

**SUWANNEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
March 8, 2018**

The Suwannee County Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, March 8, 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; Larry Sessions, Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners; Joel Love, BMP Education Coordinator(UF IFAS); and Jerry & Teresa Owens, NWTF.

Chairman, Andy Jackson, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Jerry Owens with NWTF asked The Board if they would be interested in sponsoring the event this year by purchasing a ticket to attend the banquet. The Board agreed on the purchase of a ticket in the amount of \$305.00, which is for one person along with a guest to attend.

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 28 contracts with \$846,973.95 obligated of the \$1,027,381.00 cost share funds. He stated that he spoke with Alexander Mack with the Office of Energy regarding the RESTORE funds. Alexander said that DEP and OAWP have signed a contract, and that he is currently working on a contract between The Office of Energy and The SCCD for the energy portion of that contract. OAWP has not made contact with The SCCD regarding the BMP Tools portion.

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 also attended a Technician Meeting in Tallahassee. Ryan's also been assisting producers with the FDACS Self Verifications, which is top priority at this time.

Chris Menhennett, NRCS District Conservationist, gave an update on the programs being administered through NRCS. He stated that they have all EQIP cost estimates in today, and that they could possibly start funding these contracts soon. Chris and Andy Jackson discussed and spoke to everyone about the approval of the NACD Technical Assistance Grant to assist NRCS. At this time, it is up to SCCD to accept the Grant.

Joel Love, BMP Education Coordinator, mentioned the upcoming Soil Health Field Day at The Research Center on April 14, 2018. He asked The Board for a donation of donuts for that day, and The Board gave their approval to supply 8 dozen from Johnson's Bakery.

OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

The CARES donation was discussed and The Board agreed on \$100.

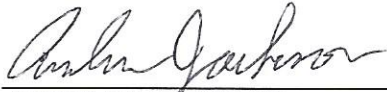
The University of Florida's CALS Banquet will be held on April 19th. The WB Copeland and SCCD Scholarship recipients will be recognized at this Banquet. The Board agreed to sponsor the meals for the 3 recipients and their parents if they will be attending.

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

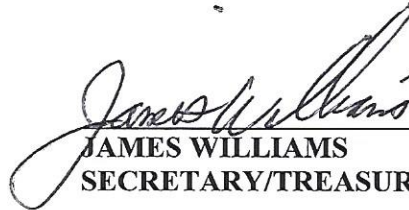
The next District Meeting will be held April 19, 2018.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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