**Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District Board Meeting**

**January 11, 2024**

**8:00 a.m.**

**UF/IFAS-Clover Room**

Board members present: Mack Glass, Steve Basford, Tom Stadsklev, Jeff Pittman, Dave DeFelix = Quorum

Absent: -0- *All 5 supervisors present.*

Administrative Staff: Alisha Dunaway, Peggy Gilley. Others present: Rex Patterson & Kevin Warren, JSWCD-MIL, Garrett Williams, JSWCD BMP Tech, Peter Scott, Environmental Consultant- FDACS, Doug Mayo, UF/IFAS Extension Director, John Baggett FDACS/OAWP Environmental Manager,

Supervisor Glass called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Supervisor Glass welcomed attendees.

Supervisor Glass let the board know that there is an addition to add to the agenda.

Supervisor Pittman made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of New Business: Senate Bills 1058 & 1072 and House Bills 1075 & 7013, seconded by Supervisor Basford. Carried unanimously.

Supervisor Basford made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Supervisor Pittman. Carried unanimously.

BMP Report: Garrett reported they are finishing up cost share, and cover crop scores are rocking along. They are meeting the new Bureau Chief of Field Staff next week. John Baggett reports that at their meeting yesterday they discussed the 2 bills in place and are monitoring them. Chris Denmark said to let the FDACS staff to not be out looking for new positions, the positions they have will still be needed. Peter has the same report as John.

UF/IFAS Report: Doug reported they have filled one position; Sass Boles has joined the staff as the new reception/reservations/& FCS Admin person. The 4-H Agent position closed last week; he hasn’t heard anything on that one yet. A lot is happening this week, a lot of farms were affected by the storm & and tornados that went through our county. There were 13 pivots damaged, maybe more, trees, equipment sheds, pretty much a mini Michael. Let Doug know of farms specifically damaged so he can report them. Ask them to document and turn it in to Farm Service Agency, they will turn it into the state office. Agent meetings will kick off on 1/31 with the Tri-State Fruit & Vegetable Conference, 2/14 is the Beef Conference and trade Show, 3/7 the Panhandle Row Crop Short Course, classes are happening and CEU’s available.

MIL Report: Rex reports they finished out the calendar year. It was a slow start this month with the weather, They might get a waiver for this month, will see. They may be traveling to Lake Placid next Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Financial Report: Alisha reports that changing the date for the meeting affected the reports, but she’s got it. Alisha will get the flash drive from Grimsley and put the new audit information on it for Peggy to deliver to Grimsley. The budget will adjust accordingly as bills come in.

District Coordinator Report: We have checks that need board signatures.

Happy Belated Birthday to Supervisor Glass!! 1/3/24, and an early Happy Birthday to Supervisor Basford, next Monday 1/15! A while ago, we received this important envelope for Supervisor DeFelix! David missed a few meetings during harvest time, and this got put behind something. Welcome to the board ‘officially’ Supervisor DeFelix!! (Presented envelope with his certificate from the State.) I have contacted Mr. Stan Scurlock and Chris Franklin to get Land Judging planning going. It will be at the end of Feb/beginning of March. It would be great if JSWCD could commit to helping with the lunch, maybe $100.00? A motion to donate $100.00 to the Land Judging event made by Supervisor Pittman, seconded by Supervisor DeFelix, Carried unanimously.

We have received communication from the State Ethics Commission. There is a form to be filed for y’all every year. They have Supervisor Pittman's email address, the rest of you have the JSWCD email address listed. If any of you receive anything, I’ve got it handled. Might need a signature from each of you soon, will let you know.

Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Glass asked if any of the Supervisors can go to the AFCD meeting tomorrow, none are available. Supervisor Glass asked Peggy if she could go and report back the stand the AFCD board will be taking regarding the Senate and House bills. Peggy reported she could do that. Supervisor Glass asked everyone to monitor the bills. The letter about hiring Rambo as a lobbyist was discussed, and the board wants to look at some options. Regarding the 2023 audit, it will be turned in and completed ASAP.

Supervisor Basford: No Report

Supervisor Stadsklev: No Report

Supervisor Pittman: mentioned that Judge Hatcher would probably run an ad in the paper to let the citizens know about the Soil & Water District and/or the Bills. There was some discussion about what that would look like. The board asked Alsiha to put the information together for the board to present to the Times for printing. Jeff also mentioned 6 of his 11 pivots were among the total damage in the area, there hasn’t been a national declaration yet. There was some discussion about that process and that the information that Doug and FSA collect helps the process.

Supervisor DeFelix: Reported that the Florida Peanut Producers Annual Banquet is coming up. They are offering an Associate Membership for $100.00 to help with membership and door prizes. Supervisor Pittman made a motion for JSWCD to pay $100.00 to join the FPP as an associate member, seconded by Supervisor Basford. Carried unanimously.

A motion to adjourn at 8:45 a.m. was made by Supervisor Basford and seconded by Supervisor Stadsklev. Carried unanimously.