

**SUWANNEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 2017**

The Suwannee County Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, October 19, 2017 at the USDA-Service Center. Supervisors attending the meeting included: Andy Jackson, Chairman; James D. Williams, Secretary/Treasurer; Terry Reagan, Supervisor; De Broughton, Supervisor; and Ronnie Lawson, Supervisor.

Also attending was: Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator; Joni Fortner, Staff Assistant; Ryan Lawson, Conservation Technician; Chris Menhennett, District Conservationist (NRCS); Joel Love (SVAEC UF-IFAS); Larry Sessions, Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners; and David Royal, Nature Conservancy.

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

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

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

Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator, stated that the advance for the BMP Contract has been received, and that there's currently only 2 contracts in place due to the slow process of getting them approved and completed. The RESTORE funding remains unavailable. He discussed the Solar Project's numbers, reviewing the energy costs and savings between last year and this year. Garrett also discussed the FEWER Program Closeout to get The Board's approval to submit it to Alexander Mack with The Office of Energy. James Williams motioned for the closeout to be approved. This motion was seconded by De Broughton

Ryan Lawson, Conservation Technician, gave his District Activity Report. He stated that he continues to work on the BMP Cost Share, making contact with approximately 10 producers with one of those deferring until next year. He also attended an Interagency meeting today.

Chris Menhennett, NRCS District Conservationist, gave an update on the programs being administered through NRCS. They have completed the 2017 EQIP Program, have received 63 applications for 2018, and will continue to accept applications until November 17th. Chris stated that he will be assisting FSA with the Hurricane Irma Disaster Workshops in Suwannee and Lafayette Counties on October 24, 2017.

Joel Love, SVAEC UF-IFAS, said that they have started planting at a few of the producers' farms for the Cover Crop Demonstration Project.

OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:


The ordinary bills to be paid, as well as the Annual Dues for AFCD, NACD, and FLDEO were presented. James Williams motioned to pay the bills and the annual dues. This motion was seconded by De Broughton.

The next District Meeting will be held on November 16, 2017.

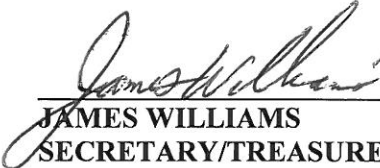
OTHER BUSINESS:

The possibility of Suwannee River Water Management District donating a 2004 Polaris 400 Sportsman ATV was discussed. The Board approved obtaining this item as a donation of surplus equipment from Suwannee River Water Management District.

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



ANDREW JACKSON
CHAIRMAN



JAMES WILLIAMS
SECRETARY/TREASURER