

**SUWANNEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 20, 2020**

The Suwannee County Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, February 20, 2020 at the USDA-Service Center. Supervisors attending the meeting included: Andy Jackson, Chairman; James Williams, Secretary/Treasurer; Ronnie Lawson, Supervisor; Terry Reagan, 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); Hugh Thomas (SRWMD); Glen Horvath (FDACS); and Matt Yates, Natural Analytic Services.

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 Ronnie Lawson.

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

Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator, discussed the current contracts. For the BMP Tools Contract, we have approximately \$460,000 obligated through 18 CSA's. For RESTORE, we have approximately \$70,000 contracted for BMP, and approximately \$133,000 contracted for Energy. He also asked The Board to raise the \$100,000 obligation cap to \$150,000. James Williams motioned for approval. This motion was seconded by Terry Reagan. Approximately \$29,000 of the Stetson University Sustainable Farming Funds have been spent, and the 2020 Proposal has been submitted. We have received the FDACS Cover Crop Contract which will be renewable for three years.

Ryan Lawson, SCCD Conservation Technician, gave his District Activity Report. He stated that he has mainly been working on BMP Tools cost share, as well as NOI's and IV's.

Chris Menhennett, NRCS District Conservationist, gave an update on the programs being administered through NRCS. He stated that they will continue to take 2020 EQIP applications until the deadline of March 6, 2020.

**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:**

The Sustainable Farming Fund Outreach and Reporting Proposal was discussed. The Board agreed to have Garrett proceed with it and the matter will be discussed again later. Hugh Thomas with SRWMD asked The Board of the possibility of The District administering an Irrigation Cost Share Contract. He will get more details and get back with us soon. The NRCS Annual Civil Rights & Equal Opportunity Discussion was held but will be completed at the March Board Meeting.

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


The next District Meeting will be held at 6:00pm Thursday March 19, 2020.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

The Board gave Garrett approval to have Town and Country Tire change out the tires on the new District truck.

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

  
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ANDY JACKSON  
CHAIRMAN

  
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JAMES WILLIAMS  
SECRETARY/TREASURER