



**Southern Soil and Water Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting**

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 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.
- District Director Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza conducted a roll call, confirming a quorum.

Board of Directors:

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

Staff Present:

- District Administrator: Erica Pangelinan (EP) - Present (online)
- Program Support Specialist: Jon Tanuvasa - Present
- Conservation Technician: Madeline Flores - Present
- Project Director: Geraldine Datuin - Excused
- Conservation Associate: Daeline Pangelinan - Present
- Conservation Associate: Jonathan Borja - Present (online)

Also Present:

- UOG Drone Pilot: Andrea Velasquez
- USDA APHIS Wildlife Services: Noah Van E.
- Northern Guam SWCD: Savannah Garcia
- 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 — (04/23/25)

- Director Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza motioned to approve the meeting minutes of April 23, 2025.

- Director Dr. Glenn Dulla 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 05/21/2025
 - General Fund: \$96,425.11
 - Stress Grant Account: Official Close
 - TA2023: \$11,118.74
 - Feral Swine Account: \$4,456.65
 - GACD TA2020: Pending advance payment and Reimbursment
- 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.

- 1st Round CSP Sign-Up: Over (20) applications received; excess moved to 2nd round. Of the initial (20): (50 were ineligible due to existing CSP/EQIP contract issues, (4) applicants withdrew (planning to apply next round), (7) are eligible and being moved to pre-approved status pending documentation and conservation plan finalization, and (3) applications have been approved to date.
- EQIP Updates: In the 1st round, (27) applications were received—(5) deemed ineligible due to incomplete documents or missed deadlines, 10 are moving toward pre-approval, (1) is already pre-approved, and (11) are obligated and awaiting customer signatures. The deadline to complete all 1st round CSP and EQIP actions is May 30th. For the 2nd round, (24) applications were submitted—most under the Joint Chiefs Initiative; however, due to lack of EQIP funding, these will be deferred to FY2026.
- Staff Onboarding Question: Seeking guidance on how to onboard SGSWCD Conservation Associates Daeline and Jonathan to support NRCS office operations. Also requesting access for Joe Taquero to assist with technical assistance, research, and customer database tasks. Coordination with NRCS state office is ongoing.
- Conservation Plan Review: SGSWCD Board of Directors is responsible for reviewing and signing off on conservation plans developed for customers.
- Producer Follow-Up: Finalizing conservation plan for Southern producer (O'Mallan); expected to be sent out this week.
- USDA, NRCS Vehicle Use: SGSWCD Staff with link passes may use the vehicle; partners are responsible for any claims or accidents. Insurance covers the vehicle only. Same policy applies to NRCS staff.
- USDA , NRCS quarterly reports have been sent to EP; no new grants at this time.

VI. Southern District Membership Update

- Conservation Technician Madeline Flores reported an updated member list, including (4) new members, emailed to Directors. Additional members are pending lot verification and may be added by the next meeting.
- Director Martha Tenorio motioned to approve (4) new members and recognize updates to the active member registry. Director Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza seconded the motion. Carried without objection.

VII. Old Business

A. NACD TA2024 Grant Plan of Action

- EP reported that while the team initially agreed to run the TA2024 grant through the University of Guam (UOG), NACD recommends continuing through the Research Corporation of the University of Guam (RCUOG) due to established processes, experience, and access to the new Grant Advantage Portal. A new MOA is anticipated. Chairman Michael Aguon reported having a conversation with Mark and noted further clarification is needed regarding the role of the Principal Investigator.

B. 2026 Pacific Region Meeting Planning Committee

- The SGSWCD Board of Directors agreed as a whole to be part of the 2026 Pacific Region Meeting Planning Committee, with EP leading coordination. EP contacted Ariel from NACD for guidance. Savannah will provide updates on NGSWCD Committee selection at the next board meeting. Fundraising and travel costs were also discussed.

C. 2025 Guam Local Working Group — 04/30/2025

- EP discussed the Local Working Group's great turnout. Conservation Associates Jonathan and Daeline have been working on a summary report. The report will be sent to Jay, NRCS; then finally sent to NACD. Deadline to submit report is September 30, 2025.
- Top Priorities Results:
 1. Pest Pressure/Invasive Species
 2. Outreach Education and Resource for Farmers
 3. Water Quality and Quantity
 4. Soil Erosion and Health
 5. Long-Term Protection of Land

D. Feral Swine Perimeter Fencing Program

- EP reported on behalf of FSPF Program, Director Geraldine Datuin.
- Accomplishments: There have been (3) CPA-52 packets with existing farm and tract numbers for submission to Jay; (3) CPA-52 worksheets with new farm and track numbers based on site visits and new applications. (37) Farmers have been contacted via email confirming application receipt; drafted (31) eligibility documents by Jonathan ready to be mailed. EP and team reorganized the FSPF Program digital system.
- Director Dr. Glenn Dulla will inquire about postage support from UOG. EP recommended mailing "received category" and requested board

approval to send out as applications are received. Dr. Glenn Dulla noted despite incomplete packages, the team now better understands hurdles and is adjusting goals accordingly; expect progress to improve once Gera returns from leave.

- Setbacks: Pre-scheduled site-visit assessments were delayed due to Gera taking personal leave. Some CPA-52 worksheets submitted without fence points or photos; fence boundary issues identified and addressed. Final numbers are still pending but expected soon.

VIII. New Business

A. 2025 Stewardship Week Activities — After Action Report

- Conservation Associate, Daeline Pangelinan reported on the success of Soil & Water Stewardship Week. Daeline will continue to collaborate with Jonathan regarding the joint After Action Report for both the Guam Educators Conservation Summit (GECS) and Soil & Water Stewardship Week (SWSW).
- Director Martha Tenorio praised the successful turnout of the weeklong events, including the first-ever Conservation Stewardship Gala.
- May 16, 2026 Resolution Presentation: Resolution No. 51-38 (COR) was presented/introduced by Vice-Speaker Anthony Ada. “Relative to recognizing and commemorating the seventieth (70th) annual observance of “Stewardship Week” from April 27 through May 4, 2025. With the theme “Home is Where the Habitat Is” and commending our dedicated soil and water conservation districts and their partners for their service in protecting.

B. REPI Grant Extension Proposal

- EP has been working closely with Director Dr. Glenn Dulla, and a proposed scope of work has been submitted to NACD. There are three key tasks planned to accomplish, which will require additional funding. Coordination with NACD is ongoing. Meanwhile, Dr. Glenn Dulla is following up with RCUOG regarding the status of funding deposits.
- FY2026: SGSWCD received \$200,000 in funding. Key initiatives include continued coordination with the Guahan Sentinel Landscape and launching a public/private conservation resource hub to support technical assistance, enhance communication, and deliver training materials—aimed at building capacity across island and district staff.
- Director Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza motioned to accept the REPI Grant Extension Proposal for the amount of \$200,00. Director Dr. Glenn Dulla seconded the motion. Carried without objection.

C. NFWF Coastal National Coral Reef Funding — Pre-Proposal

- EP provided an update on the NFWF pre-proposal for coral reef conservation funding. The board reviewed key concepts, including the project scope, potential partners, and submission timeline. No action is required at this time. EP will keep the board informed of next steps.

- EP reported SGSWCD has been invited to submit a full application for the previous DOAG/Fire Department grant proposals was not funded, the project has been revised and repackaged. The new proposal focuses on community outreach and requests \$750,000 in funding over a three-year period.

D. NACD Summer Meeting — Milwaukee, WI (July 25 - 29, 2025)

- Board of Directors confirmed interest and attendance for the NACD Summer Meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- Director Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza motioned to approve EP, Chairman Michael Aguon and another board member to attend the NACD Summer Meeting in Milwaukee, WI from July 25 - July 29, 2025). Director Martha Tenorio seconded the motion. Carried without objection.

IX. Collateral Board and Committees Served

- Feral Swine Committee: EP will continue to coordinate with Ken Aguon on Pig Feasability Study. Would like to meet with committee offline.
- The Guam SWCD Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 05/27/25 was cancelled due to many members being off-island and will be rescheduled. EP submitted previous ads and documents for guidance; ads are planned for posting in July. Dr. Bevacqua informed the committee he is no longer the lead or NGSWCD Advisor. Roland Quitigua is the new Advisor, and Mark Acosta is the new committee lead.
- Director Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza noted the Guam Legislature has offered to post SGSWCD PSAs on their website.

X. Board Correspondence

- Noah Van E, from USDA APHIS informed SGSWCD that FY2025 funds have been exhausted, and all traps are scheduled for removal by May 31, 2025. Any Southern Guam members or landowners regarding Feral Swine activities should be directed to Conservation Technician Madeline Flores.
- UOG Drone Pilot Update: Andrea Velasquez, the new UOG drone pilot, will manage mapping pinpoints and aims to map four farms per day. Director Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza noted coordination with Dr. Nathan Habana and WERI to produce maps of watersheds and tributaries.

XI. Public Announcements

- Next Meeting session is scheduled for 06/18/2025.

XII. Executive Session

- The Board moved into executive session to discuss FSPFP personnel and contract matters.

XIII. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.



Daeline Pangelinan, Conservation Associate

Approved By:



06/18/2025

Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza
Secretary

Date



06/18/2025

Michael E.D. Aguon
Chairperson

Date