

**SUWANNEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
February 15, 2018**

The Suwannee County Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, February 15, 2018 at the USDA-Service Center. Supervisors attending the meeting included: Andy Jackson, Chairman; James Williams, Secretary/Treasurer; and Ronnie Lawson, Supervisor.

Also attending was: Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator; Joni Fortner, Staff Assistant; Chris Menhennett, District Conservationist (NRCS); Ryan Lawson, Conservation Technician; and Larry Sessions, Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners.

Chairman, Andy Jackson, called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

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

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

Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator, went over the BMP Contract numbers. There's currently 21 contracts with \$638,562.00 obligated of the \$1,027,381.00 cost share funds. Dave Cambron has given Cliff Starling permission to approve quotes and sign CSA's, which will help with moving the process along more efficiently. Another step taken in the direction of efficiency was to make cost share payments to the producers by ACH only, no longer issuing checks. James Williams motioned to approve this step. This motion was seconded by Ronnie Lawson. Garrett also stated that he received an email from Alexander Mack with the Office of Energy and that the RESTORE funds are in the system and awaiting OAWP's approval.

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's also been assisting producers with the FDACS Self Verifications, which will replace the IA's.

Chris Menhennett, NRCS District Conservationist, gave an update on the programs being administered through NRCS. He stated that they are in the process of ranking the eligible EQIP applications. He also mentioned the possibility of SCCD receiving one of the NACD Technical Assistance Grants to assist NRCS.

OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

The Area 2 Meeting was discussed. The Board agreed to have a \$15 registration fee, as well as ask for a donation to assist with the awards expense.

The SCCD Scholarship applications will need to be submitted to The District by April 13, 2018, and the interviews will be held the first week of May.

The Board agreed to place an order of hats in the same quantity as before (144).

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

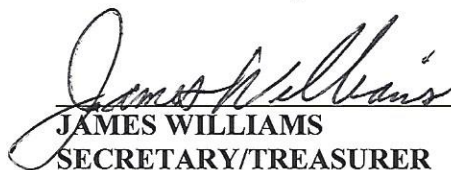
The next District Meeting will be held March 8, 2018.

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