

Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District 2741 Penn Ave, Ste 3 Marianna, FL 32448 850-372-4793

Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District Meeting Minutes January 05, 2023 8:00 a.m. UF/IFAS-Clover Room

Board members present: Steve Basford, Tom Stadsklev, Jeff Pittman, Mack Glass = Quorum Absent: Sonny Davis Jr.

Administrative staff: Alisha Dunaway, Business Analyst, Peggy Gilley, District Coordinator. Others present: Rex Patterson, JSWCD-MIL, Kevin Warren, JSWCD-MIL, Garrett Williams, JSWCD BMP Tech, Doug Mayo, UF/IFAS Ag Director of JC, John Alter, NWFWMD, Carol Dunaway, Jackson County Supervisor of Elections, Peter Scott, FDACS, Ethan Carter-JC regional crop IPM Agent, and Chris Denmark, FDACS/OAWP-Environmental Administrator, North Florida Field Staff.

Supervisor Basford called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

Supervisor Basford welcomed attendees and guests.

Supervisor Stadsklev made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Supervisor Pittman. Carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the December board meeting minutes made by Supervisor Stadsklev, second by Supervisor Pittman. Carried unanimously.

Supervisor Stadsklev made a motion to fill the Supervisor vacancy on the board with Mack Glass. Supervisor Pittman second, Supervisor Glass accepted, carried unanimously.

Miss Carol Dunaway our Jackson County Supervisor of Elections performed the swearing-in of the four Supervisors present.

Supervisor Pittman made a motion to maintain the current officers on the board, second by Supervisor Stadsklev. Carried unanimously.

BMP Report: Garrett Williams reported he's been working IVs and Cost Share, July 1st there will be more money coming. Garrett has no major issues.

Chris Denmark announced the new Commissioner of AG is Wilton Simpson. No word on the new Director of OWAP. There is talk that there has been a selection made. They have gone 9 months without a Director, and they are in need of an Assistant Director too. Supervisor Basford asked if they have heard about plans for the future. Chris replied with in the next week they'll decide on the new director then word for the future will come down.

NWFWMD Report: John Alter reports that their board meeting is next week. Mr. Alter met the new Secretary of AG last month. John is optimistic about a farmer being in that position. John also invited everyone to the February 9th NWFWMD board meeting at the Bascom School House.

UF/IFAS Report: Doug Mayo reported on training opportunities coming up. There has been a new part-time hire to help with 4-H office administration, Leigh started yesterday. Doug is very happy with how quickly 4-H took off & there are new volunteers and families involved. They are shifting staff around due to losing an office admin support position and having to regroup with the new budget. So everyone knows, the office will be closed for lunch from Noon to 1:00 p.m. every day.



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Ethan Carter reported he will be hosting a week-long training series with CEU's in Mid-February. It will be 4 days, several categories, \$15.00 per section. Also, Ethan let the board know there is a request letter in their packets for a \$250.00 sponsorship that credits the spring and fall courses, \$125.00 each. Ethan also shared the research numbers that are being worked. Supervisor Basford made a motion to sponsor the \$250.00, second by Supervisor Pittman. Carried unanimously.

MIL Report: Rex Patterson reported they have started the new year, all going well.

Financial Analyst Report: Alisha Dunaway reported that they are having internet issues at the health department building, and she was not able to access the reports. As soon as she can get in, she will email the report to Peggy to send out to the Supervisors. Craig Bishop was taken care of in December-done for another year. Other than that, December was a slow month. Alisha asked the board how they would best like the report to be done. With the meetings on the 1st Thursday some months the end of the month is the day before. Should she cut it off on the 25th instead? Or another date? Supervisor Glass advised Alisha to report as current as she can, not necessarily to be the end of the month, but maybe just a few days prior will work.

District Coordinator Report: Peggy Gilley reported that there are checks to be signed. Peggy also reported in November JSWCD was represented on the Farm City Banquet Committee by Supervisors Glass, Pittman, and Peggy. The banquet was outstanding. The committee did a fantastic job planning and organizing the event. JSWCD will be represented and giving our information out at the Caverns Cultural Celebration tomorrow and Saturday 9 am - to 2 pm. With the comp hours from that event and annual leave, JC admin has approved some holiday time off. Peggy will be out of the office from the afternoon of 12/20 through12/26. Back in our office on 12/27 and covering the door and phones in the empty NRCS office on 12/28, 29 & 30th, all the NRCS employees have taken that week off. Also, there was some confusion at Christmas and New Year with 3 different government employee types working together. We have a copy of the the list of days off from the JSWCD employee handbook in your packets. The group discussion ended with what is in the handbook is what the JSWCD employees take off, state employees follow the state calendar and county-county. Peggy let the board know that in their packets they have information about the hotel for the AFCD Annual Meeting on February 6th-9th. Peggy offered to make all arrangements for anyone going. Supervisors Glass and Pittman will let Peggy know. Alisha and Peggy will be there. Peggy let the board know that the LWG meeting was held on 11/10. On behalf of Brendaly and herself, she thanked everyone that came and was involved with the meeting. It was our first go at an LWG meeting, all comments and suggestions are welcomed. Good comments and a few suggestions were expressed and duly noted.

Supervisor reports: None.

Old Business: Peggy reported that Palm Beach S&W does not meet in December, so she did not reach out for a lobbyist update.



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New Business: SARP contract extension-Garrett let the board know that the SARP contract needs the chair to close the contract. He is getting that ready for signatures.

Peggy let everyone know that just like last year, we are double booked with our March meeting and Ethan's Row Crop Short Course, what would like the board like to do? The board replied that we will cover that at next month's meeting.

Peggy also reported that a website company has contacted us, she looked at what they have to offer because the Comcast website seems to change every month regarding how to get to the webpage to make changes, and she has to call support to learn the new nuances. Also, it is very difficult to get around. Suggestions were made by the group; she will bring more information to the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Pittman seconded by Supervisor Stadsklev. Carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:10 a.m.