



Southern Soil and Water Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 28, 2026 4:00 PM
University of Guam, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Building, Rm 202

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
- 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 Alvarez (EA) - Present
- Conservation Planner: Madeline Flores - Present
- Project Director: Geraldine Datuin - Present
- Conservation Associate: Jonathan Borja - Present
- Conservation Associate: Daeline Pangelinan - Present
- Resource Technician: Kenneth Aguon

Also Present:

- UOG Drone Corp: Jonelle Sayama
- UOG Drone Corp: Andrea Velasquez
- UOG Technical Advisor: Mark Acosta
- The Guam Daily Post: Jonah Benavente
- Northern Guam SWCD: Savannah V. Garcia
- UOG Communications/REPI: Jonathan Borja
- Guam Department of Agriculture: Ajalyn Omelau

II. Acceptance of Meeting Agenda — Vice Chairperson Glenn Takai motioned to accept the agenda as presented and published in the Pacific Daily News as required, which carried without objection.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes — (11/26/2025)

- District Director Martha T. motioned to approve the meeting minutes of November 26, 2025.
- District Director Yvonne M.J. seconded the motion. Motion carried without objection.

IV. Treasurer's Report — District Director Martha Tenorio presented the Southern District Treasurer's report.

- The Quarter (1) Expenditure Report due to UOG by January 30, 2026, and was submitted to the Directors for review and approval.
- Vice Chairperson Glenn Takai motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Director Martha T. seconded the motion. Carried without objection.

V. Administrator Report, Erica Alvarez (EA) — Reported the programs and initiatives remain strong and on track, with continued engagement at the national, regional, and partner levels.

- EA reported the team continues to grow through a partnership with the UOG Drone Corps. The District now serves (101) active members. Staff has increased from (5) to (9), with three additional student hires forthcoming. Feral swine initiatives are advancing through fencing efforts, partnership with USDA APHIS Wildlife Services, and development of the Southern Guam Invasive Wild Pig Control and Village Capacity Program. Preparations for the NACD 80th Annual Meeting and the Pacific/Southwest Regional Meeting are ongoing, with a steering committee kickoff scheduled for February 2026. Staff are also preparing for the upcoming Stewardship Week.

VI. Old Business

A. USDA NRCS MOA

- No action required. Previously approved by the Board of Directors; awaiting review by Chairman Michael A.

B. 2025 NACD Executive Board Members Retreat - Approval

- Previously reported during the December work session. EA will submit the necessary reimbursement requests to NACD for attendance.

C. 2026 NACD Annual Meeting - Update

- EA noted the Guam SWCD delegation is confirmed; working with the team to refine two breakout session presentations and will brief the delegation on resolutions. Chairman Michael A. will serve as the Executive Pacific Region representative.
- **Action:** Motion to officially appoint Vice Chairperson Glenn T. as the primary voting delegate.
 - Director Martha T. motioned to appoint Glenn T. as the Guam primary voting delegate. Director Yvonne M.J. seconded. Motion carried.

- **Discussion:** Director Dr. Glenn D. inquired about the previous year's auction donation (\$300), the Board agreed SG-SWCD should aim to match or contribute less for 2026.

D. Joint SWCD Committee Appointments

- Vice Chair Glenn T. Motioned to table the Joint SWCD Committee appointments discussion. Director Yvonne M.J. seconded. Motion carried.

E. NACD Grant Applications - Approval

- EA highlighted two NACD grant submissions; no further action required until award notification.
 - Friends of NACD Grant: Restore and Resilience - Submitted November 2025, for invasive species management and planting in the village of Malojloj; developed with assistance from Mark A. and Joe T.
 - TA2025 Grant: SG-TACT - Submitted January 2026; award will be announced in March 2026.

F. Taiwan Travel Abroad Program - Approval

- EA reported participation of Directors and staff: Glenn T., Martha T., Madeline F., EA., and TA2024-sponsored UOG Cooperative Extension Partner Joe Toquero. EA presented on SG-SWCD programs and initiatives and engaged the District of Taiwan, inviting them to the NACD Pacific Southwest Region meeting.
- Vice Chairperson noted strong interest in collaboration with Taiwan Conservation District, highlighting Taiwan's programs and techniques.
- Director Dr. Glenn D. motioned to ratify the \$5,000 expense for the Study Abroad Program and approve the report as presented; seconded by Director Yvonne M.J.

VII. New Business

A. 2026 Guam Educators Conservation Summit

- GECS Lead Coordinator Jonny B. Reported planning for the 2nd Annual Summit, to be held with the Center for Island Sustainability Conference (CIS) at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Planning anticipates (20) teacher participants; potential conflict noted with the Guam Department of Education, District-Wide Assessment.
- Motion: Director Yvonne M.J. motioned to approve \$20,000 sponsorship to CIS; seconded by Vice Chairperson Glenn T. Motion carried.

B. RCUOG MOA - Approval

- EA noted the RCUOG partnership agreement will need approval to hire an Outreach Specialist as an in-kind contribution to the TA2024 grant.

- Vice Chairperson Glenn T. motioned to approve the RCUOG partnership agreement to hire district staff to be used as in kind contribution to the TA2024 grant; Director Martha T. seconded. Motion carried.

C. FY2025 Annual Report - Approval

- EA shared the FY2025 Annual Report budget is due February 15, 2026. Recognized staff members in contributing to the metric efforts and data collection. Follow-up has been sent to UOG for deadlines and updated guidelines. EA to work with Chairman Michael A. and Director Martha T.

D. FY2027 Budget Request - Approval

- The board agreed to table the recommended appointments.

E. CARET/BAA Meeting, Washington D.C.

- The CARET/BAA Meeting will be held in Washington, D.C., February 22–25, 2026. UOG Cooperative Extension selected Chairman Michael A. to represent UOG CNAS and Land Grant. UOG will cover travel expenses.
- Director Martha T. Motioned to approve attendance of Michael A. and EA to represent and explore potential funding and collaboration opportunities. Motion carried.

VIII. Collateral Board and Committees Served

- Southern District Feral Swine Committee
 - FSPF Program: Project Director, Geraldine Datuin — Currently in the fence design phase, working with consultant Daniel Shin. (9) preliminary designs submitted; (3) quotes received. Proposed two measures: (1) Adopt a flat rate model across all fence types, to maximize funds. (2) Do not take on any additional producers, cap amount at (27), down from (32).
 - Southern Guam Invasive Wild Pig Control & Village Capacity Program: Onboard of Resource Technician Kenneth A., hired to potentially train mayor staff on feral swine control and disposal, including firearms use. Work on coordination with Guam DOAG Director Chelsa M.B. on derby rules. Currently (34) traps established; data collection underway.
- Stewardship and Education Committee:
 - Educator Assistance Program Form: EA noted it is designed to support garden supplies to educators who have participated in and completed the Guam Educators Conservation Summit Program.
- NACD Pacific/Southwest Region Meeting
 - EA reminded on the upcoming NACD Pacific/Southwest Region Meeting which Guam will host and is scheduled for August. Directors will be informed for further updates.

IX. Public Comments/Announcements

- Director Yvonne M.J. noted points from the recent Watershed Committee meeting discussions. Highlighting the current dieldrin issue on the island. Additionally, there may be a possible federal shutdown, which could result in furloughs and impact staffing, funding, or coordination with federal partners.
- Ajalyn Omelau with the Guam DOAG Forestry and Soil Resources Division(FSRD), requested a partnership and outreach collaboration with the district for a Firewise Program. The proposed collaboration would focus on vegetation management, mulching, and community cleanups. This partnership aims to promote fire risk reduction and community preparedness through coordinated efforts.

X. Next Meeting

- The next board meeting session is scheduled for 02/25/2026.

XI. Executive Session

- Vice Chair Glenn T. motioned to move into Executive Session at 5:20 PM. The board returned from Executive Session at 5:31 PM, noted by Vice Chair Glenn T.
 - A. Personnel Action Items — Vice Chair Glenn T. motioned to renew the Conservation Associate positions for Jonathan Borja and Daeline Pangelinan. And approve the hire of recommended student intern positions under the TA2024 grant.
 - B. Active Membership Application Review — Vice Chair Glenn T. Motioned to approve new registered members (K. Quinata, M. Atoigue, J. Peralta, P. Afaisen, T. Olsen.)

XII. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:33PM.

Daeline Pangelinan, Conservation Associate

Approved By:

Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza
Secretary

Date

Michael E.D. Aguon
Chairperson

Date