

# SUWANNEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

January 18, 2018

The Suwannee County Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, January 18, 2018 at the USDA-Service Center. Supervisors attending the meeting included: Andy Jackson, Chairman; 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 Larry Sessions, Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners.

Chairman, Andy Jackson, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

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

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

Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator, went over the BMP Contract numbers. There's approximately \$400,000.00 contracted, and we've been awarded an additional \$75,000.00 in cost share funds for that contract. The RESTORE template is almost complete for West Florida, and that template will be used for Suwannee. The applications for the FRED program will be taken through February 18<sup>th</sup> and he will forward them onto Tallahassee for processing. The FDACS funding for the Cover Crop Demo is in place with 4 invoices currently to be processed for reimbursement.

Ryan Lawson, Conservation Technician, gave his District Activity Report. He stated that he has been working on BMP's, CSA's, NOI's, and IA's. He also attended the Interagency Meeting today.

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 76 eligible EQIP applications, and that they are currently taking applications for the Conservation Stewardship Program. He completed the Civil Rights discussion and obtained signatures from The Board of Supervisors.

Joel Love, BMP Education Coordinator (UF IFAS) gave an update on the Cover Crop Demo. He stated that he is working on a proposal for additional funding from FDACS to assist in the Demo for the next 4 years. He is planning to have a demo/field day on the cover crops in late February or early March. He is also planning an Ag Precision Day for February 20, 2018.

## OLD BUSINESS:

The Conservation Farm Family of the year was discussed, and William Carte was chosen for 2017 for his row crop and cattle production.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

In the election for our officers, it was decided for all to remain the same. Terry Reagan motioned for it to be approved. This motion was seconded by Ronnie Lawson.


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

The next District Meeting will be held February 15, 2018.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

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

  
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ANDREW JACKSON  
CHAIRMAN

  
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JAMES WILLIAMS  
SECRETARY/TREASURER