

**SUWANNEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
October 17, 2019**

The Suwannee County Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, October 17, 2019 at the USDA-Service Center. Supervisors attending the meeting included: James Williams, Secretary/Treasurer; Ronnie Lawson, Supervisor; and Larry Sessions, Supervisor.

Also attending was: Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator; Joni Fortner, SCCD Staff Assistant; Chris Menhennett, District Conservationist (NRCS); Ryan Lawson, SCCD Conservation Technician; Joel Love, BMP Education Coordinator (UF/IFAS); and Matt Yates, Natural Analytic Services.

Vice Chairman, Ronnie Lawson, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

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

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

Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator, discussed the current contracts. The quarterly reports for the RESTORE Contract have been completed. For the BMP Tools Contract, we have two completed CSA's. The new District truck has been ordered and will take approximately 3 months to be delivered. They no longer had any 2019's, and offered a 2020 at the same price.

Ryan Lawson, SCCD Conservation Technician, gave his District Activity Report. He stated that he has been working on BMP Tools cost share and NOI's. The cost share process is moving slowly due to the application approval process.

Chris Menhennett, NRCS District Conservationist, gave an update on the programs being administered through NRCS. He stated that they continue to take 2020 EQIP applications. He attended an AFCD meeting in Gainesville and presented information regarding Local Working Groups, where State Conservationist Russell Morgan stated that he wants reports back from each District containing their top three priorities and resource concerns.

Joel Love, BMP Education Coordinator with UF/IFAS, reminded everyone of the upcoming Cover Crop and Soil Health Field Day December 11, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chris Menhennett with NRCS discussed the SWCD MOU and CWA. It was agreed upon to table this matter until we have received more information and/or a completed document.

NEW BUSINESS:

FDACS has established some new rules and regulations regarding the use of State vehicles which includes not allowing the technicians to drive the vehicles home. The Board has agreed upon allowing them to continue the normal use of the vehicles, which are titled and insured by Suwannee County. James Williams motioned for approval, and this motion was seconded by Larry Sessions.

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


The next District Meeting will be held November 21, 2019.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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



RONNIE LAWSON
VICE CHAIRMAN



JAMES WILLIAMS
SECRETARY/TREASURER