

**SUWANNEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
August 17, 2017**

The Suwannee County Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, August 17, 2017 at the USDA-Service Center. Supervisors attending the meeting included: Andy Jackson, Chairman; James D. Williams, Secretary/Treasurer; Terry Reagan, Supervisor; and Ronnie Lawson, Supervisor.

Also attending was: Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator; Joni Fortner, Staff Assistant; Ryan Lawson, Conservation Technician; Joel Love (SVAEC UF-IFAS); Larry Sessions, Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners; and David Royal, Nature Conservancy.

Chairman, Andy Jackson, called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

There was no conference call with EnSave.

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

The Financial Reports were discussed and reviewed by Joni Fortner. Terry Reagan motioned to approve those reports. This motion was seconded by Ronnie Lawson.

Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator, went over the Energy Program numbers. The FEWER Program ended on 6/30/17, and there's currently two payments remaining to be paid once the verification has been completed. Approximately 20 producers who received their audits but were not able to get to the implementation stages have been contacted with the information to be completed in order to be rolled over into the FRED Program.

For our BMP Contracts, the 2016-17 Contract has been completed. The 2017-18 Contract has been signed and returned to FDACS, along with the invoice for the Advance.

Ryan Lawson, Conservation Technician, gave his District Activity Report. He stated that he has been working on contacting producers and getting a list and quotes for the upcoming Cost Share Contracts. He attended an Inter-Agency meeting, a CARES meeting, is visiting producers regarding enrollment and manuals, and continues to meet his deliverables.

Joel Love, SVAEC UF-IFAS, introduced David Royal with Nature Conservancy. David will be working locally one week out of the month implementing the 4R's (Right Source, Right Rate, Right Place, and Right Time) in the Nutrient Stewardship Program. This is a 3-year program which promotes practices for sustainable and effective fertilizer use to help keep nutrients out of our water sources. Joel has also requested The Board to participate in a "matching funds" S.A.R.E. (Sustainable Agriculture & Research Education) Grant on a cover crop rotation at a few local farms. The Board members asked for a copy of that Grant to be furnished to them.

He also stated that the conference room out at the Research Center is now complete and available for use whenever it may be needed, that there will be a Sod Based Field Day at the McGehee Farm on September 7th from 9:30-12:00, and that they are getting closer to closing on the Sod Based Rotation Lease between Tamos Sapp and FDACS for the property located across the road from the Research Center.

Larry Sessions, Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners, recently attended an agriculture meeting in Washington DC. He also stated that The County is working on building up the area on White Springs Road around I-75 to financially benefit our County.

OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

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

The next District Meeting will be held on September 19, 2017.

OTHER BUSINESS:

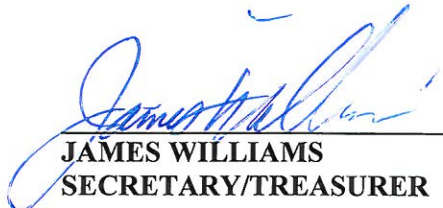
Joni Fortner presented a Records Disposition Document to request approval to dispose of old records no longer needed per the GS1-SL Schedule. James Williams motioned to approve the destruction. This motion was seconded by Terry Reagan. She also presented a request to have the First Federal checking accounts set up to complete ACH transactions for our producers receiving Cost Share payments. James Williams motioned to approve this request. This motion was seconded by Terry Reagan.

There is a workshop for the State Revolving Fund/Water Project Funding in Orlando on August 23rd and 24th. The Board agreed to send Garrett McCray to this workshop.

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