

**Regular Minutes of the State Committee (STC) meeting held on April 10, 2012, in the STO, Raleigh, NC. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.**

**STATE COMMITTEE: T. Pender Sharp III, Chairman, Thomas O. Gilmore, Sr., John E. Ashe, Jr., and Nancy E. Fish**

**STAFF: Aaron A. Martin, State Executive Director, Cindy Kernodle, Executive Officer, Mike Eaves, Kathy Barker, Diane Barefoot, Waynette Kimball Eddie Woodhouse, Alicia Bridges, Mike Huskey, Victor Youngblood, Tommy McLamb, Tim Jones, Ralph Price and Susan Woodall**

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**Approval of Minutes**

The STC reviewed and approved the Regular Session minutes for March 13, 2012.

**Review FSA-958's, Work Schedule Log**

The STC Chairperson reviewed and approved FSA-958's, Work Schedule Log for PP 08 for the STC.

The SED reviewed and approved FSA-958, Work Schedule Log for PP 08 for the STC Chairperson.

**Review Travel Vouchers**

The STC Chairperson reviewed and approved the Travel Vouchers for STC Members for April 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. The STC Chairperson also approved the Travel Voucher for new member, Nancy E. Fish, for March 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup>.

The SED reviewed and approved the Travel Voucher for the STC Chairperson for April 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Review FSA-582's, Boundaries of Local Administrative Areas (LAA's)**

The STC reviewed FSA-582, Boundary of Local Administrative Areas, as submitted by COC's. No changes in LAA boundaries were recommended. The STC approved the existing LAA boundaries in accordance with 15-AO, paragraph 61A.

**Request for Establishing Double-Cropping Practices for NAP and SURE – Hyde County**

The STC approved the following Double-Cropping practices for Hyde County:

**Initial Crop**

Squash  
Cucumbers  
Green Beans

**Double Crop**

Broccoli  
Green Beans  
Cucumbers



**CRP General Signup 43 Update**

General Signup 43 has been extended through April 13<sup>th</sup>. To date 353 offers have been submitted. Approximately 61% of acreage under expiring contracts has been re-offered. The top five counties receiving offers are Cleveland, Anson, Johnston, Nash and Stanly.

**General Updates on Farm Loan Issues**

General update on FLP issues as follows:

Funding:

<u>Direct</u>	<u>As of 03/13/2012</u>	<u>As of 04/06/12</u>
OL	178 loans \$14,413,360	221 loans \$17,936,780
FO	12 loans \$ 2,315,500	12 loans \$ 2,315,500
EM	19 loans \$ 1,604,970	24 loans \$ 1,962,040
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<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>209 loans \$18,333,830</b>	<b>257 loans \$22,214,320</b>

<u>Guaranteed</u>		
OL	33 loans \$ 5,059,115	50 loans \$ 7,962,741
FO	34 loans \$18,161,725	41 loans \$22,384,075
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>67 loans \$23,220,840</b>	<b>91 loans \$30,346,816</b>

Current backlog:

<u>Type</u>	<u># of Loans</u>	<u>Total \$</u>
Farm Ownership – Non-SDA	2	\$600,000.00

Funding is available for all loan types & categories, except Direct FO – Non-SDA.

Goals for 2012 are as follows:

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Currently</u> <u>As of 4/30/12</u>
1. First Year Delinquency	10.8%	16.3%
2. Average Processing Times for Direct Loans	30 days	19days
3. Average Processing Times for Guaranteed Loans	10 days	7.3 days
4. Lending to Beginning Farmers & Ranchers	40.4%	40.4%
5. Lending to Socially Disadvantaged Farmers & Ranchers	17.4%	16.0%
6. Direct Loan Delinquency Rate	10.3%	12.0%
7. Guaranteed Loan Delinquency Rate	2.00%	2.25%
8. Special Servicing Processing Times	60%	82%

## **Public Affairs and Outreach**

Public Affairs and Outreach Director, Eddie Woodhouse, provided this report to the State Committee:

### **OUTREACH**

- Outreach Director Eddie Woodhouse and Executive Officer Cindy Kernodle supported the NC A&T Small Farms meeting on March 29.
- Eddie addressed the STC concern that under-resourced, perhaps older producers do not use email or other communication technology, and will not be provided FSA information as effectively as those farmers who are more “wired.” Eddie alerted WDC to these STC concerns.
- Eddie will speak at the 2012 RiskFest Empowerment event sponsored by the Wake County Schools on April 25. The event will take place at NCSU’s Centennial Campus.
- Eddie will represent the STO at the Stokes County Appreciation Event on April 13.

### **PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

- Copies of newspaper coverage concerning new STC Member Nancy E. Fish were provided to members.
- Eddie and Alicia Bridges will travel to District Manager’s Meetings to provide training on proper documenting and recording of Outreach efforts and GovDelivery (new communications system).
- North Carolina newspaper articles concerning farm program applications deadlines provided.
- Wall Street Journal photos of STC Member John Ashe provided.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm on April 10, 2012.

The next scheduled meeting of the FSA STC will be on May 8, 2012.



Approved:  
T. Pender Sharp, III  
Chairperson, FSA State Committee



Approved:  
Aaron A. Martin  
Secretary