
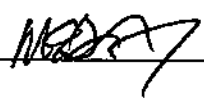


VI. Next Meeting	No notes mentioned on Next Meeting.
VIII. Adjournment	GT/MT made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes Prepared By: Erica Pangelinan

Minutes Approved By:

	<u>4/17/24</u>		<u>4/17/24</u>
Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza SGSWCD Secretary	Date	Michael Aguon SGSWCD Chairperson	Date

<p>D. USDA NRCS</p>	<p>Report by: Jay Doronila (<i>Report submitted via email</i>)</p> <p>A. First Round EQIP and CSP application status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 EQIP applications selected for funding. 1 CSP application, was ineligible. • Total estimated cost for the 6 EQIP applications is \$133,053.00 • Ranking Pools Selected for funding: (1) PIA Urban, (3) Guam TCP, (1) IRA Soil HealthEQIP applications: 6 submitted totaling \$133,000. • CSP application and multiple equip applications for Joint Chiefs were submitted. <p>B. Second Round EQIP and CSP Application status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign up closed as of March 8th, 2024 • 1 CSP Application: Northern District • 5 JCLRP EQIP Applications: All Southern District • 3 Regular EQIP Applications: 2 Northern, 1 Southern Efforts to assess higher incentive rates for next fiscal year were discussed, with plans to gather cost information from producers. <p>C. Other Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Programmatic Agreement was signed to facilitate non-intrusive conservation practices, potentially reducing the time between sign-up and implementation for producers. • Increase in annual payments for CSP, from \$1,500 to \$4,000.
<p>E. DoAg ADS</p>	<p>Report by: Peter Terlaje</p> <p>A. The nursery has reopened, producing 50,000 seedlings for sale and grant recipients.</p> <p>B. Tissue culture lab produced 350 seedling stocks for workshops and public use.</p> <p>C. Initiating banana and fish production.</p> <p>D. Harvest festival set for May 3rd, inviting partners to participate.</p> <p>E. Pig Derby scheduled for the upcoming Saturday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns raised about fair hunting practices in the Derby. • Plans for a meat care workshop and outreach to partners.
<p>VI. Public Comment - No public comments.</p>	
<p>VII. Announcements -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stewardship Week announced for April 28, focusing on forest conservation. • Appreciation expressed to NRCS and soil/water districts for securing funding for crop production studies. 	

<p>UOG CNAS CE&O</p>	<p>B. Agriculture Census of Guam, Peter Barcinas and Jthomas Tyquengco</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Goal of the Census is to collect data on all farming activities in 2023, including crops grown, sales, and acreage, with the goal of surveying 500 farmers by June. The collected data will inform federal programs, including disaster relief and other agricultural initiatives, based on the statistical information gathered from the survey. b. Recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested for surveys to include questions related to fire usage, invasive species, etc to better understand farmer’s needs and practices.
<p>UOG CNAS CE&O</p>	<p>C. RREA Grant, Presented by Dr. Bob Barber and Mark Acosta</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Goal of the program is to implement farmer training sessions and conduct outreach efforts to engage farmers in a survey process related to agriculture. Program aimed at farmers with small acreage, particularly those with microplots ranging from one acre to smaller sizes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tentative dates: Saturdays from April 20 to May 25. The sessions are expected to start at 9:00 AM and conclude by 12:00 to 12:30 PM. • Board members to be present at each session • Collaboration with partners and stakeholders, including mayors' offices and land trusts
<p>B. DoAg FSRD</p>	<p>Report by: Christine Fejeran</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Completed a five-year USDA Forest Service program review. B. Introduction of Ajalyn Omelau as the new FIRE program manager C. Need to follow up on the contact work on the Joint Chiefs
<p>C. USDA APHIS WS</p>	<p>Report by: Charlene Hopkins</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Status of SWCD agreement. Results suggests a successful continuation of efforts to manage feral swine populations in Guam. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considerations for service agreements with government entities aim to expand support and alleviate budgetary constraints. • Publicity and positive feedback received from entities served, including a letter of appreciation from the judiciary of Guam.

<p>A. Active Programs</p>	<p>Report by: Erica Pangelinan</p> <p>A. General Updates</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Two (2) job openings: Conservation Technician & Program Support Specialists <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Program Support Specialists will be working primarily at the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service with Jay (JD) b. NACD Spring Fly in <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The goal is to advocate and meet with congressional representatives to further promote NACD's Farm Bill priorities. ii. Delegation will also meet with several key federal agencies: USDA, NRCS, USDA APHIS & Wildlife Services with the goal of strengthening partnerships for greater conservation delivery.
<p>V. Partner Reports</p>	
<p>A. UOG CE&O</p>	<p>A. Climate Smart Commodities Grant, Dr. Romina King & Annisa Lujan</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The goal is to address greenhouse gas emission reduction in the Pacific Island agriculture and forestry system. b. Farmers will be receiving a provision of \$10,000 stipend per year. Therefore, no receipts will be necessary, and it can be used at their discretion. No need to request a track of their expenses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership with farmers could potentially last for a total of five (5) years. • Farmers are eligible if registered with the FSA and not registered through other grants with USDA • Reporting: Quarterly emissions reporting required; team will handle data collection using drones and soil analysis to minimize farmer burden. • Marketing and Sales: Partnership with local networks and supermarkets to market and sell commodities; Dr. Jones and Dr. Chen will develop marketing plan.

Board Meeting w/ Partners
Wednesday, March 13, 2024
University of Guam CNAS Rm. 104

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I. Call Meeting to Order	Meeting Called to order at 4:09 pm by MA.
Roll Call	<p>SGSWCD Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Michael Aguon (MA) Chairman - PRESENT ● Glenn Takai (GT) Vice Chairperson - PRESENT ● Glenn Dulla (GD) District Director- PRESENT ● Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza (YMJ) District Director - PRESENT ● Martha Tenorio (MT) District Director - PRESENT <p>SGSWCD Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Erica Pangelinan (EP) District Administrator - PRESENT <p>Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Romina King - UOG CNAS CE&O ● Anissa Lujan - UOG ● Charlene Hopkins - USDA APHIS Wildlife Services ● Christine Fejeran - DoAg Forestry ● Ajalyn Omelau - DoAg Forestry ● Pete Barcinas - UOG CNAS CE&O ● Jthomas Tyquengco - UOG CNAS CE&O ● Dr. Robert Barber - UOG CNAS CE&O ● Phoebe Wall- UOG CNAS CE&O ● Mark Acosta - UOG CNAS CE&O ● Ruddy Estoy - DoAg Forestry ● Jay Doronila - USDA NRCS ● Peter Terlaje - DoAg ADS
II. Acceptance of Meeting Agenda	MA made a motion to accept the meeting agenda as presented. GT/MT moved to accept the meeting agenda as published. All in favor. Motion passed.
III. Approval of Meeting Minutes	MT/GT moved to accept the 02/28/24 meeting minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.
IV. Southern District Report	