SUWANNEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

July 27, 2023

The Suwannee County Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, July 27, 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; and Larry Sessions, Supervisor. Also attending were Joni Sapp, SCCD Staff Assistant; Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator; Joel Love, UF/IFAS BMP Education Coordinator; Sudeep Sidhu, UF/IFAS Agricultural Water Management RSA; Shivendra Kumar, UF/IFAS Agronomic Crops RSA; and Sukhveer Bhullar, UF/IFAS PhD Student.

Chairman, Andy Jackson, called the meeting to order at 6:54p.m.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held June 15, 2023 were reviewed. James Williams made a motion to approve the minutes, and there was a second by Larry Sessions.

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

Garrett McCray, SCCD Administrator, discussed our current contracts. For BMP Tools, we had (35) CSA's totaling approximately \$935,000 in FY22-23, and approximately \$990,000 available for FY23-24. RESTORE BMP has remained the same and RESTORE Energy has 19 CSA's totaling approximately \$750,000.

Joel Love, UF/IFAS BMP Education Coordinator, presented and discussed the 2023-2027 Soil Health/4R Demonstration Project. The SCCD Board agreed upon pursuing this project with Garrett McCray and Joni Sapp involved in the planning.

OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

The applications received for the SCCD Conservation Technician position were reviewed. The four applicants chosen for interviews were Leah Trice, Quinlyn Johnson, Federico Morales, and Shannon Sims. Those interviews will take place on Thursday August 17th beginning at 2:00.

The following invoices were presented:

2023 UF/IFAS Fall Harvest Sponsorship - \$2,420.00

Jim Davis, CPA - Annual Audit - \$5,000.00

Philadelphia Insurance - D&O Policy Renewal - \$1,621.80

James Williams made a motion to pay these invoices, and there was a second by Larry Sessions.

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

The next District Meeting will be held Thursday August 17, 2023.

<u>OTHER BUSINESS:</u>

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

ANDY JACKSON

JAMES WILLIAMS

SECRETARY/TREASURER