



Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District  
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**Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District Meeting Minutes**

**May 5, 2022**

**8:00 a.m.**

**UF/IFAS-Clover Room**

Board members present: Steve Basford, Mack Glass, & Tom Stadskev=Quorum

Absent: Sonny Davis and Greg Hall.

Administrative staff: Alisha Dunaway, Peggy Gilley.

Others present: Stephen Fulford, FDACS/OAWP, Chris Denmark, FDACS/OAWP, Rex Patterson, JSWCD-MIL, Chris Menhennett, NRCS, Kevin Warren, JSWCD-MIL, Garrett Williams, BMP, Scott Yates, Natural Analytic Services.

Meeting called to order at 8:08 a.m. by Supervisor Mack Glass

Supervisor Glass welcomed attendees and guests.

Motion to approve the April 7th, 2022, meeting minutes by Supervisor Basford, second by Supervisor Stadskev. Carried unanimously.

BMP Report: Garrett Williams introduced Mr. Scott Yates of Natural Analytic Services. Scott gave a brief history of the company and highlighted some of the contracts they have worked on for other soil & water districts. There was some discussion. Scott asked the group what it was that upset them the most about working with Ensave. Everyone agreed it was that Ensave made promises and told producers about programs they had no business discussing with the producers. Scott emphasized that their team understands they are there for an audit, nothing else. NAS is currently working with Suwannee S&W and will work our contract the same way they work there, and added they do a post evaluation too. Alisha and Garrett will get a copy of the Ensave contract to Scott to read over. We can do the NAS contract the same way as the Ensave contract reads. Scott was invited to come back next month to the board meeting and possibly sign a contract.

Motion was made by Supervisor Basford to offer NAS the contract with option to sign at the next meeting. Second by Supervisor Stadskev. Carried unanimously.

Garrett reported that he is finishing up Cost Share money for Jackson County, just a few thousand dollars left, he is looking to work a couple of small projects in to use that up. Garrett is also working on other normal business.

Steven Fulford FDACS/OAWP report-Nothing real pressing or new, finalizing Cost Share. Chris has been helping with the Holmes Creek S&W MOA.

Chris Denmark added a thank you to all that assisted getting the MOA for Holmes Creek going so Alisha could get started at the HCSWCD office.

MIL Report: Rex reported the templates for the center pivot evaluations has been updated to gather specific information for the state. Rex asked for \$500.00 to purchase the new template, they have had the one they are using for a long time. Supervisor Basford made a motion to purchase the template for the MIL Department, second by Supervisor Stadskev. Carried unanimously. Rex reported that they made of couple of stops on their way to the meeting this morning, they are out there knocking them down. (Supervisor Tom had an appointment to get to, he left after this vote.)



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**NRCS Report:** Chris Menhennett for Brendaly (working out of town): They still have money in the hopper and are still working on getting more money for the area. There were 58 applicants, 7 were approved with funding. They are working on getting equip contracts pre-approved and getting signatures for 4 more. Chris spoke about a farm tour given by FAMU regarding historically underserved farms. About 50 people were in attendance, Chris gave a presentation, there were about 10 more interested producers present that he met there. A very successful day. Juan, the state conservationist is in town with Brendaly visiting all the NRCS offices.

**Financial Analyst Report:** Alisha Dunaway reported things are going. Payments have been submitted, more money is coming, approximately \$90-\$100K. Supervisor Mack said it looks like there is a lot of money going out, Garrett explained it looks bad because of the cost share going through. Through the end of June, they will be invoicing the state for a lot. Supervisor Mack asked for a better way to do the financials, he would like them explained better.

**District Coordinator Report:** Peggy Gilley reported that we have checks that need signatures after the meeting. Follow up regarding Supervisor Hall, he has been in the hospital, Peggy passed around a get-well card for everyone to sign and will send to the house. Wendy Schlessinger was contacted; our email address will be added to the planning board notifications. Miss Wendy said it is NFWFMD that is heading up the project with FEMA. Wendy emailed the information about the flood zone changes with FEMA and offered to come and speak at a meeting if you would like her to. That email was forwarded to all the Supervisors except Supervisor Tom, the email would not go through. Copies are in all your supervisor packets. Peggy said she left a voice mail at NFWFMD for Jim Crowe. Peggy informed the Supervisors that she will be in Ocala for the FL Conservation District Employee Association mid-year meeting on 5/12 & 5/13. Also, the county has offered the option of 4-10's summer hours to the employees. She signed up to work Tuesdays-Fridays from 6:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. with Mondays off from 5/25 to 8/16/22. The 2 Monday holidays; Memorial Day and 4<sup>th</sup> of July, she will be off Monday and Tuesday.

Supervisor Basford: no report

Supervisor Glass: no report

**New Business:** Garrett would like to work out a process to get contracts signed. Especially during crunch time, when a fast turnaround is vital. The two remaining Supervisors would like to save that for another time when they are all in attendance.

Garrett asked Chris Denmark to schedule Angela to come here for a day. They have a lot to get with her on, not sure about how to do the reports she is requiring, etc.



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Old Business: Holmes County REDA grant. Alisha and Garrett reported that grant was completely turned over to HCSWCD last November. JSWCD has nothing to do with it. Caroline might be able to work it, it is all in their hands now.

Local Working Group-Chris M said he will see when it needs to be completed by and will work from there. Peggy asked to be a part of it. The Supervisor's stressed that producers need help with invasives in hay fields. Chris agreed it is a real issue across the state.

Senate Bill 1078-not signed yet, Governor has till 6/30 to sign or veto. After 6/30 it will become law.

Adjourned at 10:55 a.m.