18 positive and 1 negative evaluation. The webinar had 10 attendees. Eight (8) are registered for Thursday's session at the Inalåhan Mayor's Office. There are 15 official applicants overall. The upcoming Feral Swine Committee meeting is to be scheduled for March 26, 2025.
- Guam Educators Conservation Summit Committee GECS Program Coordinator Jonathan Borja is trying to reach GDOE Superintendent for admin leave approval.

- Five teachers have signed up to participate. Coverage is the main concern. District Administrator Erica Pangelinan has been in contact with BBMR and DOA to establish a sponsorship account and solicitation letters, which have been sent out.
- Stewardship Committee District Administrator Erica Pangelinan provided updates on the scholarship process with UOG. Dr. Glenn Dulla will lead the scholarship and drafting. A scholarship name is still to be decided, and Mark Acosta will share a template.
 - Dr. Dulla motioned to approve the Stewardship Week activities and accepted set a \$10,000 budget for the Stewardship Conservation Gala on May 3, 2025. Director Martha Tenorio seconded the motion. Carried without objection.

X. Board Correspondence

- SGSWCD received a reimbursement request from NGSWCD for \$288.00.
- SGSWCD has requested a new date for the Local Working Group from NGSWCD, currently awaiting a response. Date to be announced.
- An invitation has been extended to partner and provide staff support for the Plant, Seed, and Produce Swap Meet in Tamuning. The Board agreed to support and volunteer, with Madeline Flores taking the lead on organizing the event.

XI. Public Announcements

- The SGSWCD team is scheduled to meet with Senator Tony Ada on March 20, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. at the Legislative Building.
- An invitation has been extended to Governor Lourdes Leon Guerrero for the Stewardship Week Proclamation Signing.

XII. Next Meeting

• The next board meeting session is scheduled for 04/16/2025.

XIII. Executive Session

XIV. Adjournment

• The Board moved into executive session. Due to ongoing activities and a busy schedule, Conservation Associates Jonathan Borja and Daeline Pangelinan were approved to work full-time from March 17, 2025, to April 18, 2025 (3 PPE).

• The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 PM. Daeline Pangelinan, Conservation Associate Approved By: Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza Secretary Michael E.D. Aguon Chairperson Od/23/2025 Date