



2022 Annual Partnership Conference

The 2022 Annual Conservation Partnership Conference is scheduled for February 21-23, 2022 at the Charleston Marriott on Lockwood Avenue. This will be the 80th SCACD Annual Meeting. Plan to attend!

SCACD Executive Committee

President, Jeff Wilson, Chester
Vice President, Ben Setzler, Newberry
Secretary, Barbara Padgett, Lexington
Treasurer, Diane Edwins, Berkeley
NACD Board, Past President, Kenny Mullis, Richland
East Piedmont Area, Joe Ghent, Lancaster
Edisto-Savannah Valley Area, Yvonne Kling, Aiken
Pee Dee Area, Bryant Sansbury, Florence
West Piedmont Area, Michael Stewart, Greenville

Southeast NACD Hall of Fame Inductee Florence Commissioner Sterling Sadler

Former SCACD President and NACD Board member Sterling Sadler has been selected as the 2021 inductee into the Southeast NACD Hall of Fame from South Carolina. She was selected for her many years of service to conservation as a district employee, District Commissioner and leader of SCACD and NACD. Sterling will be inducted at a ceremony during the Southeast NACD meeting in August in Alabama.

NACD Report

NACD Board member Kenny Mullis has been elected Vice-Chairman of the Southeast NACD Board. The Southeast Region includes 9 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Kenny participates in the monthly Zoom meetings of the region board and will be attending the NACD Summer Board meeting in Chicago and the Southeast Region meeting in August in Gulf Shores, Alabama. Districts are encouraged to support NACD by paying the annual dues.

Message from SCACD President Jeff Wilson

My fellow Conservationists,

The SCACD Executive Committee has continued to work even through the challenges of the past year.

In 2020, we held several conference calls to conduct business. In early 2021, we held a Zoom meeting with the reinvigorated Legislative Committee led by Vice President Ben Setzler. In April, we held our first in-person meeting since the 2019 Annual Conference. It was a great feeling to get somewhat back to normal. Most recently, we met June 8 at my farm in Lowrys.

Among the topics and issues of note:

- We signed a new Contribution Agreement with NRCS for districts to continue technical assistance
- Monitored several bills introduced in the State Legislature; voted to support the feral hog transportation bill which passed
- Worked with our NRCS and DNR partners on the final Memorandum of Agreement documents
- Approved 8 district applications for NACD Technical Assistance Grants
- Planning for Policy Committees and Annual Business Meeting on September 14 and the 2022 Annual Partnership Conference

I encourage you to attend both these important meetings as your participation is vital to the success of the State Association.

In closing, thank you to all 46 districts for paying your annual dues in- full. Dues are the main source of operating funds for the Association. The SCACD Executive Committee appreciates your support.

Jeff Wilson, President SCACD

SCACD Overview

The South Carolina Association of Conservation Districts (SCACD) represents the state's 46 soil and water Conservation Districts. Its programs and activities are aimed at advancing the resource conservation cause of the Districts and the cooperating landowners, land users and citizens whom they serve in their communities. Since 1937, Conservation Districts have worked to promote and establish the wise use of soil and water resources on the land.

The mission of SCACD is:

- To represent Conservation Districts as their voice on natural resource issues
- To provide useful information to Conservation Districts
- To offer needed services to Conservation Districts

SCACD Policy Committees to meet on September 14 at the State Farmers Market Business Session to follow

The Standing Committees of SCACD meet annually to study issues and make policy recommendations to the district commissioners for their consideration and approval. The committees are scheduled to meet on September 14, 2021 at the State Farmers Market near Columbia. The Policy Positions will be approved by the commissioners during the Annual Business meeting later that day.

Commissioners and staff are encouraged to participate in the committee meetings. The registration information for this meeting has been sent to the district offices.

What is the SC Conservation Districts Foundation?

Established in 1976 by the SCACD, the South Carolina Conservation Districts Foundation was organized exclusively to promote via educational, scientific, and charitable efforts the conservation of the South Carolina's life supporting resources.

The Foundation is an IRS designated 501c3 non-profit organization. The Foundation has awarded thousands of dollars in college scholarships and supported many conservation education programs.

Among the programs supported are:

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- *SC Envirothon, FFA Soil Judging Contests, Wood Magic Fair, SC Young Farmers Asso.*
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The Foundation is managed by a Board of Trustees comprised of past or present district commissioners, SCACD President, and individuals representing conservation related business, government or educational entities. The current Foundation officers are Amanda Bauknight, Chair; Sterling Sadler, Vice Chair; Marc Cribb, Secretary; Glenda Lewis, Treasurer

Please consider a contribution to your Foundation to support conservation of the state's natural resources.

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➤ Upcoming Events

- September 14, 2021 – SCACD Annual Business and Policy Committees Meeting, State Farmers Market
- September 20-21, 2021- SC Conservation Districts Employees Association Annual Training, Beaufort
- February 12-16, 2022 - 75th NACD Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida
- February 21-23, 2022 - 80th Annual SC Conservation Partnership Conference, Charleston Marriott
- March 23, 2022 – SCACD Legislative Breakfast State House grounds, Columbia