2021 Southeast Region Meeting  
National Association of Conservation Districts  

THE LODGE AT GULF STATE PARK  
21196 East Beach Boulevard Gulf Shores, Alabama 37738  
August 8-10, 2021  

Welcome to sugar-white sand, turquoise waters and Alabama’s famous Southern hospitality.  

Sunday, August 8, 2021  
10:30 am Inspirational Program  
1:00 - 3:00 pm Southeast Region Board Meeting  
3:30 - 5:00 pm Information Networking and Small Group Meetings  
6:00 – 8:00 pm Welcome Reception featuring the Stiener Brothers  

Monday, August 9, 2021  
6:30 – 7:30 am Beach Yoga  
7:00 – 8:45 Breakfast  

Opening Session  
9:00 – 9:20 Welcome to Alabama  
- Johnny Lee, AACD President  
- Presentation of Colors
Invocation

9:20 – 9:30  Welcome from the NACD SE Region Chair, Steven Meeks

Morning-General Session

9:30 – 10:00  NACD Executive Board Report, Michael Crowder, NACD President

10:00 – 10:30   NRCS National Update, Chief Terry Cosby (Joining Virtually)

10:45 – 11:30      Keynote Address: Commissioner Rick Pate, Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries

11:30 – 12:00 pm   Break

12:00 – 2:00    Hall of Fame Luncheon and Ceremony

Afternoon-General Session

2:15 - 3:30        Practices to Promote Soil Health in Alabama – Roy “Shep” Morris, Macon County, Alabama SWCD Supervisor, NACD Soil Health Champion*

(Breakout Sessions*)

Educational Resources Available through NACD – Candice Abinanti, NACD Southeast Region Representative*

3:30 - 4:15    Managing Forest Ecology in the Southeast and Alabama with Prescribed Burning -- John McQuire, Tall Timbers

Dinner on Your Own
Tuesday, August 10, 2021

6:30 – 7:30 am    Beach Yoga

7:30 - 9:30    Breakfast*

7:30 - 9:30    NACD Southeast Past Presidents*

7:30 - 9:30    NACD Southeast Auxiliary*

7:30 – 9:30    Southeast Executive Directors*

7:30 - 9:30    Southeast Conservation District Employees Association (Room TBD)

*Tables in the Main Ballroom will be reserved for these groups.

Morning-General Session

9:30 - 10:00    SE NACD Update, Franklin Williams, NACD SE Region Executive Board Member

10:00 - 10:30    Regional NRCS Update, James Tillman, NRCS Regional Conservationist (Joining Virtually)

10:30 - 11:00    Overview of Conservation and Land Management Practices on PIC Tribal Lands - Keith Martin, Tribal Council

11:15 to 11:30    Load Vans/Buses for Tours (Lunch Provided for Tour Participants) / Lunch on Your Own for Those Not Participating in Tours

Tours:      A. Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve featuring the Pitcher Plant Bog (Box Lunch)

B. Porch Creek Indian Reservation featuring Magnolia Branch Wildlife Preserve – A Partnership Restoration Success Story (Box lunch, later arrival back to The Lodge – bus ride of 1+ hours each way)

C. Gulf State Park/The Lodge Conservation Tour, Up Close Views/Overview of Conservation and Restoration Measures Used throughout the Park’s facilities and 6,500-acres of coastal property (Lunch at Gulf State Park’s Woodside Restaurant)

5:30 - 6:30 pm    Closing Social Hour

6:00 pm    Southeast Region Annual Banquet

Dinner, Auction, and Entertainment provided by The Poarch Creek Tribal Dancers and Stiener Brothers