

**SUWANNEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 21, 2018**

The Suwannee County Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, June 21, 2018 at the USDA-Service Center. Supervisors attending the meeting included: Andy Jackson, Chairman; James Williams, Secretary/Treasurer; Terry Reagan, Supervisor; and Ronnie Lawson, Supervisor.

Also attending was: Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator; Joni Fortner, SCCD Staff Assistant; Chris Menhennett, District Conservationist (NRCS); and Joel Love, BMP Education Coordinator (UF/IFAS).

Chairman, Andy Jackson, called the meeting to order at 7:05 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.

The Financial Reports were reviewed. Terry Reagan motioned to approve those reports. This motion was seconded by James Williams.

Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator, went over the BMP Contract numbers. There's currently 35 contracts with \$1,028,042.47 obligated, which is \$661.47 short of the \$1,027,381.00 available in cost share funds. We are told that we will be able to receive that additional funding from another county to fulfill all of our obligations. There's \$148,800 remaining to be paid out to 6 producers. He also discussed the final payment to be paid to William McGehee for the final year in his Sod Base Rotation contract. FDACS has amended the Cover Crop Demo contract to include this \$4,000 payment, but they did not include the \$200 Administration Fee. The Board agreed to go ahead and sign the Contract as it is to complete this project. Ronnie Lawson made a motion to approve this agreement. This motion was seconded by James Williams.

Garrett McCray gave a report for Ryan Lawson, SCCD Conservation Technician. Garrett stated that Ryan has been working on BMP's, CSA's, and NOI's. He said that Ryan has completed 50 of the 64 required NOI's, and that the self-verifications completed during the third quarter will assist in meeting those deliverables. They are completing the monitoring well samples next week. They also will be taking both SCCD Technician trucks to have cruise control and Bluetooth installed per FDACS' approval.

Chris Menhennett, NRCS District Conservationist, gave an update on the programs being administered through NRCS. He stated that they are in the process of approving and funding EQIP contracts. He also reviewed the recent trainings held, which were the CSP Training at Starling's farm and the Soil Health Training at the UF/IFAS Research Center.

Joel Love, BMP Education Coordinator, mentioned that there would be a Twilight Corn Tour held on July 10<sup>th</sup> at the UF/IFAS Research Center. There will also be a Certified Crop Advisor Training on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, as well as an upcoming 4R Certification Program.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The \$2.00/hour salary increase for the Staff Assistant position held by Joni Fortner was not approved by The County. They approved the maximum of 5%, and the raise will take effect 6/4/2018.

Garrett McCray discussed both Contracts for the RESTORE funds. The BMP Contract through the Office of Agricultural Water Policy is in the amount of \$1,285,000.00, with a \$50,000.00 maximum. The Energy Contract through the Office of Energy is in the amount of \$1,180,855.00, with a \$25,000.00 maximum. The Board agreed to move forward with administering both Contracts. Terry Reagan made a motion to sign both Contracts. This motion was seconded by James Williams.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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 July 19, 2018.

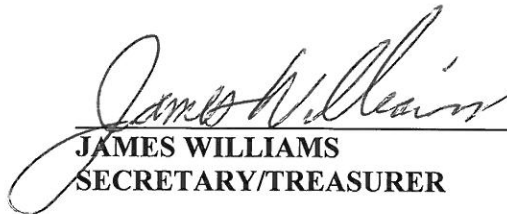
**OTHER BUSINESS:**

N/A

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



ANDREW JACKSON  
CHAIRMAN



JAMES WILLIAMS  
SECRETARY/TREASURER