

SUWANNEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

August 27, 2020

The Suwannee County Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, August 27, 2020 at the USDA-Service Center via teleconference. The Supervisor physically attending the meeting was Andy Jackson, Chairman. Supervisors attending via teleconference were Ronnie Lawson, Supervisor; Terry Reagan, Supervisor; and Larry Sessions, Supervisor.

Also physically attending were Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator; Joni Fortner, SCCD Staff Assistant; and Chris Menhennett, District Conservationist (NRCS). Attending via teleconference was Ryan Lawson, SCCD Conservation Technician and Joel Love, BMP Education Coordinator (UF/IFAS). Due to COVID-19, there was no meeting held in September.

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

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

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

Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator, discussed the current contracts. For the BMP Tools Contract, we have approximately \$36,272 remaining to be paid to producers. For RESTORE, we have approximately \$208,000 obligated for BMP, and approximately \$176,000 obligated for Energy.

Garrett discussed the proposal received from Stetson University for The District to oversee individual producer reporting for their SFF Program. The Board declined with the original proposal amount of \$10,000.00.

Ryan Lawson, SCCD Conservation Technician, gave his District Activity Report. He stated that he is currently teleworking while the SRWMD Office is closed due to COVID-19 and has mainly been working on NOI's and IV's.

Chris Menhennett, NRCS District Conservationist, gave an update on the programs being administered through NRCS. He stated that they continue to work on obligating contracts for 2020 EQIP applicants.

Joel Love, BMP Education Coordinator (UF/IFAS) gave an update. He stated that some of the producers participating in the Cover Crop Demo are beginning to plant, and that the UF/IFAS Research Center has begun breaking ground for the new pavilion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chris Menhennett with NRCS discussed the SWCD MOU and CWA, as well as the Annual Civil Rights & Equal Opportunity documents. It was agreed upon to table both matters until all Supervisors are present.

Garrett McCray discussed the details for the Line of Credit with First Federal. The Board wants more information regarding the fees that go along with the credit line. Garrett will discuss further with Brandon Fernald.

The 2019 – 2020 Scholarship recipients were Brent Long from Suwannee High School and Wyatt Miller from Branford High School.

NEW BUSINESS:

Due to a COVID related missed deadline with The Supervisor of Elections office, The Board re-appointed Terry Reagan as Supervisor. Larry Sessions made a motion to approve, and that motion was seconded by Ronnie Lawson.

The FDACS Cost Share Amendment was discussed, and The Board agreed to sign the amendment. The ordinary bills to be paid were presented. Terry Reagan motioned to pay the bills. This motion was seconded by Larry Sessions.

The next District Meeting will be held at 6:00pm Thursday September 17, 2020.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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



ANDY JACKSON
CHAIRMAN



RONNIE LAWSON
VICE-CHAIRMAN