

AGENDA
North Carolina Land and Water Fund
Acquisition Committee Meeting
September 19, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Ross Conference Room
Nature Research Center, 4th Floor
121 West Jones Street, NC 27603

This meeting will also be available to the public by teleconference. Please contact Terri Murray at teresa.murray@dn-cr.nc.gov or 919-707-9400 to request a meeting invitation/call-in number for the meeting.

Committee Members:

Amy Grissom (Chair), John Wilson, Greer Cawood,
Jason Walser, David Womack

COMMENCEMENT

1) Call to Order (Chair – Amy Grissom)

a) Welcome

b) Roll call

c) Compliance with General Statute § 138A-15

General Statute § 138A-15 mandates that the Chair inquire as to whether any Trustee knows of any conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest with respect to matters on the agenda. If any Trustee knows of a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest, please state so at this time.

d) Please put cell phones on vibrate or turn off, and if you are a guest joining remotely, please mute your audio and turn off your video unless you are called upon to speak

e) Revisions, additions, and adoption of the agenda

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public is invited to make comments to the Board (Chair – John Wilson)

The NCLWF policy manual states that comments shall be limited to subjects of business falling within the jurisdiction of the NCLWF. The NCLWF welcomes public comments on general issues. Comments will not be allowed on individual projects before the NCLWF for funding during the regular meeting. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person.

BUSINESS

1) Annual Report and Request to Extend Grant Contracts (Marissa Hartzler) – Staff will review requests to extend grant contracts from the 2021 grant cycle.

2) Review of 2023 Cycle Applications (Marissa Hartzler, Damon Hearne, Chelsea Blount and Jill Fusco) – Staff will review applications and answer questions and the committee will develop funding recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT

Action Item**Staff member: Marissa Hartzler**

Agenda Item 1) Annual Report and Request to Extend Grant Contracts

In 2021, the board requested that staff provide annual updates on four projects with large grant awards. Three of those projects are still active:

App #	Application Name	Award
2021-037	The Conservation Fund - Johnson Farm - Hector Creek	\$3,636,230
2021-040	The Conservation Fund - Long Bay - Piney Island Bombing Range (military)	\$2,400,000
2021-051	The Nature Conservancy - 421 Sand Ridge Ph2 - Corbett Ind	\$8,901,455

The board also requested the initial contract terms be limited to two years and that any request for an extension would need to be reviewed by the board. Staff will report on the status of these projects and present a request for an extension. If granted, the committee should recommend a length for the contract extension.

Committee action needed

Make a recommendation to the full board about contract extensions for the three projects listed above.

Action Item

Staff members: Marissa Hartzler, Damon Hearne, Chelsea Blount, Jill Fusco

Agenda Item 2) Review of 2023 Cycle Applications

75 applications for land acquisition projects have been ranked by staff for the Acquisition Committee to review for grant awards. The Acquisition Committee needs to review the 2023 applications for acquisition projects and make funding recommendations. The Committee also needs to decide on an allocation for the Donated Mini-Grant Program.

Each trustee was given application review materials via Airtable with application scores and links to applications, project summaries, and PowerPoint presentations.

Presentations will be given by staff during the Committee Meeting.

Committee actions needed:

- 1) Recommendation to the full board of the amount of funds to provide for the Donated Mini-Grant Program, and affirm delegation of administrative approval of individual applications to the board chair.
- 2) Recommendation to full board of a prioritized list of applications to be funded from the currently available funds, including which projects will receive the military buffer funding.
- 3) Recommendation to full board of a prioritized list of applications to be funded as additional funds become available from license plate fees, funds currently encumbered to projects that may become unencumbered before July 1, 2024, and additional appropriated funds.