

SUWANNEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2020

The Suwannee County Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, May 21, 2020 at the USDA-Service Center via teleconference. The Supervisor physically attending the meeting was Andy Jackson, Chairman. Supervisors attending via teleconference were James Williams, Secretary/Treasurer; 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. Due to COVID-19, there were no meetings held in March or April.

Chairman, Andy Jackson, called the meeting to order at 7:07 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 \$1,200,000 obligated through 36 CSA's. For RESTORE, we have approximately \$160,000 contracted for BMP, and approximately \$167,000 contracted for Energy. Approximately \$30,000 of the Stetson University Sustainable Farming Funds remain to be spent. We have received the FDACS Cover Crop Advance in the amount of \$30,000, and approximately \$5,000 of that has been spent.

Ryan Lawson, SCCD Conservation Technician, gave his District Activity Report. He stated that he is currently teleworking due to SRWMD Office being closed, has mainly been working on BMP Tools cost share and IV's, and is finding that many producers are requesting to be seen later due to COVID-19. He also stated that all of his deliverables have been met for the year.

Chris Menhennett, NRCS District Conservationist, gave an update on the programs being administered through NRCS. He stated that they continue to work on 2020 EQIP assessments and ranking.

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 the next Board Meeting where all Supervisors are present.

NEW BUSINESS:

Garrett McCray discussed the possibility of establishing a Line of Credit with First Federal Bank to be used to expedite the RESTORE funds. The Board agreed for him to pursue that process. The soil moisture probe invoices totaling \$9,615 from Helena Agri-Enterprises were presented for payment approval. The Board agreed to pay the amount of \$2,100 which is the amount we are bound to in the contract between SCCD and SRWMD.

The renewal invoice for Philadelphia's Liability Insurance was presented, and The Board approved it for payment.

Scholarship applications were discussed. The Board wishes to wait until we can hopefully be able to hold face-to-face interviews in the near future.

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

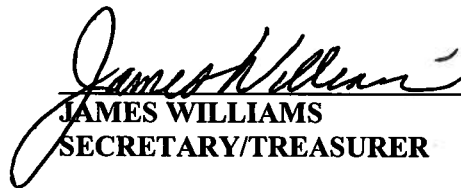
The next District Meeting will be held at 6:00pm Thursday June 18, 2020.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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



ANDY JACKSON
CHAIRMAN



JAMES WILLIAMS
SECRETARY/TREASURER