

**STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Thursday, November 6, 2014**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
**Helen, GA – Unicoi State Park**

1. Call to Order – Garland Thompson, Chairman
2. Invocation – Brent Dykes, Executive Director
3. Approve Minutes of August 8, 2014 Board Meeting, as previously provided  
**(Approved)**
4. Act on Supervisor Appointments/Resignations **(Approved)** See attached list)
5. Set Per Diem for 2015 GACDS Annual Meeting and Review Comments from Supervisor Training **(Approved – \*\$80-Thursday, January, 22<sup>nd</sup>; \$120 each day – Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>) \*to receive \$80 Thursday Per Diem, Supervisor must incur overnight expenses on Thursday at the hotel and attend the Friday morning Supervisor Training event.**
6. Consider change to Employee Handbook - Leave Accrual **(Approved)** The maximum accrued annual leave for full-time temporary or other-funded employees is 360 hours.
7. Review & Approval of FY15 Annual District Plans of Work **(Approved)**
8. Executive Director's Report – Brent Dykes
  - a) Personnel Report
  - b) Review Quarterly Expenditure Report
  - c) FY14 Annual Financial Audit Results
  - d) NRCS Watershed Assessment Funding
9. Urban Program Update - Ben Ruzowicz
  - a) Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control - Consider TAC Recommendations for January 1, 2015 manual  
**Held lengthy discussion. Board requested a joint work session meeting with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) before December 18<sup>th</sup>. See attached TAC Recommendations.**
10. NRCS Update – Tansel Hudson
11. Public Comments
12. Upcoming Board Meetings - December 18 – **ATHENS, GA**
13. Adjourn



The following resignations were approved by the Board on November 6, 2014:

- 1) Lynn Gray – Lower Chattahoochee River SWCD
- 2) Chad Brooks – Lower Chattahoochee River SWCD
- 3) Faye Lyons-Gary – DeKalb County SWCD
- 4) Larry Danese – DeKalb County SWCD

***Technical Advisory Committee Recommendations made at October 28<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting  
in Watkinsville regarding the contents of the Manual For Erosion and Sediment Control as of  
January 1, 2015.***

The Committee Agreed that the content as found in the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Manual should remain the same for Chapters: 1, 2, and 4 and Appendices A, B, D, E, and F.

The Committee recommended the following changes to the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition:

Chapter 3 – Recommended removing product name from example set of erosion control plans

Chapter 5 -- Insert Georgia Department of Natural Resources current address (pg 5-1)

Chapter 6:

Slope Stabilization: Committee recommended changing “shall” to “should” be stitched. Addition of “or installed according to / per manufacturer’s recommendations” on Pages 6-65 and 6-129.

Check dams: Committee recommended keeping ASTM 7208 as the performance test with a 30% control factor. Committee recommended that the DOT “W” velocity dissipater/check dam be re-tested at the expense of the testing lab (TRI Environmental).

Channel Stabilization: Recommended changing “shall” to “should” preserve large trees.

Sediment Barriers: Committee recommended keeping Test Method 11340 as the performance test. Recommended that a standard deviation be computed from the mean of the data to set new “P” factors for S (Sensitive) and NS (Non-sensitive) applications. Products already tested by TRI through the GSWCC contract will be placed in S or NS based on new computed “P” factors. Recommended that all Type A and B sediment barriers on the GA DOT Qualified Products List (QPL) be grandfathered as NS for 3 years and that all Type C sediment barriers on the GA DOT QPL be grandfathered as S for 3 years. All sediment barrier products must be tested within the 3 year period and based on the results will be placed in NS or S respectively based on “P” factor results.

Appendix C – Recommended adding text to rip rap chart to clarify the purpose and use of chart