

SUWANNEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2018

The Suwannee County Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, April 19, 2018 at the USDA-Service Center. Supervisors attending the meeting included: Andy Jackson, Chairman; James Williams, Secretary/Treasurer; Terry Reagan, Supervisor; De Broughton, Supervisor; and Ronnie Lawson, Supervisor.

Also attending was: Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator; Joni Fortner, Staff Assistant; Chris Menhennett, District Conservationist (NRCS); Ryan Lawson, Conservation Technician; Joel Love, BMP Education Coordinator (UF IFAS); and Alexander Mack, Program Administrator (FDACS Office of Energy).

Chairman, Andy Jackson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Terry Reagan motioned for those minutes to be approved. This motion was seconded by James Williams.

Alexander Mack, Program Administrator with FDACS Office of Energy, discussed the RESTORE Program. He stated that the Office of Energy and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection has an agreement for 2 basins, with the Suwannee Basin being one of those. The Energy contract for Suwannee in the amount of \$1,180,855.00 will have a contract cap of \$25,000, will be on a 75% cost share basis, and The District will receive a 5% administration fee. The plan is to follow the same measures as we did with the FEWER Program, and the FEWER audits can be used as well. Alexander also mentioned that the BMP portion of the contract will be \$1,285,000.00.

The Financial Reports were given by Joni Fortner for review. James Williams motioned to approve those reports. This motion was seconded by De Broughton.

Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator, went over the BMP Contract numbers. There's currently \$1,023,418.24 obligated of the \$1,027,381.00 cost share funds, with approximately \$280,000.00 paid out to producers.

Ryan Lawson, Conservation Technician, gave his District Activity Report. He stated that he has been working on BMP's, CSA's, and NOI's. He will be attending the OAWP Staff Meeting next Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in Gainesville. Ryan's also been working with Cliff Starling and the producers to complete the FDACS Self Verifications.

Chris Menhennett, NRCS District Conservationist, gave an update on the programs being administered through NRCS. He stated that they have 2 EQIP contracts completed for a total of \$136,067.00, and 19 contracts preapproved for a total of \$584,899.00. Chris also mentioned that there's approximately \$1,000,000.00 requested for Long Leaf Pine and Confined Livestock applications.

Joel Love, BMP Education Coordinator, mentioned that the Cover Crop proposal to FDACS will soon be ready to be submitted, if approved. The Board approved to do so.

OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

The SCCD Scholarship interviews will be held on Wednesday May 9th.


FFA Banquet awards sponsorships will be paid out as they have been in previous years, which is \$100.00 to each school.

The ordinary bills to be paid were presented. James Williams motioned to pay the bills. This motion was seconded by Ronnie Lawson.


The next District Meeting will be held May 17, 2018.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no further business presented, Ronnie Lawson motioned to have the meeting adjourned. This motion was seconded by James Williams, and Andy Jackson adjourned the meeting.



ANDREW JACKSON
CHAIRMAN



JAMES WILLIAMS
SECRETARY/TREASURER