



XI. Adjournment	?? made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m. All in favor. Motion passed
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Minutes Prepared By:

Minutes Approved By:

	5/15/24		5/15/24
Madeline Flores, SGSWCD Conservation Tech	Date	Michael Aguon, SGSWCB Chairperson	Date

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Educators symposium July 24-26 F. University of Guam Drone Corps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented by Kaya Taitano a. Data helped showed vegetation health b. Researching different software best for mission c. Taking soil samples and gas emissions G. US Forest Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented by Michael Jordan a. During forestry review saw some sights for grants and projects, drought has becoming an issue b. Final report is done every 5 years, will be completed soon c. Joint chief project no representative from Guam Forestry, GovGuam accounting system cause delays, trying to get contractors d. Will report fire wise next meeting e. 2 people from each island will meet in Pohnpei
	<p>?? made a motion to take a break to prepare for the signing of Senator Sabina Flores as presented by EP. All in favor. Motion passed.</p>
VII. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Southern Guam Feral Swine Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. EP -Working to continue our program with APHIS, successful in finding funding, question to the board is how much it's going to cost to continue agreement with APHIS b. CH- Cost of FY 2024 May 13- September 30 just under \$20,000 for SWCD and then APHIS will match that 55% . For beginning of FY 2025 Oct 1 - Jan 31 \$17,619. This amount is a separate agreement. c. EP- suggests farmers who are registered with SWCD will get first priority to funding d. CH- recommends we take action, move forward and give farmers information and show them how to use traps e. MA- sets date in the following week to meet with APHIS
VIII. Public comment	
IX. Announcements	
X Next Meeting	<p>SGSWCD Regular Board Meeting- Wednesday May 15, 2024 4:00 p.m.</p>

	<p>Representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Meeting for compact resolution is on hold <p>C. Andy Williams as new program support specialist for SGSWCD</p> <p>D. EP reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pushing Stewardship agenda b. Public service announcements via radio c. Tree planting event was successful d. Attending May harvest festival with DoAg ADS, nominated Kenneth Aguon Farmer of the Year, Junior Farmer Talofoto Elementary School started up school gardens e. Good reach with PSA
<p>VI. Partners Reports</p>	<p>A. Guam Sentinel Program Presented by Patrick Keeler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. May 24 Partner meeting 9am-12pm following an evening meeting for Farmers and Landowners <p>B. Bureau Statistics and Plans Presented by Christian Benitez</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Was able to get Sea Grant to assist getting items that are needed to meet plan for adoption b. Public hearing in June, haven't set date c. Then AG's office for review and acceptance <p>C. USDA NRCS Presented by Jay Doronila</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. First round equipment CSP applications- trying to meet June 1 deadline, trying to complete 5% of pool, some applications have been accepted and working on eligibility requirements and guidelines b. Second round signups June 13 deadline- will be going through assessments <p>D. USDA APHIS Presented by Charlene Hopkins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Swine work 31 swine from 7 locations and 5 villages late February to early March b. Established Inarajan mayor relationship c. Genetics swabbed and sent in d. Outreach 23 programs e. Sampling with Dr. Leo, meat quality from feral swine to store bought <p>E. Northern Guam Soil and Water Conservation District Presented by Jenalyn Abinales</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Planning stress management program May 31 for farmers

commemorating "Stewardship Week" presented by Senator Sabina Flores Perez

- B. Senator Sabina Flores arrived and will present Resolution for Stewardship Week
 - a. Recognized 69th annual observance Stewardship Week from April 28-May 5
 - b. She explains limestone and tropical forest of Guam are composed of hundreds of plant species that support a unique biodiversity, 59% are from Northern Guam 41% Southern Guam. Forests maintain food, medicinal plants, protect drinking water, trapping greenhouse gas emissions, aesthetics. Critical to maintain to protect endangered species.
 - c. ??Law outlines the intention to protect and preserve our island's forest, natural resources and habitats. Law outlines objectives such as balancing use of resources, increasing education, assisting our community in implementing conservation programs, and promoting the protection of Guam's natural resources for our island and our future.
 - d. Senator Sabina Flores commemorates the 69th annual observance of Stewardship Week with the theme "May the forest be with you always". She continues to commend the Northern and Southern Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Department of Agriculture for their dedication in preserving Guam's forest.
 - e. She congratulates our efforts and states that she has been working with SWCD for 6 years consecutively. She believes what we're doing is critical. When we protect our forest, we protect our water, which is the basis and critical on Guam. She congratulates and presents the resolution to SWCD.

V. Southern District Report

- A. EP reporting - NECD farm bill, meeting was successful
 - a. Ensure farm bill passes
 - b. Ensure IRA funding isn't moved outside of farm bill
 - c. Ensure there is continued funding for conservation operations, include USDA and NRCS
 - d. Met with APHIS, National Association of State Agricultures and Congress Representative
- B. MA reporting - Executive board meeting
 - a. Stabinan agreed to 100% funding on farm bill, will prepare and send to House of



Board Meeting w/ Partners
 Wednesday, May 8, 2024
 University of Guam CNAS Rm. 104

Youtube Recording Link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/mqZRCV0LGzk?si=pU2I02VjutxI0sHF>

I. Call Meeting to Order	Meeting Called to order at 4:00 pm by MA
Roll Call	<p>SGSWCD Board</p> <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 <p>SGSWCD Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Erica Pangelinan (EP) <i>District Administrator</i> - PRESENT ● Andy Williams (AW) <i>Program Support Specialist</i> - PRESENT <p>Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jay Dorinilla - USDA NRCS ● Charlene Hopkins- USDA APHIS ● Patrick Keeler- Guam Sentinel Program ● Christian Benitez - Bureau Statistics and Plans ● Jenelyn Abinales - Northern Guam Soil and Water Conservation District ● Kaya Taitano - University of Guam Drone Corps ● Michael Jordan - US Forest Service
II. Acceptance of Meeting Agenda	??? made a motion to accept the meeting agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.
III. Approval of Meeting Minutes	GD/GT made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 4/17/2024. All in favor. Motion passed.
IV. Resolution recognizing and	A. Chairman moves agenda item until 5pm