

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

9:20 – 9:30	Invocation 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	
2:15 - 3:30 (Breakout Sessions*)	Afternoon-General Session Practices to Promote Soil Health in Alabama – Roy "Shep" Morris, Macon County, Alabama SWCD Supervisor, NACD Soil Health Champion* Educational Resources Available through NACD – Candice Abinanti,	
	NACD Southeast Region Representative*	

Dinner on Your Own

3:30 - 4:15

Managing Forest Ecology in the Southeast and Alabama with Prescribed Burning -- John McQuire, Tall Timbers

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
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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