



Southern Soil and Water Conservation District

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 16, 2025 4:00 PM

University of Guam, College of Natural and Applied Sciences Building, Rm 104

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- The meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM.
- District Director Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza conducted a roll call, confirming a quorum.

Board of Directors:

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

Staff Present:

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

Also Present:

- UOG Technical Advisor: Mark Acosta
- USDA APHIS Wildlife Services: Chad Richardson
- Northern Guam SWCD (NGSWCD): Savannah Vargas-Garcia (online)

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

III. Approval of Minutes — (06/18/25)

- Director Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza motioned to approve the meeting minutes of June 18, 2025. Vice-Chairperson Glenn Takai seconded the motion. Motion carried without objection.

IV. Treasurer's Report — District Administrator EP presented the Southern District Treasurer's report. As follows

- Account Balances as of 07/16/2025
 - Checking: \$114,389.52
 - General Fund: \$ 114, 389.52
 - TA2023 Grant: \$11,108.74
 - Feral Swine Account: \$4,456.65
 - GACD TA2020: \$23, 878.49
- Note: EP sent an email following up with NGSWCD regarding reimbursement of funds to close-out the GACD TA2020 Grant. EP shared with the board FY2025 payroll services approval, to meet local and federal requirements for district staff, motion needed to approve services.
- Vice-Chairperson Glenn Takai motioned to accept the proposal for payroll services & Treasurer's Report. District Director Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza seconded. Motion carried without objection.

V. Partner Reports

A. USDA NRCS District Conservationist Report — On behalf of Jay Doronila, EP presented an overview of USDA programs and ongoing activities.

- EQIP 1st Round Sign-Up: (19) Applications selected (est. \$475,335.00 pre-obligated). (14) Obligated, Total \$328,108.98 (7 Southern, 7 Northern). (1) Cancelled (Southern). (1) Submitted for review (Northern). (2) Awaiting landowner concurrence (1 Southern, 1 Northern). (1) Possible ineligible, (Northern, no contract response).
- CSP 1st Round Sign-Up: (11) Applications (est. \$230,381 pre-obligated). (7) Obligated (\$150,381) (3) Southern (4) Northern. (1) Awaiting landowner concurrence (Northern). (3) Did not make it due to IRA funding cut, (1 Southern, 2 Northern).
- 2nd Round EQIP - JCLRI Signups: Only 2nd round applications for EQIP-JCLRI and CSP moving forward. FY25 is final year for EQIP-JCLRI; funding reduced to \$200,000 (from \$800,000). (14) Applications assessed and ranked. Eligibility letters pending; site visits to follow.
- Internal Deadlines: July 14, 2025 - Complete EQIP-JCLRI Ranking & Cost Estimates. August 15, 2025 - Obligation deadline for EQIP-JCLRI and CSP.
- Other Announcements: June 23-24: CR Specialist Heather Bailey held in-person CR Inventory training (2nd half; 1st half via AgLearn). FY25 EQIP & CSP sign-ups closed. Guam RCPP terminated due to IRA funding loss. New FY25 RCPP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NFO) forthcoming; NRCS website or email (rcpp@usda.gov).
- SGSWCD Update: EP reported onboarding will begin for Conservation Associates Jonathan and Daeline, while Geraldine is now officially onboarded. EP also announced reactivation of her NRCS security access to participate in upcoming trainings. Congratulations were extended to Madeline and Jon for completing Cultural Resources training.

B. USDA APHIS Wildlife Services, Chad Richardson — Provided an overview on USDA programs and ongoing activities.

- SGSWCD FY25 funds exhausted; (est. over 300) pigs caught in (3) Quarters. Goal is to beat Guam Island record of trapping (1,048) pigs. Requested meeting with SGSWCD Board on upcoming FY26 programs and funding. Thanked SGSWCD Team for continued support and cooperation.
- Inquired with the Guam Mayors Council for additional funding; follow-up and vote results expected at the August 2025 Board meeting.

C. Northern Guam SWCD, Savannah Vargas-Garcia — Reported on NGSWCD updates.

- Expected new GSWCD Board swear-in scheduled for August 26, 2025. Expressed gratitude for sharing SGSWCD Jonathan's assistance at the NGSWCD Educator's Symposium.

VI. Southern District Membership Update

- EP provided updates on the preparation of SOPs for future announcements regarding Southern District Membership. The membership list has been submitted to UOG's Dean's office for the GSWCD election. UOG Technical Advisor, Mark Acosta, confirmed receipt of the submission but noted no response yet regarding any edits.

VII. Old Business

A. NACD TA2024 MOA — Approval

- EP reported, NACD representative (Jenn Nelligan) sent MOA following the previous meeting, however, still does not note RCUOG as main grant source. Awaiting response from NACD.

B. MOA REPI Grant Amendment 2 — Approval

- EP shared REPI updates, NACD will reissue the (\$60,000) mis-deposited into another account, per conversation with Carla, NACD. Dr. Dulla recommended Ms. Gloria or Anthony to track fund deposits.
- EP is coordinating with Patrick Keeler of Guåhan Sentinel Landscape on launching a conservation website and worked with Dr. Dulla to draft a GIS position description, which will go through RCUOG and be shared with Directors for input.

C. NACD Summer Meeting — Approval

- Chairman Michael Aguon will not attend the July 2025 NACD Summer Meeting, due to personal reasons. EP will coordinate with NGSWCD and Martha T. on meeting plans and aims to connect with the new USDA NRCS Chief.

VIII. New Business

A. 2025 GSWCD Election — Update

- EP thanked Mark Acosta for leading the Election. Nominations are open July 15–August 1, 2025. SGSWCD staff mailed certificates and a Call for Nominations letter.
- District Director Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza motioned to approve the ADR as submitted to the UOG Dean's Office; Director Dr. Glenn Dulla seconded. Motion passed without objection.

B. 2026 NACD Pacific/SW Region Meeting — Approval

- EP reported SGSWCD met with NGSWCD July 03, 2025. Next meeting July 17, 2025. The next recommendation is to move plans to the Committee. SGSWCD representatives consist of Chairman Aguon, Director Martha T. And EP.

IX. Collateral Boards and Committee Served

- Feral Swine Perimeter Fence Committee Update — EP updated on FSPFP (47) applications, (46) Contacted, (9) Rescinded, (32) site visits completed, others unresponsive. Suggested setting a deadline. Director Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza recommended placing unresponsive applicants on an inactive list, held for one year within the program.
- EP noted (25) CPA 52 packages have been submitted. All would need to be revisited due to the new CR training requirements. In addition, Jonathan and Daeline will be at SHPO to track some paperworks to assist with the FSPFP.
- Poster Contest Update — Jonathan and Director Martha T. Are collaborating with NGSWCD on the poster contest and reached out to Director Norma to plan a meeting for further coordination.
- Director Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza shared updates from the NACD Water & Climate Subcommittee. The work-plan focuses on increasing awareness of district programs tied to watershed health and food supply, with outreach opportunities during events like National Estuaries Week, Groundwater Protection Week, and Drinking Water Month.

X. Board Correspondence

- EP noted that Daeline has been diligently preparing the FY25 Board Meeting Submittals, ensuring all documents are accurate, sent and up to date.

XI. Public Announcements

XII. Next Meeting

- The next board meeting session is scheduled for 08/13/2025.

XIII. Executive Session

- The Board moved into executive session.

XIV. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 PM.



Daeline Pangelinan, Conservation Associate

Approved By:



Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza
Secretary

08/13/2025

Date

Michael E.D. Aguon
Chairperson



08/13/2025

Date