

**SUWANNEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 15, 2021**

The Suwannee County Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, April 15, 2021 at the UF/IFAS Extension Office, Exhibit Hall II. Supervisors attending were Andy Jackson, Chairman; James Williams, Secretary/Treasurer; Ronnie Lawson, Supervisor; Terry Reagan, Supervisor; and Larry Sessions, Supervisor. Also attending were Joni Fortner, SCCD Staff Assistant; Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator; Ryan Lawson, SCCD Technician; WC Hart, LCSWD Technician; Chris Menhennett, District Conservationist (NRCS); Joel Love, BMP Education Coordinator (UF/IFAS); and Chris Denmark (FDACS). Attending via teleconference were Barton Wilder (FDACS) and Clegg Hooks (FDACS).

Chairman, Andy Jackson, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

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

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

Chris Denmark, along with Barton Wilder and Clegg Hooks (all of FDACS), discussed the possibility of running an equipment rental program through The District. The Board is interested in having a future meeting with them to acquire more information and details.

Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator, discussed our current contracts. For the BMP Tools Contract, we currently have 30 CSA's. The producers are running into some difficulties in the ordering process of the equipment.

For the RESTORE Contracts, there's currently 10 Energy CSA's and 12 BMP CSA's. The Energy contract has been amended to increase the maximum cost share amount from \$25,000 to \$50,000. The FDACS Cover Crop Demo consists of sampling and surveys at this time. The Stetson Cover Crop Cost Share Program has 8 participants. 6 of them have been reimbursed already, with the other 2 in the reimbursement process. There's a possibility of some funds being unspent, and we will contact Stetson regarding how they would like to proceed.

Chris Menhennett, NRCS District Conservationist, gave an update on NRCS activities. He stated that NRCS currently has 21 EQIP contracts approved totaling a little over \$2,000,000, and a possibility of an additional 14 Longleaf Pine contracts being approved soon.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Chris Menhennett with NRCS and The SCCD Board discussed and signed the Annual Civil Rights & Equal Opportunity documents. It was agreed upon to table the SWCD MOU and CWA.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

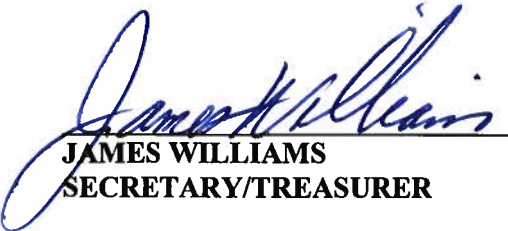
The next District Meeting will be held Thursday May 20, 2021.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Due to a technological issue with the school emails not reaching the FFA advisors and counselors appropriately, The Board has agreed to extend the scholarship application deadline through Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. James Williams motioned for the extension to be approved. This motion was seconded by Terry Reagan.**

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

  
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**ANDY JACKSON  
CHAIRMAN**

  
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**JAMES WILLIAMS  
SECRETARY/TREASURER**