

SUWANNEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2021

The Suwannee County Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, August 12, 2021 at the UF/IFAS Extension Office, Exhibit Hall II. Supervisors attending were Andy Jackson, Chairman; Ronnie Lawson, Vice Chairman; James Williams, Secretary/Treasurer; Terry Reagan, Supervisor; and Larry Sessions, Supervisor (Call-in). Also attending were Joni Fortner, SCCD Staff Assistant and Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator.

Chairman, Andy Jackson, called the meeting to order at 7:13 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. James Williams 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, there is one piece equipment remaining to come in and it will be complete. For FY 2021-2022, we currently have \$90,000 contracted. For the RESTORE Contracts, there's currently \$143,000 of the \$150,000 limit obligated between both Energy and BMP. The Cover Crop Demo FY2020-2021 has been completed and invoiced.

Garrett stated that there have been 4 applicants for the Technician position. The Board agreed to go ahead and interview these applicants.

Garrett also reported that The SCCD Board advertised the Part-Time Grant funded Resource Conservationist position with the SCCD to assist with work related USDA Conservation Programs. The job was listed on the SCCD website (job announcement is attached), as well as posted in the "Riverbend News" newspaper (ad is attached). The job announcement opened on August 4, 2021 and closed on August 11, 2021. The SCCD did not receive any applications for this position. A decision was made by the SCCD Board that the job was advertised as requested by Florida NRCS State Conservationist Mr. Juan Hernandez as part of the capacity building requirement for this NACD TA Grant. Therefore, because there were no applicants for this resource conservationist grant position, the SCCD Board will continue to utilize their existing staff members Joni Fortner and Garrett McCray to perform USDA Conservation Program duties and work activities required by this grant for the present 2022 grant year. Furthermore, given the fact that this position is grant funded on a yearly basis, the SCCD Board will continue to use existing staff members Joni Fortner and Garrett McCray to perform future duties of this grant should it be renewed with the National Association of Conservation Districts in the future. All members of the SCCD Board unanimously support this action.

Joel Love, UF/IFAS BMP Education Coordinator, gave a reminder and update for the annual CARES Dinner which will tentatively be held on November 18th.

OLD BUSINESS:

The SCCD Board agreed to table the matter of the SWCD MOU and CWA until a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The NRCS Local Working Group Meeting was discussed, and The Board agreed on holding it on the same date as the regularly scheduled Board Meeting, which will be on November 16, 2021.

The educational contests and Annual Awards Banquet were discussed, and The Board agreed to continue with holding these events as long as it is permitted, depending on COVID regulations.

The ordinary bills to be paid were presented, as well as the audit invoice from Jim Davis. Terry Reagan motioned to pay the bills. This motion was seconded by James Williams.

The next District Meeting will be held Tuesday September 21, 2021.

OTHER BUSINESS:

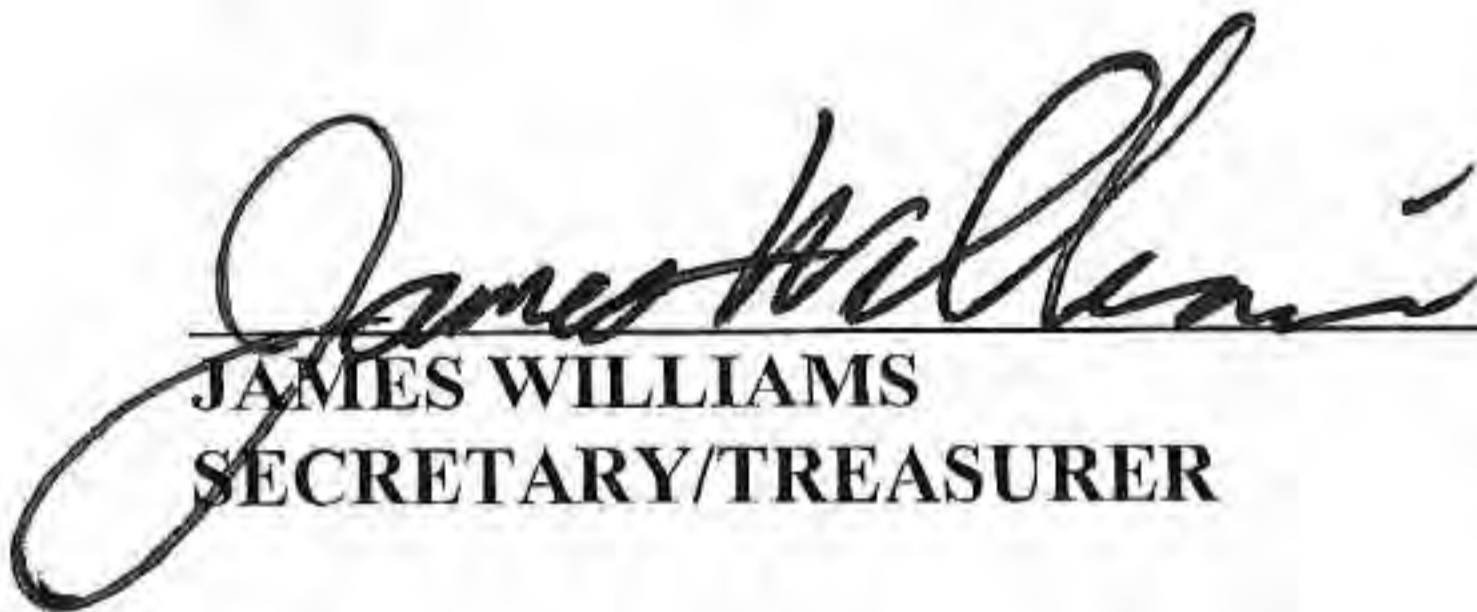
Registration deadline for the Annual AFCD Meeting was discussed. Andy Jackson, Larry Sessions, and Joni Fortner plan to attend.

Educational and promotional items to be purchased were discussed and The Board approved a maximum limit of \$4,000 to be spent. James Williams motioned to approve, and 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.




ANDY JACKSON
CHAIRMAN



JAMES WILLIAMS
SECRETARY/TREASURER

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Suwannee County Conservation District is accepting applications for the following position. A resume can be submitted to our office which is located at 1525-B Ohio Avenue South Live Oak, FL 32064, or by email to Joni Fortner at joni.fortner@fl.nacdnet.net or to Garrett McCray at mgm@srwmd.org.

Part -Time Grant funded Resource Conservationist. This position will be part-time and funded on a year to year basis as a contract for services. It will assist the SCCD with work related to USDA Conservation programs.

Opening & Closing Dates

8/4/2021 – 8/11/2021

Pay Rate

\$15/Hr

Work Schedule:

Part Time

Location

Live Oak

Job Description:

Assist cooperators in meeting all requirements necessary to obtain available assistance through conservation programs. This assistance will involve meeting with potential customers to explain the following:

- Program requirements
- Program Eligibility Requirements
- Program Applications
- Required Documentation

Assist USDA Staff with:

- Gathering preliminary data on resource concerns for developing basic farm conservation plans.
- Conduct follow up visits with landowners on scheduled conservation practices.
- Conservation practice verification and documentation.
- Data Entry of documentation
- Conducting field day activities along with producer meetings to discuss conservation practice opportunities.

Minimum Job Requirements

- Must complete a background check consistent with USDA requirements.
- Valid state driver's license and insurance.
- Ability to utilize personal vehicle for field work
- 4-year degree in Agriculture or Conservation based field and /or 4 years of experience in agriculture related industry and conservation practices.
- Knowledge of USDA farm bill programs including (EQIP, WRP, CSP, ETC.)
- Knowledge of professional soil and water conservation concepts, principles, techniques and practices.
- Knowledge of and skill in oral and written communication methods, techniques and procedures sufficient to clearly present technical soil and water conservation proposals and goals to landowners.

Physical Requirements

- This work will require regular and recurring physical exertion related to outdoor conservation work requiring walking on rough terrain, jumping ditches and furrows, or climbing steep banks.
- The work also involves regular and recurring exposure to operating agricultural equipment or earth moving operations, adverse weather such as heat and humidity, and unimproved roads.

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ANSWER:

- 54. S. China seaport
- 56. Being without clothes
- 60. Surrounded by
- 61. Remains
- 62. Away from wind
- 63. Dried-up
- 64. One who can see the future
- 65. A very large body of water
- 66. Digs up earth

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Positions available at North Florida College, Madison FL: **Nursing Instructor- Full Time; CDL Instructor- Part Time; Instructional Coordinator-Criminal Justice Programs; System Support Specialist; Coordinator of Employee Services; Senior Staff Assistant-Academic Affairs; Associate Dean of Economic Development and Workforce Education:** See www.nfc.edu for details.

07/21, 07/28, 08/04

Notice of Employment
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08/04

Suwannee Cty Bd of Commissioners is accepting applications for fulltime **Commercial Truck Driver I and Flagman.** Application & full details are available online at suwcounty.org. Suwannee Cty Bldg Dept, 224 Pine Ave, Live Oak, FL 32064, (386)364-3407 or Suwannee Cty Admin, 13150 80th Terr, Live Oak, FL 32060, (386)364-3400. Positions will remain open until filled. Suwannee Cty Bd of Commissioners is an equal employment opportunity employer that does not discriminate against any qualified employee or applicant because of race, color, national origin, sex, including pregnancy, age, disability, marital status, or genetics. Spanish speaking individuals are encouraged to apply. Successful completion of a drug test is a condition of employment, failure to successfully test free of illegal or controlled drugs will result in non-employment of the applicant for a minimum of 1 year.

07/28, 08/04

General News Reporter needed for the Riverbend News newspaper, covering Suwannee, Hamilton and Lafayette Counties. Must be a team player, able to handle multiple tasks, and be able to cover a variety of stories. You might be covering a ribbon cutting one morning, a retirement party that afternoon and the Farm Family of the Year banquet the next day. Experience in writing/reporting preferred, computer experience required. Must have an excellent knowledge of English grammar and its proper usage. If you love to write, have a friendly can-do-attitude, a great work ethic, are organized, and self-motivated then this job might be just for you. Call Cheltsie Holbrook at (850) 464-2315 to set up an interview. Please email resumes to cheltsie@greenepublishing.com.