



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

April 7, 2022

8:00 a.m.

UF/IFAS-Clover Room

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

Administrative staff: Alisha Dunaway, Peggy Gilley.

Others present: John Alter, NW FL Water Mgmt. Dist., Stephen Fulford, OAWP, Camilo Gaitan, FDACS, Terri Keith FCS Ag Agent with Dr. Andrea Albertin, Water Resources Regional Specialized Agent, Doug Mayo, UF/IFAS Director, Rex Patterson, JSWCD-MIL, Chris Menhennett, NRCS, Kevin Warren, JSWCD-MIL, Garrett Williams, JSWCD-BMP.

Meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Supervisor Mack Glass

Supervisor Glass welcomed attendees and guests.

Motion to approve the March 10, 2022, meeting minutes by Supervisor Stadskev, second by Supervisor Basford. Carried unanimously.

Family & Consumer Sciences Agent Terri Keith brought Dr. Andrea Albertin to answer any questions the group had about the May 17th class for Well and Septic tanks. Miss Terri had asked for a donation from the board for help with the lab fees for the well testing last month, but we did not have a quorum. There was discussion among the group. The Board decided that they will donate towards the program success not so much the samples. Supervisor Stadskev made a motion that we donate to support the program, Supervisor Basford seconded with an amendment to make it a \$500.00 donation. Carried unanimously.

BMP Report: Garrett Williams states they are bumping along closing the Cost Share program that ends on 6/30/22. Garrett brought up the Ensave energy audits. Garrett stated they completed the terms of the contract, they are done, and he has located another company to work with. Supervisor Glass asked Garrett to invite them to our next meeting and we can decide from there. Garrett said tomorrow is the Cattlemen's Golf Outing, he plans to go to that and talk about the programs to the producers there. Also, there is a field day on 4/22/22, 2 farms-Granberry and Yoder/Bishops. They will be showing BMP's and how they are implemented on the farms.

Steven Fulford OAWP report-They are finalizing the cover crop cost share program. They tracked down all the paperwork from the 5-year contracts. That happened in the heat of Hurricane Michael and the contracts came down from the top of OAWP. We can not eliminate the extra years. We can move the contract to another district, but that did not make sense. Our board says they will follow through on our commitment to FDACS to make the flow work. Supervisor Basford asked Steven to make sure this never happens again. The board does not need to take any action, the commitment is already in place.

NRCS Report: Chris Menhennett for Brendaly (working out of town): They are approving applications for Equip. They have 76 applications, 4 for CSP. 1 has met the threshold for CSP and 1 for Equip. The state has begun funding initiatives too. They start the funding then work it through. Next month they are looking for more approvals. The State Conservationist has asked for more money for the state and is looking to get our area more money. They have May 2nd planned for the office to be fully open, business as usual, no mask mandates, producers can come in. Brendaly sends her best; she is due to be back here 6/15/22. Chris has a



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couple of appointments here with producers today and is available if anyone needs anything. Doug Mayo asked if there is any way to push up deadlines? The producers are applying for this help, but it takes a whole year for the process. They are not allowed to touch the area applied for until they know if they have been selected or not. Chris said they are aware of the issue and are working on moving deadlines, so the process works more in the producer's favor. Question from the Supervisors: Local working groups, it has been a few years since any have been formed, we need to make that happen. Invasive weeds in the hay fields need to be addressed. Chris agreed, he knows Juan wants that feedback.

UF/IFAS Report: Doug Mayo, the open 4-H position has a positive prospect, it is still open until the 15th if anyone knows someone that wants to apply. Dr. Andrea Albertin is heading up two field days, 4/22 is a BMP farm tour with cattle producers. 2 farms, for free, RSVP with Miss Terri Hardin. On 6/30/22 there is a similar field day with row crop farmers. (They set this date when planting season is winding down.) Will be visiting farms that have participated in cost share outreach.

There was some discussion about where the Senate Bill 1078 process is at. Peggy mentioned the email she forwarded to the Supervisors from Miss Charlene Meeks, AFCD. Do any of the Supervisors have questions that can be emailed to Charlene for a Zoom meeting they are planning? None at this time. Peggy will let Charlene know and will let the Supervisors know the specifics of the Zoom meeting when the email arrives.

MIL Report: Rex Patterson reports all went well with his surgery. They have finished another quarter and got their numbers in. Weather is not cooperating this month, slow start. While we are here, Alisha gave the contract amendment to the Supervisors to sign. Camila Gaitan went over the highlights of the amendment. It gives the MIL teams more flexibility per grower than before. It used to have a 5 year stipulation, this changes it to 3 years. Also changes the timing, due to producers planting, weather conditions, etc. On 7/1 the eval's change from 10 to 13. Camila wants to see how it goes and if the teams can accomplish the new criteria. Will make changes if needed. The moment-to-moment time tracking has been eliminated but the teams still have an electronic calendar that Camila can access to make sure the teams are scheduling growers. Rex agreed that the flexibility will help. Camila mentioned that one goal of the Director that left was that the BMP's and MIL's work together better. Camila feels JC has a very good team that works great together.

NW FL Water Mgmt. District board member, John Alter, did not have much to report this month. He should get an update on Peacock Bridge this week.

Financial Analyst Report: Alisha Dunaway, the financial report goes back to the beginning of February because she was not able to print it before last months meeting. She has highlighted the entries that are waiting on payouts. \$68,859.06 is on the way. Alisha asked if any Supervisors had any questions about the bank statement, no questions. Supervisor Glass thanked Alisha and said this is a big improvement. Alisha was contacted by Angela regarding pay increases. Supervisor Basford made a motion to accept the salary increases for Garrett Williams and Kevin Warren that Angela recommended. Seconded by Supervisor Stadskev. Carried unanimously.



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District Coordinator Report: Peggy Gilley. Supervisor Mack asked Peggy to contact Wendy Schlesinger about JSWCD being added to the planning boards meeting notifications. They have been working on flood zone changes with FEMA. Our board has a lot of knowledge about our county water, how it flows and where it collects, that others are probably not aware of. The board would like to be included in changes that are made to the flood plain.

Old Business: Holmes County MOA, Steve Fulford said they are still ironing out the details, almost there. Someone asked about the REDA grant. It was transferred to HCSWCD, we need to know where we are on that. Steve is just hearing about it. JSWCD needs to make sure we have no liability. Supervisor Glass asked Peggy to find out where the REDA grant is at now, will revisit next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Basford and seconded by Supervisor Stadskev.
Carried unanimously at 9:40 a.m.