

# **SUWANNEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES**

**July 15, 2021**

**The Suwannee County Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, July 15, 2021 at the UF/IFAS Extension Office, Exhibit Hall II. Supervisors attending were Andy Jackson, Chairman; Ronnie Lawson, Supervisor (Call-in); and Larry Sessions, Supervisor.**

**Also attending were Joni Fortner, SCCD Staff Assistant (Call-In); Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator; Chris Menhennett, District Conservationist (NRCS); and Joel Love, BMP Education Coordinator (UF/IFAS).**

**Chairman, Andy Jackson, called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.**

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

**The Financial Reports were reviewed. Larry Sessions motioned to approve those reports. This motion was seconded by Ronnie Lawson.**

**Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator, discussed our current contracts. For the BMP Tools FY2020-2021 Contract, we currently have 35 CSA's paid out totaling \$954,529.61. For FY 2021-2022 we currently have 3 CSA's with approximately \$67,000 obligated. For the RESTORE Contracts, there's currently 10 Energy CSA's and 12 BMP CSA's. Garrett also reported on the vacant Technician position. There's only been two applicants to date. There was discussion to possibly advertise the job through an alternate site such as Indeed in hopes of receiving more applicants.**

**Chris Menhennett, NRCS District Conservationist, gave an update on NRCS activities. He stated that they are currently processing the 22 Climate Smart Initiative applications. He also stated that Amy Smith will be the new District Conservationist for the Live Oak Field Office.**

**Joel Love, UF/IFAS BMP Education Coordinator, gave a reminder for the annual CARES Dinner being held on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. He also asked The Board for their support and approval to have a Soil Health Field Day. Ronnie Lawson motioned to allow Joel to pursue this event. Larry Sessions seconded that motion.**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Chris Menhennett with NRCS and The SCCD Board discussed the SWCD MOU and CWA. It was agreed upon to table this matter until a future meeting.**

**Joni Fortner gave a reminder for the upcoming Southeastern NACD Meeting to be held August 8<sup>th</sup> – August 10<sup>th</sup> due to early registration ending 7/23/21. Andy Jackson, Larry Sessions and Joni Fortner plan to attend this meeting.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**The Annual Fall Harvest Experience at UF/IFAS Research Center will take place in October and they have requested funding to assist with some of the event costs. Joni Fortner discussed the**

invoice/quote provided by Kimberly Glasscock. Ronnie Lawson made a motion to pay for the remaining supplies in the amount of \$2,420.00. Larry Sessions seconded that motion.

Joni Fortner discussed the awards for the District level poster contest winners. The Board agreed to pay the winners as we have in the past, which is \$25 for first place and \$15 for second place. Larry Sessions motioned to approve, and Ronnie Lawson seconded that motion.

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

The next District Meeting will be held Thursday August 12, 2021.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

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

  
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ANDY JACKSON  
CHAIRMAN

  
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RONNIE LAWSON  
VICE CHAIRMAN