

SUWANNEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2020

The Suwannee County Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, October 15, 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; and Larry Sessions, Supervisor.

Also physically attending were Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator and Joni Fortner, SCCD Staff Assistant. Attending via teleconference was Ryan Lawson, SCCD Conservation Technician; Chris Menhennett, District Conservationist (NRCS); 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 7:06 p.m.

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

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

Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator, discussed the current contracts. For the BMP Tools Contract, we have been instructed to proceed with obligations on a quarterly basis. We currently have one contract signed. For RESTORE, we continue to slowly proceed and we have five producers working on getting their quotes. The Stetson Cover Crop Cost Share Program currently has 3 signed contracts. The Lonesome Meadow project with George Wedsted is nearing completion.

Ryan Lawson, SCCD Conservation Technician, gave his District Activity Report. He stated that he is currently doing site visits working on NOI's and IV's and is also working on BMP Cost Share.

Chris Menhennett, NRCS District Conservationist, gave an update on the programs being administered through NRCS. He stated that they have completed the 2020 EQIP contracts with 71 contracts totaling \$5,050,422.57.

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 fees associated with the Line of Credit with First Federal. We will not proceed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board agreed on the following for the Annual dues and fees currently due:

AFCD - \$350.00

NACD - \$775.00


FLDEO - \$175.00

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 November 19, 2020.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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



ANDY JACKSON
CHAIRMAN



JAMES WILLIAMS
SECRETARY/TREASURER