

State Soil and Water Conservation Committee Board Meeting

Room 300 RSA Union Building
100 North Union Street

January 15, 2025 --- 9:00 to 11:00 am

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SWCC Members

Rickey Cornutt	Area 1
Dr. Carol Knight	Area 2
Vaughn Poe	Area 3 & Vice-Chair
Charles Holmes	Area 4 & Chair
Johnny Lee	Area 5
Jake Harper	Area 6
Collin Adcock	Ag-Science Education
Dr. Mike Phillips	AL Cooperative Extension Service
Dr. Arthur Appel	AL Agricultural Experiment Station

AGENDA

1. Call to Order – Charles A. Holmes
2. Invocation
3. Roll Call of Board Members – Charles A. Holmes (*Action*)
4. Welcome and Introductions – Charles A. Holmes
5. AACD Areas I (Ricky Cornutt) and VI (Jake Harper) reappointed by the Governor – Charles Holmes
6. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair – Ashley Henderson (*Action*)
7. Minutes September 18, 2024 – Chair (*Action*)
8. Appointment/Reappointment of District Supervisors – Chair (*Action*)
9. Update on FY25 Budget and approve FY26 Budget Request – Ashley Henderson (*Action*)
10. Approve Travel for Committee Members and SWCC Staff – Ashley Henderson (*Action*)
 - a. NACD Fly-In, March 25-28, 2025, Washington, D.C.
 - b. NACD Summer Meeting, July 24-30, 2025, Milwaukee, WI
 - c. SENACD Annual Meeting, August 2-6, 2025, Lexington, KY
11. “Stories, Services and Storage: A Study of the sediments in geographically isolated wetlands on agricultural landscapes” – Matt Waters, Auburn University
12. Update from Professional Soil Classifiers Advisory Board – Joey Koptis or Cooper Nichols
13. Updates on Irrigation, Feral Swine, Other Programs & Grant Opportunities – Ashley Henderson
 - a. Middle TN, Choc-Pea, Middle AL, and Pickwick-Wilson-Bear Irrigation Watersheds
 - b. Feral Swine Program and Exclusion Fencing
 - c. Black Belt Prairie Restoration Project
 - d. ATP agreement
14. Update on AACDC Programs – Rhonda Bryars
 - a. FY23/24/25 CIP status
15. Communications Update and approval of Safety Policy – Laura Smith (*Action*)

16. Update on Erosion and Sediment Control Program – Perry Oakes
17. Emerging Leaders in Conservation – Ashley Henderson (*Action*)
 - a. Approval to establish and move forward with ELC Program
 - b. Approve to use SWCC travel funds for ELC participants
18. AACD Areas IV and V appointments of Committee Members expire 10/26/2025 – Ashley Henderson
19. Approve 2025 Legislative Notification Letter for William Puckett, Ashley Henderson, Rhonda Bryars, and Laura Smith – Ashley Henderson (*Action*)
20. Statement of Economic Interests due April 30, 2025, for previous calendar year 2024
21. Partner Updates:
 - a. Natural Resources Conservation Service – Ben Malone, State Conservationist
 - b. Alabama Forestry Commission – Rick Oates, State Forester
 - c. Alabama Department of Agricultural and Industries – Bob Plaster, Assistant Commissioner
 - d. Auburn University Water Resources Center – Mona Dominguez
 - e. Alabama Association of Conservation Districts – Vickie Watkins
 - f. Alabama Conservation District Employees Association – Debbie Clements
 - g. Alabama Association of RC&D Councils – Katie Conner
 - h. Alabama Cattlemen’s Association – Erin Beasley, Executive Vice President
 - i. Alabama Farmers Federation – Brian Hardin
 - j. Alabama Attorney General’s Office – Andy Crowder
22. Comments from other Partner Agencies
23. Other Business:
24. **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

SWCC State Office, 9:00 – 11:00 am, Room 300 RSA Union Building

 - ✓ **May 14, 2025**
 - ✓ **September 24, 2025**
 - ✓ **January 14, 2026**
25. Motion to Adjourn – Chair (*Action*)