

SUWANNEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2023

The Suwannee County Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, April 20, 2023 at The USDA Service Center located at 1525-B Ohio Avenue South in Live Oak. Supervisors attending were Andy Jackson, Chairman; Ronnie Lawson, Vice-Chairman; James Williams, Secretary/Treasurer; Terry Reagan, Supervisor; and Larry Sessions, Supervisor. Also attending were Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator; Joel Love, UF/IFAS BMP Education Coordinator; Amy Smith, NRCS District Conservationist; and Sudeep Sidhu, UF/IFAS Agricultural Water Management RSA.

Chairman, Andy Jackson, called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held March 16, 2023 were reviewed. James Williams made a motion to approve the minutes, and there was a second by Terry Reagan.

The Financial Reports were reviewed. James Williams made a motion to approve those reports, and there was a second by Ronnie Lawson.

Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator, discussed our current contracts. For BMP Tools, we have approximately \$900,000 obligated. RESTORE Energy and RESTORE BMP have remained about the same and continue to move very slowly.

The CARES event will be held on May 2, 2023 at 6:00pm and SCCD staff will be cooking brisket for that event. The Board has agreed to donate \$250 for the CARES dinner. James Williams made a motion to approve, and there was a second by Terry Reagan.

Amy Smith, NRCS District Conservationist, gave an update on NRCS activities. She stated that they will begin to obligate funds next week.

Joel Love, UF/IFAS BMP Education Coordinator, stated that they are trying to complete the soil samples for the Cover Crop Demo, as well as narrow the Demo down to five farms. He also mentioned that Ag Commissioner Wilton Simpson will be touring a few local farms and attending the CARES Dinner.

OLD BUSINESS:

The 2023 SCCD Scholarship Application period has closed with only receiving one application from Suwannee High School and one application from Branford High School. The Board has agreed to not award any scholarships this year due to the minimum qualifications and requirements not being met. The SHS applicant did not have the minimum GPA required, nor a proper intended major. The BHS applicant did not have a proper intended major.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Poster Contest awards were discussed and agreed upon as follows:

1st Place Poster - \$25.00

2nd Place Poster - \$15.00

The Annual Donations/Sponsorships were discussed and agreed upon as follows:

Suwannee High FFA - \$100.00

Suwannee Middle FFA - \$100.00

Branford FFA - \$100.00

4H/Suwannee County Extension - \$100.00

Farm Bureau/CARES - \$250.00

The ordinary bills from Verizon Wireless and Jim Hinton Oil were presented. James Williams made a motion to pay the bills, and there was a second by Terry Reagan.

The next District Meeting will be held Thursday May 18, 2023.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no further business presented, James Williams made a motion to have the meeting adjourned, there was a second by Terry Reagan, and Andy Jackson adjourned the meeting.



**ANDY JACKSON
CHAIRMAN**



**RONNIE LAWSON
VICE CHAIRMAN**