



Southern Soil and Water Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 23, 2025 4:06 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 4:06 PM.
- District Director Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza conducted a roll call, confirming a quorum.

Board of Directors:

- Chairperson: Michael Aguon - Present
- 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 (EP) - 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:

- Northern Guam SWCD: Savannah Garcia
- USDA NRCS: Jay Doronila

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

III. Approval of Minutes — (3/19/25)

- Director Dr. Glenn Dulla motioned to approve the meeting minutes of March 19, 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 04/23/2025
 - General Fund: \$100, 821.94
 - Stress Grant Account: Official Closed
 - TA2023: \$11, 118.74
 - Feral Swine Account: \$4,456.65
 - GACD TA2020: \$23, 873.61
 - Request an update from the Northern SWCD regarding the return of funds totaling \$3,406.62 to the Southern SWCD
- New checks ordered.
- Director Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. District Director Glenn Takai seconded the motion. Carried without objection.

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

- CSP-EQIP Update: (7) CSP/EQIP applications submitted; (4) have been reviewed with (5%) quality assurance check; deadline extended.
- EQIP and local funds fully used; CSP and Joint Chiefs funds still available. There are (2) new Joint Chiefs applicants from Southern Guam; cutoff end of April.
- Application discrepancies include missing surveys or proof of inherited/leased and unregistered leased CLTC lands. SG-SWCD is interested in conservation plans and partnership protocols.

VI. Southern District Membership Update

- EP reported that Conservation Technician Madeline Flores shared the updated Southern District Membership list with all board members via email.
- Conservation Technician Madeline Flores confirmed an updated total of 38 Southern District members.
- Director Dr. Glenn Dulla motioned to approve the acceptance of eight (6) new members, bringing the total Southern District membership to 44. Director Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza seconded the motion. Carried without objection.
- Soil Health Initiative - Status Update: Recommend establishing a formal partnership agreement between UOG Cooperative Extension & Outreach, UOG Soil Lab, and SGSWCD to support and implement the initiative. Coordinate with UOG Technical Advisor Mark Acosta.

VII. Old Business

A. 2025 Annual CIS Conference & Educators Summit

- Conservation Associate/GECS Coordinator Jonathan Borja presented on the highlights and positive outcomes of the 2025 CIS Conference and Guam Educators Conservation Summit.
- GECS Course Instructor Eloise Sanchez, successfully distributed evaluation forms to participating educators.
- April 24, 2025 - Teachers are to meet with Ms. Eloise to review deliverables, lesson plans, and other documentation. May 2, 2025 - Final meeting date for GECS teachers.
- District Director Martha Tenorio reported on GECS, expressing appreciation for the efforts and overall success of the event.
- SG-SWCD Board members discussed interest in providing farm supplies to Southern Guam schools. Aim to further conservation efforts and agricultural education.
- Jonathan Borja was recognized for leadership and coordination efforts.

B. NACD TA2024 Grant Plan of Action

- MOA execution status updated; next steps include hiring and program delivery planning. UOG CNAS will administer the grant. UOG Technical Advisor Mark Acosta will oversee coordination.

C. NACD Executive Board Leadership Visit - American Samoa

- Chairman Michael Aguon shared takeaways from the American Samoa visit, noting itinerary issues and highlighting praise for SGSWCD/Guam from the American Samoa Lt. Governor on a podcast.
- Emphasized the need to strengthen ties with American Samoa and expand Guam's role in Pacific conservation dialogue.

D. 2025 NACD Spring Fly-In - Washington D.C.

- Vice-Chair Glenn Takai reported on the D.C. visit, noting Aubrey Bettancourt's appointment as USDA NRCS Chief; Vice Chair Glenn Takai and EP advocated for Guam's conservation priorities and met with CNMI's congressional representative to discuss regional partnerships.
- SGSWCD representatives met with acting Chief Luis and Chief of Staff.
- Recommendation - NACD should broaden Spring-Fly-In Invitations to include American Samoa, all Pacific Islands, and key department heads.

E. 2026 Pacific Region Meeting Planning Committee

- EP spoke with Chairman Aguon to begin collaboration on planning the Pacific Region Meeting.
- Next steps: form planning committee, identify leads, set outreach timeline, and assign responsibilities.

VIII. New Business

A. 2025 Stewardship Week Activities

- District Administrator reported on the overall 2025 Soil and Water Stewardship Week Activities.
- 2025 Stewardship PSA: Board approved KUAM media agreement and video draft to air April 27–May 3, 2025. Motion by Director Martha

Tenorio, seconded by Director Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza; carried without objection.

- Angelita P. Mendiola Stewardship Scholarship: Open April 18–28, 2025; (20) applications received. Review Committee: Dr. Dulla, Director Yvonne, Vice Chair Glenn Takai.
- Conservation Demo Farm Unveiling: Set for April 26, 2025, Inalåhan Community Center; refreshments provided.
- Joint Chiefs Land Restoration Project Enrollment: Deadline April 30, 2025; open to Inalåhan, Talo'fo'fo, Malessos' residents. Conservation Technician Madeline Flores handling satellite intake.
- Guam Local Working Group: April 30, 2-6PM, Crowne Plaza; agenda to review 2024 priorities. USDA NRCS Jay Doronila to present reports. Board approved cost-shared evening networking with NGSWCD.
- Weaving Workshop: May 01, 2025, 5 PM at UOG CNAS Courtyard; Director Martha Tenorio leading the event.
- Conservation Stewardship Gala: May 3, 2025, 5-10 PM at Dusit Thani Guam Resort. Program and awardees approval:
 - Farmer of Year: Joseph Benny Salas
 - Junior Farmer of the Year: Marcial A. Sablan Elementary
 - Conservation Partner of the Year: Inalåhan Mayor Anthony Chagualaf.
- Vice-Chair Glenn Takai motioned to approve the agenda and Southern District nominees; seconded by Chairman Michael Aguon, no objections. Seating and VIPs pending.

B. Feral Swine Perimeter Fencing Program (FSPF)

- Project Director Geraldine Datuin provided an overview of the FSPFP - Jonathan Borja will continue to provide administrative support for application intake. Madeline Flores is working with NRCS to obtain maps. Joe Tuquero assisted with site visits and has joined SGSWCD as an Extension Agent — Congratulations Joe! Jon Tanuvasa will continue to create maps for all projects.
- Site assessments will continue until July. Planning, guidelines, and outreach are complete, with (47) applicants reached. A smaller committee will select applications. Ongoing on-the-job training for District staff as conservation planners continues.

IX. Collateral Board and Committees Served

X. Board Correspondence

XI. Public Announcements

- District Director Martha Tenorio expressed condolences for Chairman's brother and praised Vice-Chair Glenn Takai's "For the Future Focused" talk at the CIS Conference. Chairman Aguon and Vice-Chair Takai thanked the team.
- Biba Earth Day!

XII. Next Meeting

- The next board meeting session is scheduled for 05/21/2025.

XIII. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM.



Daeline Pangelinan, Conservation Associate

Approved By:



05/21/2025

Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza
Secretary

Date



05/21/2025

Michael E.D. Aguon
Chairperson

Date