

Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting
August 19th, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, 8:00 AM, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service office, 130 2nd street Colfax, La 71417

Supervisor's Present:

Mr. Richard Bonner, *Chairman*

Mr. Joshua Fletcher, *Vice Chairman*

Mrs. Conan Soileau, *Sec/Tres*

Supervisors Absent:

Mr. Kennth Richardson, *Supervisor*

Others Present:

Mrs. Karly Higgs, *District Secretary*

Mr. Mitch Willis, *Soil Conservationist*

Mrs. Wendy Gibson, *Agricultural Environmental Specialist*

Mr. Au'Daeus Rockingham, *Supervisory District Conservationist*

Mr. Dylan Spor, *CPA*

Mr. Tommy Crooks

Chairman Bonner called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the previous District Board meeting were reviewed. Chairman Bonner asked for any public comments and there were none. Chairman Bonner called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 2025. Regular board Meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Conan made a motion to approve, as read, the minutes of July 2025, regular Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Josh and passed unanimously. Motion carried August 19, 2025, minutes were approved and signed accordingly.

Secretary-Treasurer Report:

The June 2025 Budget was presented by Mr. Dylan Spor. The board discussed sending the June budget along with the July minutes instead of the August minutes, even though they are being present at this meeting. So that the budget reports are not behind. Mr. Bonner asked for a motion to approve this decision.

Motion: Mrs. Conan made a motion to approve seconded by Mr. Josh. Chairman asked for any public comments and there were none.

July 2025 Receipts:

LDAF	Feral Swine Program	\$225.00
Fuel	Feral Swine	\$1,379.86
LDAF	PP#10,11	\$2,066.88
ATS	Hog Collars	\$160.00
LDAF	PP#12,13	\$2,066.88
Grant Hardware	June Invoice	\$460.49
Supplies	Feral Swine	\$882.19
AT&T	Feral Swine Phone	\$108.22

July 2025 Disbursements:

AutoZone	Feral Swine Truck	\$111.53
AT&T	Feral Swine Phone	\$108.22
Feral Swine	Gas	\$1,140.31
Grant Hardware	Supplies	\$1,090.00
Petrus	corn	\$143.70
LDAF	PP#7,8,9	\$205.77

Credits

7/23/2025 Farm Bill \$1,802.00

Supervisors' Per Diem & Mileage-

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Per Diem</u>	<u>MileageTotal</u>
Josh Fletcher	35.00	
Richard Bonner	35.00	
Conan Soileau	35.00	
Kenneth Richardson	35.00	

The board went over the bills to be paid for the month of August 2025. The bills include AT&T, and Grant Hardware. Chairman Bonner asked for a motion to approve the bills or the month of August 2025.

Motion: Mr. Josh made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Mrs. Conan, the board approved to pay bills as submitted.

Correspondence:

Mrs. Higgs asked the board for permission to volunteer at the Wet Water Festival on September 9th at the fairgrounds. Approximately 700 children. It was discussed how it was a great project for the students, and a good opportunity for Grant Soil & Water to help the community. Chairman Bonner asked for a motion to give permission for Mrs. Higgs to volunteer.

Motion: Mrs. Conan made a motion of approval, seconded by Mr. Josh. Motion carried.

Mrs. Higgs announced the LACD mid-year meeting on September 4th in Alexandria. Mrs. Conan discussed that she may be able to attend.

Mrs. Higgs asked the board if Grant Soil & Water could participate in the LACD Auxiliary contest this year. She asked if she could schedule and host a district level contest. It would be open to all student

k-12. Mr. Bonner asked the board for a motion of approval for the Grant Soil & Water to host a district contest.

Motion: Mr. Josh made a motion of approval, seconded by Mrs. Conan. Motion carried.

Chairman Bonner asked for any public comments and there were none.

Mrs. Higgs also announced that it is area III turn to host the 2026 LACDE summer meeting. And there is a meeting in October to discuss spots.

Unfinished Business:

The TA grant was then discussed, with it ending in September the board discussed sending the money back since the board could not find a district tech to spend the funds. Chairman Bonner asked the board for a motion of approval to send the funds back to NACD. The total amount would be \$19,385.

Motion: Mrs. Conan made a motion of approval, seconded by Mr. Josh. Motion carried.

Chairman Bonner asked for any public comments and there was none.

Mr. Tommy was brought to the July 2025 board meeting by Mr. Kenneth and asked if he like to be a Grant Soil & Water supervisor. Mr. Tommy accept at the August 2025 meeting. Chairman Bonner then asked the board for a motion of approval.

Motion: Mr. Josh made a motion of approval, seconded by Mrs. Conan. Motion carried.

Chairman Bonner then asked the board for a motion of approval for the following three candidates to be submitted to the State Commissions with Mr. Tommy Crooks at top preference.

Chairman Bonner asked for any public comments and there were none.

New Business:

Mrs. Conan brought up to the board about the agreement between the US Forest Service and the Grant Soil & Water Conservation District that was made in September 2024. The SAM renewal is due in September of 2025. Mrs. Conan said that Mrs. Karly will have to get a notarized letter and submit it to become the new entity administrator.

The board then discussed the ending of the feral swine pilot program. Mrs. Higgs then told the board of the wish list that it needs to be sent to Theron before September 30th. The board agreed to make a list of supplies needed to continue the feral swine trapping without having a trapper.

Other Business:

Supervisor's attendance form was handed to Chairman Bonner to sign. The report showed all board members being present at the July 2025 meeting.

District Accomplishment Report was shown to the board.

District Farm Bill Report was shown to the board. Mrs. Higgs asked for Mr. Au'Daeus to view and sign it.

Feral Swine Report - James Slayter. Mrs. Higgs read the monthly summary report to the board. Between 14 landowners 170 feral swine were removed in the month of July.

District Conservation Report was reported to the board by Mr. Au'Daeus.

Chairman asked for any public comments and there were none

Motion: Mr. Josh made a motion to accept the July 2025 District Accomplishment Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Conan and passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the District Farm Bill Report for the month of July 2025.

Motion: Mrs. Conan made a motion to accept the July 2025 District Farm Bill Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Josh and passed unanimously.

Chairman asked for any public comments and there were none

The next regular monthly meeting of the Grant Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors will be held on September 16 ,2025 at 8:00 AM in the Colfax USDA-NRCS field office located at 130 2nd Street. Colfax, LA 7147

Adjourn:

Having no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Josh and seconded by Mrs. Conan to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 AM. Motion carried.

Chairman



Vice-Chairman