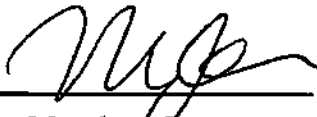



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YMJ noted that UOG and DoAg received this grant. • EP/YMJ to continue reviewing the submission response and make a recommendation for further action to the board at a later time.
X. Public Comment/ Announcements	No public comment.
XI. Next Meeting	<p>Next Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Joint Soil & Water Conservation Districts meeting will be on December 27, 2023. - The next Partner meeting will be on January 10, 2024. - The next Board of Directors meeting will be on January 17th, 2024.
XII. Adjournment	MT/GD made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15pm. All in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes Prepared By: Rita Barcinas

Minutes Approved By:

	<u>1/17/24</u>		<u>1/17/24</u>
Yvonne Manglong Juaneza SGSWCD Secretary	Date	Michael Aguon SGSWCD Chairperson	Date

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Director of DoAg has control of the funds. They are meant to support biosecurity and support invasive species work. - GD stated that based on the new fee schedule, they should collect \$1.5-2 million a year. - BB suggested the need for an accountability report regarding how the funding is being spent. He suggested the district uses their role as advisors to GovGuam to initiate the mandating of an accountability report. - RB suggested bringing it back up to the GISC before going to the legislature. - Should they get influence over where the funds are allocated, the board is willing to push for some for APHIS. <p>GD suggests telling them to leave the traps in place, and use the entire \$10,000 on one trapping session. GT expressed support for this plan. The board does not want to take on the phone calls as it was something they were doing even without the funds.</p> <p>GD/YMJ made a motion to inform APHIS that the SGSWCD will not be taking calls on behalf of APHIS, and that they should use all of the \$10,000 in one trapping period, as they see fit. In addition, they agree to continue to look for funding for APHIS outside of the SGSWCD budget. All in favor. Motion passed.</p>
<p>E. Southern District Teach the Teachers: Soil Health Project Proposal</p>	<p>GT reported that teachers reached out to EP after the Soil Health workshop in Inalahan. They expressed the need for more information surrounding the school gardens. They decided to do a trial training program with the teachers overseeing the school garden. They had support from the principals and the event went well. GT will be checking in with the teachers and hopes to continue to do these moving forward. The event was on December 1, 2023.</p> <p>EP noted that the \$300 that was budgeted for the soil health workshop and not used, was spent on the Teach the Teachers workshop.</p> <p>YMJ/ MT made a motion to ratify the use of the \$300 under the GACD Soil Health Initiative funding source. All in favor. Motion passed.</p> <p>EP/GT are working on a proposal for future projects like this. The draft was submitted to the board for review (see attachment).</p>
<p>IX. Board Correspondence</p>	<p>Climate Change Smart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The board received a response from NACD to the concept paper they submitted. They are asking if we are going to continue to pursue a climate smart initiative grant. They are looking to partner us with other groups.

	<p>for the rest of the year (2024). GD/MT made a motion for the district to reimburse GT's for his NGLI tuition fee. All in favor. Motion passed.</p>
VIII. New Business	
A. Appointment of District Officers	<p>EP recommended revisiting the officer roles for the SGSWCD board.</p> <p>The board discussed the following designation of roles: Chair: MA Vice Chair: GT Treasurer: MT Secretary: YMJ Sgt at Arms: GD</p> <p>YMJ/MT made a motion to accept the changes to the SGSWCD officer roles to reflect MA as the Chair, GT as the Vice Chair, MT as the Treasurer, GD as the Sergeant at Arms, and YMJ as the Secretary. All in Favor. Motion passed.</p>
B. 2021 Educators Symposium Report	<p>Prior to the new board, the NGSWCD took the lead on covering the expenses for the 2021 Educators Symposium, with the expectation that the SGSWCD would reimburse them for half. The SGSWCD had questions regarding the purchases and the payment was never made.</p> <p>NGSWCD is requesting payment for this matter. The supporting documentation was provided to the board for review (see the attachments).</p>
C. Quickbooks Training Report	<p>EP submitted an After Action report for the Quickbooks Training (see attachment). We had 10 people register and 7 people attended. We are waiting on the final invoice from SBDC to officially close the event out.</p>
D. Southern Guam Feral Swine Pilot Project Proposal	<p>APHIS wants to know how to spread out the time for the trapping that we are sponsoring. The email was provided to the board, with Charlene's 2 recommended options (see attachment).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How often do we want them out setting up traps? - How will the landowners be prioritized? - They are asking that the district takes the calls, and gives APHIS the list of people to service. - Is the district actively going to pursue funding for the other requested funds? <p>If SGSWCD doesn't agree to take the calls, the time for trapping will be further shortened.</p> <p>Invasive Species Council/ Funding</p>

	<p>Auction Donation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MT to take the lead on the auction donation proposal. <p>Membership Dues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MT/GD made a motion to make a payment of \$775 for the NACD Annual Membership dues. All in favor. Motion passed.
<p>B. Joint SWCD Meeting Dec 27, 2023</p>	<p>EP worked with NGSWCD to make a draft agenda. Prior to the meeting, from 1pm - 4pm, there will be a Board Training. After the training, at 4pm, there will be a joint board meeting. The training will be conducted by Joseph Santos and EP. From 5pm - 8pm there will be a networking event.</p> <p>EP hopes to hire someone in the future to develop a board training.</p> <p>NGSWCD is taking the lead on coordinating the event and the SGSWCD will share the cost. It is estimated to cost \$1200 for each district. Both the meeting and the training will be at the Crowne Plaza.</p> <p>MT/YMJ made a motion to share the cost of the Board Training and Joint Meeting on December 27th with the NGSWCD. All in favor. Motion Passed.</p>
<p>C. NACD REPI Grant</p>	<p>Kaya Taitano was hired. The board matched her current salary and she is onboarded. She is awaiting direction from the program coordinator.</p> <p>The Coordinator and Conservation Tech applications are closed. There is one applicant for the Program Coordinator role, and 2 applicants for the Conservation Tech position. The next step is to review the applications and schedule interviews.</p> <p>GD to share the application packages with the hiring committee. GD asked if the board is satisfied with the number of applicants and ready to move forward with the interview process. GD to clarify with RC UOG if the applicant information can be shared with the rest of the board.</p>
<p>D. NGLI Acceptance</p>	<p>Congratulations GT on your NGLI acceptance! GT received an acceptance letter via email. They have a meeting coming up on Dec. 15th where he will meet the rest of the 2024 cohort.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GT needs to submit a commitment letter from his boss as well as his family. - There is a tuition fee that GT will have to pay. - There are reimbursement forms for flights, registration fees, and accommodations that will cover NACD meetings/events for GT

	<p>They are asking if the SGSWCD would like to meet with them.</p> <p>DOD Repi leadership will be on the island from Feb. 7-8th. Many of the directors will be off island for the Annual Meeting at that time, but EP will be here to represent the district.</p> <p>The SGSWCD Google calendar is available for anyone that wants to see our calendared events and meetings.</p>
	<p>JointChief's Outreach (Report by RB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They are trying to select a date for the Inalahan Outreach. We are looking at January 16th 4-6pm. EP confirmed that the date is good for the SGSWCD Board.
VII. Old Business	
<p>A. NACD Annual Meeting Feb 10-14, 2024</p>	<p>The board has already approved the attendance of the directors and staff. GD will not be able to attend the Annual Meeting. All the other directors should be attending.</p> <p>The district is also able to cover Dr. Barber's (UOG advisor) registration if he is able to attend.</p> <p>Everyone is registered and has a hotel room. Reservations need to be canceled 4 days in advance for those who will not attend.</p> <p>Congratulations to Director YMJ for the first timer scholarship to the annual meeting!</p> <p>EP submitted a draft report for the Travel Authorizations. The amount will be approx \$6,000 per director. Two of the director's will be reimbursed for their travel by NACD.</p>
	<p>MA arrived and took over facilitation of the meeting.</p>
	<p>GD/YJM moved to table the approval of travel authorizations. All in favor. Motion passed.</p> <p>Breakout Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EP to get with Hawaii to coordinate the presentation. The presentation is on Innovative Technology for Conservation Practices. It will focus on the district's work on feral swine. - The desired outcome is that NRCS will include the funding of Pig Brigg traps for farmers. - This will be the first breakout session hosted by Guam.

B. Vice Chairperson: Martha Tenorio	No updates since the last meeting.
C. Director Glenn Takai	No updates since the last meeting.
D. Director Glenn Dulla	<p>NACD Invasive Species Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One of the focuses of the meeting this week was to submit white papers for future legislation and to focus priorities for NACD regarding invasive species. - They are currently requesting input on underserved communities, specifically island communities that are underserved. GD provided priorities and action items from the Pacific Ecological Security Conference held last year, which identified the priorities for invasive species and biosecurity management for the region. - GD will also share the priorities from the recent Biosecurity Training Conference. - NACD will get the white paper and use it to prepare a white paper for congress. They said they will give it to us (Guam) to review before they submit it.
E. Director Yvonne Manglona Juaneza	No updates since the last meeting.
F. District Administrator Erica Pangelinan	<p>EP attended the NACD Pacific Region Bi-Monthly Meeting. It conflicted with the NRCS STAC Meeting. They focused on the upcoming annual meeting and did a roundtable of each districts' partnerships.</p> <p>EP attended the WERI state advisory council meeting. They gave out a list of potential topics that we can pursue and are open to any potential research topics from us that we want them to look into. EP shared the district's desire to do soil sampling. They may be able to help us with mapping.</p>
VI. District Administrator Report	
A. District Program Updates	<p>NACD TA Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rita Barcinas is close to being fully onboarded. She has access now and is only waiting on them to process the permissions. - EP noted that the long onboarding process takes so long and she asked MA to bring it up to the Executive Board. - RB is not yet in the Agreement with NRCS that allows our employees to use the office space. - Grant Reports Due January 20th. <p>NRCS PIA Leadership Team will be on Guam from January 7th -9th.</p>



**Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 13, 2023
UOG ALS Rm. 104**

Youtube Recording Link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/8hS6ubOCRY8?si=3-x0G4OXyhy5e1OJ>

I. Call Meeting to Order	Meeting Called to order at 4:14 pm by MT.
Roll Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Michael Aguon (MA) <i>Chairman</i> - PRESENT ● Martha Tenorio (MT) <i>Vice Chairperson</i> - PRESENT ● Glenn Dulla (GD) <i>District Director</i>- PRESENT ● Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza (YMJ) <i>District Director</i> - PRESENT ● Glenn Takai (GT) <i>District Director</i> - PRESENT on Zoom ● Erica Pangelinan (EP) <i>District Administrator</i> - PRESENT ● Rita Barcinas (RB) <i>Program Support Specialist</i> - PRESENT <p>Also present during the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Leroy Robert Barber (BB) - UOG Advisor ● Phoebe Wall - UOG Cooperative Extension & Outreach <p>Quorum established.</p>
II. Acceptance of Meeting Agenda	<p>EP noted that there is a correction to the published agenda: the Joint Board meeting will be on December 27th, not December 17th. YMJ/GD moved to accept the meeting agenda, with the correction that the Joint Board meeting will be on December 27, not 17th. All in favor (MA not present for vote). Motion passed.</p>
III. Approval of Meeting Minutes	<p>YMJ/GD moved to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes for 09/27/23 and 10/25/23. All in favor (MA not present for the vote). Motion passed, minutes approved.</p>
IV. Treasurer Report	<p>SGSWCD Coast360 Business Accounts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General Fund Checking: \$87,699.33 2. DoAG Farmer Stress Checking Account: \$23,840.38 3. Savings: \$1.20
V. Director Reports	
A. Chairman: Michael Aguon	Not present at the time of the report.