

Regular Minutes of the State Committee (STC) meeting held on June 14, 2011, in the STO, Raleigh, NC. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am.

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

STAFF: Aaron A. Martin, State Executive Director, Cindy Kernodle, Mike Eaves, Kathy Barker, Mike Huskey, Eddie Woodhouse, Alicia Bridges, Mac McCullough, Marsha Bissette, Rita Zeigler, Tim Jones and Susan Woodall

Approval of Minutes

The STC reviewed and approved the Regular Session minutes for May 10, 2011.

Review FSA-958's, Work Schedule Log and WebTA Employee Summary

The STC Chairperson reviewed and approved FSA-958's, Work Schedule Log for PP 12 for the STC.

The SED reviewed and approved FSA-958, Work Schedule Log for PP 12 for the STC Chairperson.

Review Travel Vouchers

The STC Chairperson reviewed and approved Travel Vouchers for the STC Members for June 13th and 14th.

The SED reviewed and approved the Travel Voucher for the STC Chairperson for June 13th and 14th.

Maximum Average Loss Level Requests

The STC reviewed and approved maximum average loss levels for the following counties:

Caswell County	Corn	27%
Sampson County	Grass	70%
	Oats	70%

General Updates on Farm Loan Issues

General update on FLP issues as follows:

Funding:

<u>Direct</u>	<u>As of 06/13/11</u>	<u>As of 05/06/11</u>
OL	304 loans \$24,071,805	278 loans \$21,958,495
FO	13 loans \$ 2,264,900	11 loans 1,838,100
EM	26 loans \$ 1,679,630	19 loans 1,218,780
CL	<u>4 loans \$ 160,890</u>	<u>4 loans 160,890</u>
TOTALS	347 loans \$28,177,225	312 loans \$25,176,265

<u>Guaranteed</u>		
OL	98 loans \$16,827,615	98 loans \$16,827,615
FO	<u>93 loans \$50,665,263</u>	<u>93 loans \$50,665,263</u>
TOTALS	191 loans \$67,492,878	191 loans \$67,492,878

Current backlog:

<u>Type</u>	<u># of Loans</u>	<u>Total \$</u>
Farm Ownership	9	\$1,895,000
Operating Loans	10	\$ 441,000

Funding is available for Guaranteed OL, Guaranteed OL with Interest Assist, & Guaranteed FO – all categories, Direct OL & Direct FO - SDA (NBF & BF), & Direct EM. Funding is depleted in all categories of Direct & Guaranteed CL, Direct OL – non SDA(NBF& BF), & Direct FO – non SDA(NBF & BF).

Lawsuits – Provided update of the following cases.

1. Keepseagle – nothing new
2. Love – settlement announced
3. Garcia – settlement announced
4. Wise – See Executive Session Minutes dated June 14, 2011.

<u>FLP Goals:</u>	<u>2011 Goal</u>	<u>As of 5/31/11</u>
First Year Delinquency	10.0%	8.2%
Avg. Processing Time(Direct)	35.1 days	27.2 days
Avg. Processing Time(Guaranteed)	14.3 days	10.1 days
Increase Lending to Minorities	44.7%	52.7%

*Direct Delinquency Rate	11.5%	12.0%
Direct Loss Rate	3.5%	2.2%
Guaranteed Delinquency Rate	2.25%	2.32%
Guaranteed Loss Rate	1.5%	.574%

*4.0% of the Direct Delinquency Rate is from Judgment & CNC accounts. Actual delinquency rate for “active” accounts based on dollars delinquent is 7.1%!!!

Public Affairs and Outreach

Public Affairs and Outreach Director Eddie Woodhouse told the State Committee:

- 1) Working in tandem with the First Lady and FSA Secretary Vilsack to kick-off announcement of the 2011 “Feds Feed Families” food drive, the STO Food Drive Committee conducted its first meeting to organize food collection efforts. Looking at an August 1st kick-off. The Committee meets every week to prepare for the North Carolina launch.
- 2) Public Affairs assisted Congressman Mike McIntyre’s office with tornado storm and disaster recovery efforts for his constituents. We assisted State Rep. Winkie Wilkins (D-Person) with tornado storm and disaster recovery efforts for his constituents.
- 3) We nominated John Ashe for Minority Landowner Farmer of the Year.
- 4) CED’s were pressed to provide COC election information to media members.
- 5) SED Martin granted an interview with the Southern Farm Radio Network concerning the upcoming County Committee election process, which aired Monday, June 13th. SFN covers NC/SC/VA. In addition, Aaron shared contact information concerning the Garcia/Love settlement.
- 6) We prepared an Outreach Spot Report for the Secretary’s office.

Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

An update was given on the subject program. A total of 19 counties have requested ECP in the amount of \$1,978,000 for tornadoes that occurred in NC on April 4th, 16th and 28th. Funding in the amount of \$1,646,252 was received (83 percent).

Another request for ECP in the amount of \$75,000 due to high winds, hail and flooding was received and approved; however, funding has not been received.

Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP)

The following update was given on the subject program. Seven counties have requested EFRP in the amount of \$985,000 and six have been approved for implementation. The letters of approval received indicated there is no funding available at this time.

CRP General Sign-Up 41

Notice CRP-693, Accepting and Rejecting Signup 41 Offers, was received June 14, 2011. North Carolina had an 88 percent acceptance rate. Fifty one counties in NC submitted 442 offers totaling 8,847.3 acres in General Sign-Up 41. Of these offers, 76% were expiring CRP. The weighted average rental rate offered was \$50.32. The following practices were offered: CP3, CP1, CP42, CP4D, CP3A and CP2.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm on June 14, 2011.

The next scheduled meeting of the FSA STC will be on July 12, 2011.

/s/ Aaron A. Martin

Approved:

Aaron A. Martin

Secretary

/s/ T. Pender Sharp, III

Approved:

T. Pender Sharp, III

Chairperson, FSA State Committee