

**SUWANNEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 2017**

The Suwannee County Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, July 13, 2017 at the USDA-Service Center. Supervisors attending the meeting included: Andy Jackson, Chairman; James D. Williams, Secretary/Treasurer; 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; Cliff Starling, FDACS/OAWP; Dale Bryant and Matt Yates, Resource Conservation Partners; and Larry Sessions, Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners.

Chairman, Andy Jackson, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

There was no conference call with EnSave.

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

The Financial Reports were discussed and reviewed by Joni Fortner. James Williams motioned to approve those reports. This motion was seconded by De Broughton.

Cliff Starling, Environmental Specialist with FDACS/OAWP, stated that The Office of Ag Water Policy has made some changes, and that he will no longer be a direct connection/supervisor for The District. He has been assigned to Hamilton and Lafayette Counties as a Technician, and Dave Cambron will be our point of contact now.

Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator, went over the Energy Program numbers. The FEWER Program ended on 6/30/17 with 135 Cost Share Agreements signed, and only 4 remaining to pay. All of the producers who were in the implementation stages of the program were able to complete their work and have all of their invoices/proof of payment in to us by the 6/30/17 deadline. Approximately 20 producers who received their audits but were not able to get to the implementation stages will be eligible to be rolled over into the FRED Program.

For our BMP Contract, there are 4 producers waiting on equipment to be delivered, and they can then be paid. Of the \$1,780,000.00 contract, we will be returning approximately \$700 back to FDACS. The new BMP Tools contract in the amount of \$1,000,000(including administrative fees) should be coming soon. As for the RESTORE funds, Apalachicola should receive their funding this month, with Suwannee's funding hopefully to follow soon.

Ryan Lawson, Conservation Technician, gave his District Activity Report. He stated that he has been working on completing all of the BMP Tools Cost Share Contracts, and has completed all of the Soil Moisture Probe Contracts. He discussed the BMP Tools Contract to be signed for the upcoming year, is meeting his deliverables, and attended a Partnership meeting today at the Suwannee River Water Management District.

Dale Bryant and Matt Yates with Resource Conservation Partners stated that they have been working on closing everything out, and they presented their final invoice for the remaining balance due to them per the Contract. James Williams motioned to pay that invoice, and that motion was seconded by Ronnie Lawson.

Chris Menhennett, District Conservationist, gave an update on the programs being administered through NRCS. He stated that they are still in the process of funding EQIP 2017, that 3 of the 4 applicants in their Conservation Stewardship Program have been funded, and that the Lafayette office will be closed sometime in the near future.

Larry Sessions, Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners, requested to be an Associate Member with our Board. James Williams motioned to appoint him as an Associate Member, and that motion was seconded by Ronnie Lawson. Larry also donated two wooden rocking chairs for the auction to be held at the Annual AFCD State Meeting in Ocala.

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 De Broughton.

The next District Meeting will be held on August 17, 2017.

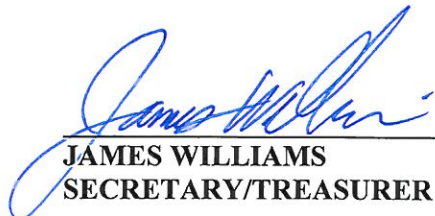
OTHER BUSINESS:

Suwannee County 4-H has requested a sponsorship for their Annual Awards Banquet. The Board has agreed to send them \$100.

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